

NATIONAL FOREST EAST METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1133460

Details

Other names	ASHBY AND COALVILLE METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-01-05
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: The National Forest East Methodist Circuit was formerly known as the Ashby & Coalville Methodist Circuit; it was renamed when it amalgamated with the adjoining Castle Donington Circuit in September 2012. The Circuit comprises 13 local Methodist churches and fellowships serving the area's towns and villages.

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£369,492	£415,385	-	-
2024-08-31	£441,895	£497,538	-	-
2023-08-31	£230,869	£646,587	-	-
2022-08-31	£259,199	£377,940	-	-
2021-08-31	£216,426	£290,562	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ADRIAN PIERS BUESNEL		2013-01-23
ANGELA WILSON		2013-01-16
Andrew Woodward		2025-10-27
CHRISTINE MARY HUNT		
Claire Louise Pickering		2016-09-01
David Arthur Allsop		2023-05-01
David Arthur Haywood		2013-01-16
Elspeth Janet Myles		2015-03-09
Gillian Stent		2023-09-01
IAN AUBREY STANTON		
JEAN WHITMORE		
JOHN LLOYD PEACE		
JOHN RUTTER		2013-01-16
JULIE ANNE BROMELL		2013-11-26
Jacqueline Ann Allsop		2023-05-01
John Henry Stent		2020-04-01
Karen Mary Pearce		2026-04-01
Katie Hawkins		2024-04-29
LINDA ANNE BUESNEL		2013-01-23
LINDA MARGARET FRANCIS		2013-01-16
MARK DALE		2013-01-16
MATTHEW WILLIAM LEE		2012-10-16
Mark Timothy Bennett		2025-06-19
Natalie Jane Missenden		2023-04-01
PAMELA SHIRLEY GOODENOUGH		2013-01-16
Patricia Dawn Bishop		2024-05-05
ROSEMARY JAMESON		

Name	Role	Appointed
Rebecca Snelson		2022-09-01
Rev DENNIS HENRY JAMES SMITH		2013-01-16
Rev John Dean Hudson		2020-01-01
Rev Louise Elizabeth Morrissey		2022-09-01
Rev Nicola Geeson		2024-09-01
Rev Philip Kenneth Snelson		2021-08-01
SARAH JANE CHADWICK		
SUSANNA DRAPER		2022-09-01
Sandra Bennett		2016-01-05
Tina Joy Dale		2022-09-01
VALERIE ANN CHADWIN		2023-03-01
WENDY MONICA HAYWOOD		2025-02-15

Accounts

22/12 National Forest East Circuit
Charity registration number: 1133460

TRUSTEES' REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 AUGUST 2025

Administrative Information

(current at the date of the signature on this report)

Circuit Ministers

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Rev Phil Snelson (Co-Superintendent)
Rev Nikki Geeson

Children's & Family Worker

Mrs Claire Claringbull

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Mr David Allsop
Mrs Jackie Allsop
Mrs Julie Bromell
Mrs Sarah Chadwick
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Ms Sue Draper

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Coalville
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Independent Examiner

Mrs Christine Fox
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Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of 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 the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches. Circuits combine to form 24 districts in Great Britain.

Although there is some autonomy all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution,

Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church ('CPD'). Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and ordained members.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Circuit Meeting, held three or four times each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) - the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards - met regularly to keep the life of the Circuit under review and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to bring people into a relationship with God, through Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

We want to encourage discipleship, enable gifts, and transform individuals, reaching out with God's love to the lost and hurting, whilst seeking to be relevant in our local communities.

We desire to support and be visible at local community activities. We recognise that individuals are at different points in their faith journey and need to encourage people of all ages to fully participate in the life of the church, enabling our people to reach their full potential in Christ.

Our policy on leadership and ministry is to work as a collaborative team, taking opportunities to work ecumenically. There are formal staff meetings each month, and leadership team meetings at least quarterly.

A five year Mission Plan, updated annually, is shown on the Circuit's website (www.nfecircuit.org)

Organisational Structure

1. Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in individual Circuits
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation
4. The Districts pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, Ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and others. Authority can be delegated by the Connexion and District to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters
5. The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Minister, the Church Stewards and other officers. The Church Councils act as Managing Trustees.
6. The Co-Superintendents share responsibility for chairing meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) and the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting which is the supreme body for deciding matters at Circuit Level. Some powers are delegated by the Circuit Meeting to the CLT and other groups.
7. Churches, Circuits and Districts are able to pass matters upwards for consideration, ultimately to the Conference, for consideration and implementation where appropriate.
8. The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Charity Registration

The National Forest East Methodist Circuit was created on September 1st 2012 when the Castle Donington Circuit joined the Ashby & Coalville Circuit, which was already registered as a charity (registration number 1133460).

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically:

- many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet
- some churches have long term tenants
- uniformed organisations (scouts, cubs, beavers, guides, brownies and rainbows) are affiliated to some of our churches and meet at church premises
- other outreach activities
- raising money for other charities

Trustees

The following Trustees (some with dual roles) served during the course of the 2024-25 year. Records are held of the Trustees in post and attending meetings during the course of the year are maintained.

Name	Surname	Representing	Prime role
David	Allsop	Circuit	circuit steward
Jackie	Allsop	Circuit	circuit steward
Mark	Bennett	Circuit	circuit steward
Sandra	Bennett	New Sawley	treasurer
Dawn	Bishop	Whitwick	representative
Julie	Bromell	Circuit	circuit steward
Adrian	Buesnel	New Sawley	steward
Linda	Buesnel	New Sawley	representative
Sarah	Chadwick	Circuit	circuit steward
Val	Chadwin	Sutton Bonington	representative
Mark	Dale	Circuit	circuit steward
Tina	Dale	Melbourne	representative
Ron	Davies	Ashby	treasurer
Steve	Draper	Melbourne	representative
Sue	Draper	Circuit	CM secretary
Linda	Francis	Ashby	representative
Nikki	Geeson	Circuit	minister
Pam	Goodenough	Marlborough Square	representative
Katie	Hawkins	Circuit	LWP secretary
Rob	Hawkins	Circuit	supernumerary minister
David	Haywood	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Wendy	Haywood	Hugglescote	representative
John	Hudson	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Christine	Hunt	Marlborough Square	steward
Rosemary	Jameson	Ashby	steward
Kay	Jeffries	Melbourne	representative
Alan	Jones	Circuit	circuit steward
Irene	Jones	Hugglescote	representative
Christine	Lee	Melbourne	steward
Matt	Lee	Circuit	circuit treasurer
Natalie	Missenden	Hall Lane	steward
Louise	Morrissey	Circuit	co-superintendent minister
Elsbeth	Myles	Marlborough Square	treasurer
John	Peace	Whitwick	treasurer

Name	Surname	Representing	Prime role
Claire	Pickering	Hugglescote	steward
John	Rutter	Castle Donington	steward
Dennis	Smith	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Becky	Snelson	Circuit	safeguarding officer
Phil	Snelson	Circuit	co-superintendent minister
Ian	Stanton	Hugglescote	treasurer
Gillian	Stent	Hall Lane	representative
John	Stent	Hall Lane	treasurer
Deborah	Stevenson	Melbourne	representative
Jean	Whitmore	Whitwick	steward
Angela	Wilson	Sutton Bonington	treasurer

Safeguarding

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The Circuit supports the following statement of principles agreed by the denominations:

Commitment to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse

Each church in the Circuit is requested to appoint a safeguarding representative and the Circuit appoints a Safeguarding Officer to coordinate policies, practices and training which promotes safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults.

Staff Responsibilities & Changes

Revs Louise Morrissey and Phil Snelson operate as Co-Superintendent Ministers of the Circuit.

Revd. Phil Snelson joined the Circuit on 1st September 2021 and continues in pastoral care of the following churches: Hugglescote, Hall Lane (Whitwick), Whitwick, and Marlborough Square (Coalville).

Revd. Louise Morrissey joined the Circuit in September 2022 and continues in pastoral responsibility for Ashby, Moira Centenary, Castle Donington, and the Measham Garden Fellowship.

Revd. Nikki Geeson, a Probationer Minister, joined the circuit on 1st September 2024 and has pastoral care of the churches at Melbourne, Weston, Sutton Bonington and New Sawley.

A number of retired ("supernumerary") ministers live and worship within the Circuit and carry out varying activities on behalf of the Circuit from time to time.

Mrs Claire Claringbull joined the Circuit in February 2017, working 15 hours a week during term time as Worker With Children & Families.

Mrs Teresa Godwin continues to carry out the part-time paid role of Circuit Administrator based in an office rented from the Marlborough Square Church.

Mr Steve Rice was appointed in July 2022 to carry out the role of part-time Property Manager.

Risk Management

Risks faced by the Circuit have been considered by its leadership team. Where appropriate risks are insured – currently with the Methodist Insurance Company. The security and safety of our churches is largely for those churches to determine and to mitigate, taking advice from Circuit Officers and

Insurers as appropriate.

All churches and manse are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose to be on those premises.

All Churches have been surveyed for the presence of asbestos, mainly by Insulation & Environmental Services Ltd of Wigston in 2013. Reports were sent to each church for consideration in November 2013.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. We judge that there are sufficient resources to cover any possible shortfall in the following year.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees' Expenses

With the exception of the ministerial staff and supernumerary ministers who can claim for travel and administrative expenses, and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the receipts and payments method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have a right to advise the independent examiner of their concerns, but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Financial Arrangements

The Circuit prepares receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

The Circuit adopted the following policy for reserves in the 2024-25 year:

Reserves policy for General Funds

General funds will be used for the day-to-day running expenses of the Circuit and will be supplemented as required by transfers from the Model Trust Fund.

Policy for Restricted Funds

The Circuit Meeting has agreed that a request should be made to close all Trust Funds (other than the Model trust Fund) and transfer the proceeds into general funds. This will save administrative effort, and the original purposes of the trusts have largely been forgotten.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds & Model Trust Fund held

Transfers from the Model Trust Fund into the General Fund are required to maintain the current level of activity. The funds are also available to use for new projects or mission initiatives. The reserve level will therefore be maintained at the highest possible level to allow current activity to continue as appropriate for at least three more years. If total reserves fall below £200,000 a further review will be held.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in GB) so not all of the proceeds are received by the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to own a house in Castle Donington, formerly a manse, which is let out through letting agents.

The Circuit took over responsibility for the Castle Donington Church when the decision was made to stop using the buildings and the congregation moved to rented premises for Sunday worship. The Church buildings were subsequently sold in November 2024.

Funding of the Circuit's Costs

This is achieved primarily by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church closes that church's assessment ceases to be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs – principally the stipends and housing costs of the ministers – would continue and there would be a need to draw on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

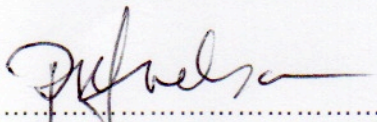
Annual costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has income and reserves sufficient to cover the stipends and manse costs of three ministers. The costs of other paid staff are currently met from reserves.

Approvals

The examiner signed the Financial Statements on 01 November 2025 to confirm she had completed the inspection satisfactorily. The Financial Statements of the Circuit were approved by the Circuit Meeting held on 19 November 2025, together with the written report.

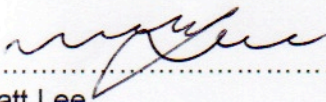
Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Phil Snelson

19/11/25

Co-Superintendent Minister



Matt Lee

19/11/25

Treasurer (to 31 August 2025)

RESERVES POLICY of

National Forest East

Circuit Meeting

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/25	£160,494
2.	Restricted Funds held "	£791,741
3.	Endowment Funds held "	£0

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

General funds will be maintained at a level that is sufficient to meet the day to day running costs of the circuit. Any additional costs will be financed by transferred from the Model Trust Fund as required.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

Model Trust Fund

Material withdrawals of funds will be necessary in forthcoming years to

a Maintain current levels of activity within the circuit,

b Support mission work within the circuit's churches by the granting of funds, where such work is supported by a current mission plan.

c Support the work of the circuit in the delivery of its own mission plan.

To this end the circuit policy is to maintain funds at £835k, reviewing the level on an annual basis. If funds fall below £200k there will be an immediate review.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

Not applicable , no such funds are held.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

National Forest East

Circuit Meeting

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Julia E Bromell	Full Name David Arthur Lussol
Signature Julia Bromell	Signature David Arthur Lussol

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

National Forest East Circuit

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Nottingham & Derby District

Circuit number

22

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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133460

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Revd Louise Morrissey (Co-Superintendent)

Revd Phil Snelson (Co-Superintendent)

Revd Nikki Geeson

Circuit Stewards:

David Allsop

Jackie Allsop

Mark Bennett

Julie Bromell

Sarah Chadwick

Mark Dale

Treasurer:

Matthew Lee (to 31 August 2025)

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	369,492 (a8)	415,385 (b9)	(45,893)	(c7)	998,128 (c6)	952,235 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	369,492	415,385	(45,893)		998,128 (x)	952,235 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Accounts	6,167	6,535
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	133,477	153,959
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	858,484	791,741
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	998,128 (c6)	952,235 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	998,128 (x)	952,235 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	11,000,277	1,717,485
g3 Other Assets	175,000	116,125
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	10,111	
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		130,646		130,646	137,481
a3	Capital receipts			158,679	158,679	167,691
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,754	42,121	44,875	51,699
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		35,293		35,293	85,024
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		168,692	200,800	369,492 (a8)	441,895

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		168,215		168,215	166,412
b3	Manse Costs		18,577		18,577	16,028
b4	Administration etc		6,427	2,790	9,217	7,715
b5	District Assessment		58,768		58,768	54,924
b6	Grants & donations		46,436		46,436	128,358
b7						
b8	Other payments		19,064	95,108	114,172	124,102
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		317,487	97,898	415,385 (b9)	497,538

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(148,795)	102,902	(45,893)	(55,643)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		139,644	858,484	998,128 (c6)	1,053,770
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(9,151)	961,386	952,235	998,128
c4	Transfers and adjustments		169,645	(169,645)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	160,494	791,741	952,235 (c8)	998,128 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2,270	2,372
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				2,270	2,372
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

Name of Circuit **National Forest East**
Charity no. **1133460**

No. **22/12**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the Circuit's records and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *[Signature]* Date **22.9.25**

Name and address of treasurer : **Matthew Lee, 80 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby, DE73 8FL**

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be*

presented to the Circuit meeting held on **19 November 2025**

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]* *LE Morrissey*

Name of the Chair of the meeting **Rev P. K. SNELSON** Date **19/11/25**

Rev. L. Morrissey

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

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 2025 set out on pages 2 and 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Signature of independent examiner *[Signature]*

Name of independent examiner **CHRISTINE FOX**

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner **RETIRED ACCOUNTANT**

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address **5 WINDSOR AVENUE, MELBOURNE, DERBY**

Post Code **DE73 8FN**

Date **1st November 2025**

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Risk Management

Risks faced by the Circuit have been considered by its leadership team. Where appropriate risks are insured – currently with the Methodist Insurance Company. The security and safety of our churches is largely for those churches to determine and to mitigate, taking advice from Circuit Officers and Insurers as appropriate.

All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose to be on those premises.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. We judge that there are sufficient resources to cover any possible shortfall in the following year.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees' Expenses

With the exception of the ministerial staff and supernumerary ministers who can claim for travel and administrative expenses, and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have:

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- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have a right to advise the independent examiner of their concerns but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Financial Arrangements

The Circuit prepares receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

The Circuit adopted the following policy for reserves in the 2023-24 year:

Reserves policy for General Funds

General funds will be used for the day-to-day running expenses of the Circuit and will be supplemented as required by transfers from the Model Trust Fund.

Policy for Restricted Funds

The Circuit Meeting has agreed that a request should be made to close all Trust Funds (other than the Model trust Fund) and transfer the proceeds into general funds. This will save administrative effort and the original purposes of the trusts have largely been forgotten.

Terms relating to Endowment Funds & Model Trust Fund held

Transfers from the Model Trust Fund into the General Fund are required to maintain the current level of activity. The funds are also available to use for new projects or mission initiatives, especially any opportunities which are identified by the New Projects Researcher appointed in September 2023. The reserve level will therefore be maintained at the highest possible level to allow current activity to continue as appropriate for at least 3 more years.

If total reserves fall below £200,00 a further review will be held.

In December 2021 the Circuit donated £50,000 to the Central Pension Reserve Fund. The 2024 Methodist Conference decided that such donations could be returned following a review of Pension Funding so the amount given was returned to the Circuit's Model Trust Fund on 1st August 2024 with additional interest of £4,279.58

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in GB) so not all of the proceeds are received by the Circuit.

During the course of the year the Circuit received proceeds from the sale of the church buildings at Ibstock.

The Circuit continues to own a house in Castle Donington, formerly a manse, which is let out through letting agents.

The Circuit took over responsibility for the Castle Donington Church when the decision was made to stop using the buildings and the congregation moved to rented premises for Sunday worship. The Church buildings were subsequently sold in November 2024.

Funding of the Circuit's Costs

This is achieved primarily by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church closes that church's assessment ceases to be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs – principally the stipends and housing costs of the ministers – would continue and there would be a need to draw on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

Annual costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has income and reserves sufficient to cover the stipends and manse costs of three ministers. The costs of other paid staff are currently met from reserves.

Approvals

This Financial Statements of the Circuit were approved by the Circuit Meeting held on 19 September 2024, subject to inspection by the independent examiner. The examiner signed the Financial Statements on 5 January 2025 to confirm she had completed the inspection satisfactorily. The written report was approved at the Circuit Meeting held on 12 March 2025.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Co-Superintendent Minister



Treasurer

Date

12/3/25

Date

12.3.25

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

National Forest East	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Nottingham & Derby	District	Circuit no	22/12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133460

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Revd. Nikki Geeson
Revd. Louise Morrissey (Co-Superintendent)
Revd. Phil Snelson (Co-Superintendent)

Circuit Stewards:

Julie Bromell
Sarah Chadwick
Mark Dale
Alan Jones
David Allsop
Jackie Allsop

Treasurer:

Matthew Lee

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	137,481			137,481	151,085
a3	Capital receipts		167,691		167,691	1,173,424
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	5,342	46,357		51,699	23,930
a5	Return of gift to pension reserve fund with interest		54,280		54,280	
a6	Other receipts	28,951		1,795	30,746	55,854
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	171,773	268,327	1,795	441,895 (a8)	1,404,293

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	166,412			166,412	169,525
b3	Manse Costs	16,028			16,028	12,528
b4	Administration etc	7,631		84	7,715	7,890
b5	District Assessment	54,924			54,924	52,608
b6	Grants & donations	128,358			128,358	36,524
b7						
b8	Other payments	24,012	100,090		124,102	367,513
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	397,364	100,090	84	497,538 (b9)	646,587

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(225,591)	168,237	1,711	(55,643)	757,706
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		180,745	844,747	28,279	1,053,770 (c6)	296,064
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(44,846)	1,012,984	29,990	998,128	1,053,770
c4	Transfers and adjustments		184,490	(154,500)	(29,990)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	139,644	858,484	(0)	998,128 (c8)	1,053,770

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				2,372	3,291
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				2,372	3,291
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds								(e11)	
Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	441,895	(a8)	497,538	(b9)	(55,643)	(c7)	1,053,770	(c6)	998,128
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	441,895		497,538		(55,643)		1,053,770	(x)	998,128
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS						

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
Cash in hand				
Bank Current Accounts	5,733		6,167	
Bank Deposit Account				
Central Finance Board	175,012		133,477	
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	873,026		858,484	
Other funds				
SUB TOTAL	1,053,770	(c6)	998,128	
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	11,559,812	11,000,277
Other Assets	252,177	175,000
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		10,111
Other Liabilities		

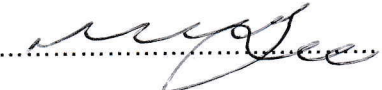
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

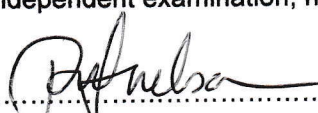
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date: 1st November 2024

Name and address of treasurer: 80 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting, subject to independent examination, held on 19th September 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting P. K. SNELSON Date 14/1/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the National Forest East Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 and 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

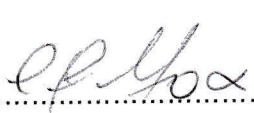
I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner Christine Fox

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner Retired Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) n/a

Address 5 Windsor Avenue, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FN

Date 5.1.2025

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Accounts

22/12 National Forest East Circuit

Charity registration number: 1133460

TRUSTEES' REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 AUGUST 2023

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Trustees' Report

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A higher level than that will be retained to allow for the possibility of employing additional personnel for outreach and/or funding major projects in the Circuit.

This policy will be reviewed when the number of churches in the Circuit and the number of active ministers and employees has been stabilised.

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Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in GB) so not all of the proceeds are received by the Circuit.

During the course of the year the Circuit received the net proceeds for the sales of church buildings at Thringstone, Oakthorpe, Worthington, Long Whatton, Kegworth and Aston. A small area of land next to the 'Schoolroom' at Griffydham was also sold. The net proceeds from all these sales totalled £842,040.

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This is achieved primarily by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church closes that church's assessment ceases to be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs – principally the stipends and housing costs of the ministers – would continue and there would be a need to draw on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

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Approvals

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Signed on behalf of the Trustees


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Co-Superintendent Minister


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Matthew Lee
Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

National Forest East	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Nottingham & Derby	District	Circuit no	22/12
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SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		151,085			151,085	174,694
a3	Capital receipts			1,173,424		1,173,424	56,170
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,367	22,010	(448)	23,930	1,736
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		43,538		12,316	55,854	26,600
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		196,991	1,195,435	11,868	1,404,293 (a8)	259,199

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		169,525			169,525	149,373
b3	Manse Costs		12,528			12,528	15,869
b4	Administration etc		7,890			7,890	10,333
b5	District Assessment		52,608			52,608	56,572
b6	Grants & donations		36,524			36,524	82,360
b7							
b8	Other payments		30,527	336,833	153	367,513	63,115
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		309,601	336,833	153	646,587 (b9)	377,621

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(112,610)	858,602	11,715	757,706	(118,423)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		115,876	150,396	29,792	296,064 (c6)	414,487
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	3,265	1,008,998	41,507	1,053,770	296,064
c4	Transfers and adjustments		177,480	(164,251)	(13,229)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	180,745	844,747	28,279	1,053,770 (c8)	296,064 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,291	3,364
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					3,364
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				3,291	

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS		Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Oakthorpe Church	52	42	10	(1,569)	1,559	(0)
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	52	42	10	(1,569)	1,559 (e11)	(0) (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	1,404,293 (a8)	646,587 (b9)	757,706	(c7)	296,064 (c6)	1,053,770 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	1,404,345	646,629	757,716	(1,569)	297,623 (x)	1,053,770 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	14,344	5,733
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	101,532	175,012
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	180,189	873,026
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	296,064 (c6)	1,053,770 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	1,559 (e11)	(0) (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	297,623 (x)	1,053,770 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,181,211	11,559,812
g3 Other Assets	76,881	252,177
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end New Sawley	500	
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date: 28 November 2023

Name and address of treasurer: 80 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting, subject to independent examination, held on 28th November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting LOUISE MORRISSEY Date 14/03/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the National Forest East Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 and 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner CHRISTINE FOX

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner RETIRED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 5 WINDSOR AVENUE, MELBOURNE

..... DERBY Post Code DE73 8FN

Date 11 JANUARY 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Accounts

22/12 National Forest East Circuit

Charity registration number: 1133460

TRUSTEES' REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 AUGUST 2022

Administrative Information

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Rev Phil Snelson
Rev Louise Morrissey (from 1st September 2022)

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Ms Sue Draper

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Mrs Teresa Godwin
c/o Marlborough Square Methodist Church
Coalville
Leicestershire
LE67 3WD

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Independent Examiner

Mrs Christine Fox
5 Windsor Avenue
Melbourne
Derby DE73 8FN

Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of 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 the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches. Circuits combine to form 30 districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and ordained members.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Circuit Meeting, held three or four times each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) - the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards - met regularly to keep the life of the Circuit under review and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to be a powerful, spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging worship, social and outreach activities that currently exist within the churches in our Circuit, and also by seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family.

Organisational Structure

1. Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in individual Circuits
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation
4. The Districts pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, Ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and others. Authority can be delegated by the Connexion and District to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters
5. The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Minister, the Church Stewards and other officers. The Church Councils act as Managing Trustees.
6. The Circuit Superintendent chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) and the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting which is the supreme body for deciding matters at Circuit Level. Some powers are delegated by the Circuit Meeting to the CLT and other groups.
7. Churches, Circuits and Districts are able to pass matters upwards for consideration, ultimately to the Conference, for consideration and implementation where appropriate.
8. The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Charity Registration

The National Forest East Methodist Circuit was created on September 1st 2012 when the Castle Donington Circuit joined the Ashby & Coalville Circuit, which was already registered as a charity (registration number 1133460).

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically:

- many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet
- some churches have long term tenants
- uniformed organisations (scouts, cubs, beavers, guides, brownies and rainbows) are affiliated to some of our churches and meet at church premises
- other outreach activities
- raising money for other charities

Trustees

The following Trustees (some with dual roles) were listed as current as at November 2022. Records are held of the Trustees in post and attending meetings during the course of the 2021-22 year.

Name	Surname	Representing	Role
Ellen	Beard	Moiria Centenary	steward
Mark	Bennett	Hall Lane	steward
Sandra	Bennett	New Sawley	treasurer
Sandra	Bennett	Circuit	LWP secretary
Julie	Bromell	Castle Donington	treasurer
Julie	Bromell	Circuit	circuit steward
Adrian	Buesnel	New Sawley	steward
Linda	Buesnel	New Sawley	representative
Sarah	Chadwick	Circuit	circuit steward
Barbara	Crockett	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Mark	Dale	Circuit	circuit steward
Tina	Dale	Melbourne	representative
Ron	Davies	Ashby	treasurer
Daryl	Dawson	Aston & Weston	treasurer
Steve	Draper	Melbourne	representative
Sue	Draper	Circuit	CM secretary
Linda	Francis	Ashby	representative
Erika	Goode	Sutton Bonington	representative
Pam	Goodenough	Marlborough Square	representative
Ro	Harding	Ibstock	treasurer
Liz	Hartley	Sutton Bonington	steward
David	Haywood	Circuit	supernumerary minister
John	Hudson	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Christine	Hunt	Marlborough Square	steward
Rosemary	Jameson	Ashby	steward
Diane	Jeffries	Aston & Weston	representative
Alan	Jones	Circuit	circuit steward
Irene	Jones	Hugglescote	representative
Matt	Lee	Circuit	circuit treasurer
Matt	Lee	Melbourne	treasurer
Louise	Morrissey	Circuit	minister
Elsbeth	Myles	Marlborough Square	treasurer
John	Peace	Whitwick	treasurer
Claire	Pickering	Hugglescote	steward
Sally	Ratcliffe	Circuit	superintendent minister
Shirley	Reid	Ibstock	representative
John	Rutter	Castle Donington	representative

Michael	Sherratt	Moira Centenary	treasurer
Dennis	Smith	Circuit	supernumerary minister
Will	Smith	Melbourne	steward
Becky	Snelson	Circuit	safeguarding officer
Phil	Snelson	Circuit	minister
Ian	Stanton	Hugglescote	treasurer
John	Stent	Hall Lane	treasurer
Derek	Whitmore	Whitwick	representative
Jean	Whitmore	Whitwick	steward
Angela	Wilson	Sutton Bonington	treasurer

Safeguarding

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The Circuit supports the following statement of principles agreed by the denominations:

Commitment to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse

Each church in the Circuit is requested to appoint a safeguarding representative and the Circuit appoints a Safeguarding Officer to coordinate policies, practices and training which promotes safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults.

Staff Responsibilities & Changes

Revd. Sally Ratcliffe became the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit on 1st September 2020 and has pastoral care of the churches at Melbourne, Aston & Weston, Sutton Bonington and New Sawley.

Revd Phil Snelson joined the Circuit on 1st September 2021 and has pastoral care of the following churches: Hugglescote, Hall Lane (Whitwick), Whitwick, and Marlborough Square (Coalville).

Revd. Jacky Goaten joined the Circuit as a Probationer Minister on 1st September 2016 and had pastoral care of Ashby, Worthington, Moira Centenary, Castle Donington, Ibstock and the Measham Garden Fellowship. She also had oversight of members in Oakthorpe and Worthington – in both cases the church buildings were sold early in the 202-23 year. Revd Louise Morrissey joined the Circuit in September 2022 and took over the responsibilities of Revd Goaten who moved to another Circuit.

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For the Model Trust Fund - No more than 20% of the Model Trust Fund will normally be allocated as grants to churches or to circuit activities in any Connexional year. The Circuit Meeting may decide to exceed this limit if special needs or opportunities arise. General expenditure currently exceeds income by approximately £50,000 per year and assessment income is declining - so at least £300,000 needs to be kept in reserve to ensure current activities can continue for a five year period.

The Circuit will donate £50,000 from the MTF to the Connexional Appeal to help top up Pension Funds' Reserves.

In addition the Circuit is considering recruitment of paid employees to oversee change management / mission, property and other activities. It is likely that some capital receipts will be received following sale of properties e.g. Griffydam Schoolroom, Thringstone, Long Whatton, Worthington & Kegworth Churches.

This policy will be reviewed when recruitment decisions and the sales of properties are more advanced.

For Endowment Trust Funds - The funds will be maintained as they are as investments, and provide a small income to general funds.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in GB) so not all of the proceeds are received by the Circuit. No capital assets were bought or sold in the year.

The Circuit received rent for the hire of the Old Schoolroom at Griffydam and the unused manse at

Castle Donington during the year. The Church building at Griffydam was sold in the 2014-15 year and the Old Schoolroom has subsequently been sold in November 2021.

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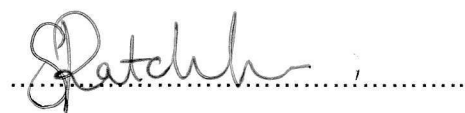
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Approvals

This report and the Financial Statements of the Circuit were approved by the Circuit Meeting held on 8th December 2022, subject to inspection by the independent examiner. The examiner signed the Financial Statements on 1st March 2023 to confirm she had completed the inspection satisfactorily.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Sally Ratcliffe
Superintendent Minister



Matthew Lee
Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NATIONAL FOREST EAST	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

NOTTINGHAM & DERBY	District	Circuit no	22/12
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a3	Capital receipts			56,170		56,170	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		550	1,186		1,736	3,863
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		27,441		(841)	26,600	32,507
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		202,685	57,356	(841)	259,199 (a8)	216,426

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		149,373			149,373	154,372
b3	Manse Costs		15,869			15,869	19,767
b4	Administration etc		9,292	953	88	10,333	9,404
b5	District Assessment		56,572			56,572	41,936
b6	Grants & donations		32,360	50,000		82,360	13,238
b7							1,576
b8	Other payments		39,545	23,570		63,115	50,270
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		303,011	74,523	88	377,621 (b9)	290,562

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(100,326)	(17,167)	(929)	(118,423)	(74,136)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		49,286	334,480	30,721	414,487 (c6)	488,623
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(51,040)	317,312	29,792	296,064	414,487
c4	Transfers and adjustments		166,916	(166,916)		(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)		115,876	150,396	29,792	296,064 (c8)	414,487 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3,364	3,482
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				3,364	3,482
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Oakthorpe Church		319	(319)		1,878	1,559
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds		319	(319)		1,878 (e11)	1,559 (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	259,199 (a8)	377,621 (b9)	(118,423)	(c7)	414,487 (c6)	296,064 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	259,199	377,940	(118,742)		416,365 (x)	297,623 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	18,760	14,344
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	30,525	101,532
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	365,201	180,189
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	414,487 (c6)	296,064 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	1,878 (e11)	1,559 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	416,365 (x)	297,623 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,068,427	1,181,211
g3	Other Assets	68,400	76,881
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	500	500
g5	Other Liabilities		

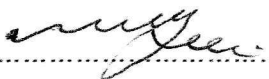
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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Declarations and Scrutiny

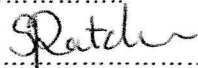
I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 2.12.22

Name and address of treasurer: Matthew Lee, 80 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 ~~were~~ will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 8 December 2022 (subject to inspection)

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Sally Ratcliffe Date 2.3.2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the National Forest East Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 2 & 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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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 

Name of independent examiner CHRISTINE FOX

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner RETIRED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 5 WINDSOR AVENUE, MELBOURNE, DERBY

Post Code DE73 8FN

Date 1ST MARCH 2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

Accounts

22/12 National Forest East Circuit

Charity registration number: 1133460

TRUSTEES' REPORT
and
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
for the year ended
31 AUGUST 2021

Administrative Information

Circuit Ministers

Rev Sally Ratcliffe (Superintendent)
Rev Jacky Goaten
Rev Phil Snelson (from 1st September 2021)

Children's & Family Worker

Mrs Claire Claringbull

Circuit Stewards

Mr Mark Bennett
Mrs Julie Bromell
Mrs Sarah Chadwick
Mr Mark Dale
Mr Alan Jones
Mr Matthew Lee (Treasurer)

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Ms Allison Gilliver

Circuit Administrator

Mrs Teresa Godwin
c/o Marlborough Square Methodist Church
Coalville
Leicestershire
LE67 3WD

e-mail address: nfe.circuit@btconnect.com
Telephone number 01530 830112

Independent Examiner

Mr John Harrison FCA
8 Farnham House
Loughborough Road
Quorn
Loughborough LE12 8XH

Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of 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 the discipline of the Methodist Church, and
- b any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
- c any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches. Circuits combine to form 30 districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and ordained members.

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Circuit Meeting, held three or four times each year, has given careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) - the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards - met regularly to keep the life of the Circuit under review and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to be a powerful, spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging worship, social and outreach activities that currently exist within the churches in our Circuit, and also by seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family.

Organisational Structure

1. Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference
2. The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in individual Circuits
3. Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation
4. The Districts pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, Ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and others. Authority can be delegated by the Connexion and District to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters
5. The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Minister, the Church Stewards and other officers. The Church Councils act as Managing Trustees.
6. The Circuit Superintendent chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) and the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting which is the supreme body for deciding matters at Circuit Level. Some powers are delegated by the Circuit Meeting to the CLT and other groups.
7. Churches, Circuits and Districts are able to pass matters upwards for consideration, ultimately to the Conference, for consideration and implementation where appropriate.
8. The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

Charity Registration

The National Forest East Methodist Circuit was created on September 1st 2012 when the Castle Donington Circuit joined the Ashby & Coalville Circuit, which was already registered as a charity (registration number 1133460).

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically:

- many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet
- some churches have long term tenants
- uniformed organisations (scouts, cubs, beavers, guides, brownies and rainbows) are affiliated to some of our churches and meet at church premises
- other outreach activities
- raising money for other charities

Trustees

The following Trustees attended the Circuit Meeting during the course of the year:

Trustee Name	Office	Church based
Revd Sally Ratcliffe	Superintendent Minister	
Revd Jacqueline Goaten	Presbyter	
Rev Janet Tanner	Presbyter (until 30/8/21)	
Mrs Sarah Chadwick	Circuit Steward	Ashby
Mrs Claire Claringbull	Children's Worker	Ashby
Mr Ronald Davies		Ashby
Mrs Linda Francis		Ashby
Mrs Rosemary Jameson		Ashby
Mr Paul Blackmore	Methodist Homes Rep	Aston & Weston
Mrs Margaret Blackmore		Aston & Weston
Mrs Beryl Hallam		Aston & Weston
Mrs Daryl Dawson		Aston & Weston
Mrs Diane Jeffries		Aston & Weston
Mrs Joan Hill		Castle Donington
Mr John Rutter		Castle Donington
Mr Mark Bennett	Circuit Steward & Safeguarding Officer	Hall Lane
Mrs Josephine Fisher		Hall Lane
Mrs Allison Gilliver		Hall Lane
Mrs Maureen Godfrey		Hall Lane
Revd John Hudson	Supernumerary Minister	Hall Lane
Mr John Stent		Hall Lane
Revd David Haywood	Supernumerary Minister	Hugglescote
Mr Alan Jones	Circuit Steward	Hugglescote
Mrs Irene Jones		Hugglescote
Mrs Claire Pickering		Hugglescote
Mr Ian Stanton		Hugglescote
Mrs Rosslyn Harding		Ibstock
Mrs Shirley Reid		Ibstock
Mrs Norma Chapman		Kegworth
Mrs Cheryl Heyes		Kegworth
Mrs Gillian Jones		Kegworth
Miss Margaret Mellors		Kegworth
Mrs Wendy Werrell		Kegworth
Mrs Joan Wills		Kegworth
Mrs Pamela Goodenough		Marlborough Sq.
Mrs Christine Hunt		Marlborough Sq.
Mrs Elspeth Myles		Marlborough Sq.
Mr Mark Dale	Circuit Steward	Melbourne
Mr Steven Draper		Melbourne
Mr Andrew Jansen		Melbourne
Mr Matthew Lee	Circuit Treasurer	Melbourne
Dr Will Smith		Melbourne
Revd Dennis Smith	Supernumerary Minister	Melbourne
Mrs Pamela Worrall		Melbourne
Mrs Ellen Beard		Moira
Mr Michael Sherratt		Moira

Mrs Sandra Bennett		New Sawley
Mrs Linda Buesnel	Action For Children Rep	New Sawley
Mr Adrian Buesnel		New Sawley
Mr Godfrey Graver		New Sawley
Mrs Pauline Smart		New Sawley
Mrs Julie Bromell	Circuit Steward	Sutton Bonington
Mr Martin Crawford		Sutton Bonington
Mr David Franklin		Sutton Bonington
Mrs Erika Goode		Sutton Bonington
Mrs Elizabeth Hartley		Sutton Bonington
Mrs Angela Wilson		Sutton Bonington
Mrs Ena Illidge		Thringstone
Deacon Barbara Crockett	Supernumerary Minister	Whitwick
Mr John Peace		Whitwick
Mrs Jean Whitmore		Whitwick
Mr Derek Whitmore		Whitwick
Revd Jill Bryant	Supernumerary Minister	Worthington

Safeguarding

The Church of England and the Methodist Church work in partnership with other Christian Churches and other agencies in delivering safeguarding. The Circuit supports the following statement of principles agreed by the denominations:

Commitment to:

- The care, nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and all adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and all adults
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where victims of abuse can report or disclose abuse and where they can find support and best practice that contributes to the prevention of abuse

Each church in the Circuit is requested to appoint a safeguarding representative and the Circuit appoints a Safeguarding Officer to coordinate policies, practices and training which promotes safe practice amongst children and vulnerable adults.

Staff Responsibilities & Changes

Revd. Sally Ratcliffe became the Superintendent Minister of the Circuit on 1st September 2020 and has pastoral care of the churches at Melbourne, Aston & Weston, Sutton Bonington, Kegworth and New Sawley.

Revd Janet Tanner joined the Circuit on 1st September on 2016 and had pastoral care of the following churches: Hugglescote, Thringstone, Hall Lane (Whitwick), Whitwick, and Marlborough Square (Coalville). She retired at the end of August 2021 and has been replaced by Rev Phil Snelson.

Revd. Jacky Goaten joined the Circuit as a Probationer Minister on 1st September 2016 and now has pastoral care of Ashby, Worthington, Moira Centenary, Castle Donington, Ibstock and the Measham Garden Fellowship. She also has oversight of members in Oakthorpe. The society at

Oakthorpe ceased to meet in 2020 and consideration on how the building will be used and what ongoing activity will be undertaken in the village is continuing.

A number of retired (“supernumerary”) ministers live and worship within the Circuit and carry out varying activities on behalf of the Circuit from time to time. Four of these Ministers accepted duties at specific churches with effect from October 2019 and were each paid the equivalent of 20% of a regular stipend during the 2020-21 year. Two of these Ministers (Rev David Haywood and Rev John Hudson) retired again from paid work at the end of August 2021.

Mrs Claire Claringbull joined the Circuit in February 2017, working 15 hours a week during term time as Worker With Children & Families.

Mrs Teresa Godwin continues to carry out the part-time paid role of Circuit Administrator based in an office rented from the Marlborough Square Church.

Risk Management

Through its CLT, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate risks are insured – currently with the Methodist Insurance Company. The security and safety of our churches is largely for those churches to determine and to mitigate, taking advice from Circuit Officers and Insurers as appropriate.

All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose to be on those premises.

All Churches have been surveyed for the presence of asbestos, mainly by Insulation & Environmental Services Ltd of Wigston in 2013. Reports were sent to each church for consideration in November 2013.

During the course of the year advice regarding actions to be taken with regard to the covid pandemic were circulated to all churches, and the Circuit met all costs related to testing for legionella.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. We judge that there are sufficient resources to cover any possible shortfall in the following year.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees’ Expenses

With the exception of the ministerial staff and supernumerary ministers who can claim for travel and administrative expenses, and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees.

Trustees’ Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using the receipts and payments method
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on a going concern basis.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have a right to advise the independent examiner of their concerns but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Financial Review

The Circuit prepares receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

The Circuit adopted the following policy for the reserves in the 2020-21 year:

For general funds - Sufficient funds will be maintained to meet day-to-day operating expenses, including stipends and manse costs. They will be topped up as required by withdrawal from the Model Trust Fund

For the Model Trust Fund - No more than 15% of the Model Trust Fund will normally be allocated as grants to churches or to circuit activities in any Connexional year. The Circuit Meeting may decide to exceed this limit if special needs or opportunities arise.

The Circuit plans to keep a high level of reserves in the 2020-21 Connexional year so that it is in a position to meet challenges posed by the covid virus, and plan for future mission & outreach activities.

The Circuit will seek ways to balance its income with expenditure and then maintain a minimum of £150,000 in reserve to be ready to meet Ministry and other expenses, and to be able to respond favourably to requests to support from Churches which prioritise mission and outreach.

For Endowment Trust Funds - The funds will be maintained as they are as investments, and provide a small income to general funds.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in GB) so not all of the proceeds are received by the Circuit. No capital assets were bought or sold in the year.

The Circuit received rent for the hire of the Old Schoolroom at Griffydam and the unused manse at Castle Donington during the year. The Church building at Griffydam was sold in the 2014-15 year and the Old Schoolroom has subsequently been sold in November 2021.

Funding of the Circuit's Costs

This is achieved primarily by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church were to close, that church's assessment would not be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs – principally the stipends and housing costs of the ministers – would continue and there would be a need to draw on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

Annual costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has income and reserves sufficient to cover the stipends and manse costs of three ministers. The costs of other paid staff are currently met from reserves.

Approvals

This report, and the Financial Statements of the Circuit having been inspected by the Independent Examiner, were approved by the Circuit Meeting held on 7th December 2021.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Revd Sally Ratcliffe
Superintendent Minister



Matthew Lee
Treasurer

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

National Forest East	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

Nottingham & Derby	District	Circuit no	22/12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1133460

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Sally Ratcliffe
Rev Jackie Goaten
Rev Phil Snelson

Circuit Stewards:

Julie Bromell
Mark Bennett
Sarah Chadwick
Mark Dale
Alan Jones

Treasurer:

Matthew Lee

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		180,056			180,056	192,092
a3	Capital receipts						58,724
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		285	1,137	2,441	3,863	4,112
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		32,507			32,507	19,467
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		212,848	1,137	2,441	216,426 (a8)	274,395

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		154,372			154,372	150,983
b3	Manse Costs		19,767			19,767	16,130
b4	Administration etc		8,643	704	57	9,404	7,611
b5	District Assessment		41,936			41,936	49,468
b6	Grants & donations		13,238			13,238	48,338
b7	Preaching related		1,576			1,576	2,503
b8	Other payments		32,603	17,666		50,270	53,819
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		272,135	18,370	57	290,562 (b9)	328,852

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(59,287)	(17,234)	2,385	(74,136)	(54,457)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		108,073	352,213	28,336	488,623 (c6)	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	48,786	334,980	30,721	414,487	488,623
c4	Transfers and adjustments		500	(500)			
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	49,286	334,480	30,721	414,487 (c8)	488,623 (c6)

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Oakthorpe Church	4,828	2,949	1,879	(1)	with receipts	1,878
e2 {Oakthorpe payments includes £1,800 to Circuit; insurance premiums were paid from Circuit account}						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,828	2,949	1,879	(1)	(e11)	1,878 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	216,426 (a8)	290,562 (b9)	(74,136)	(c7)	488,623 (c6)	414,487 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	221,254	293,511	(72,257)	(1)	488,623 (x)	416,365 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Accounts	21,853	18,760
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	86,219	30,525
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	380,550	365,201
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	488,623 (c6)	414,487 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	1,878 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	488,623 (x)	416,365 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,042,375	1,068,427
g3 Other Assets	63,390	68,400
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		500
g5 Other Liabilities		

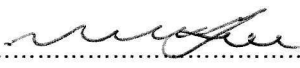
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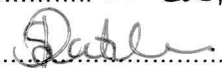
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Signature of treasurer  Date 22 September 2021

Name and address of treasurer - Matthew Lee, 80 Derby Road, Melbourne, Derby DE73 8FL

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 ...7 December 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...REV SALLY RATCLIFFE Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the National Forest East Circuit (Charity No. 1133460)

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

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