

The Methodist Church

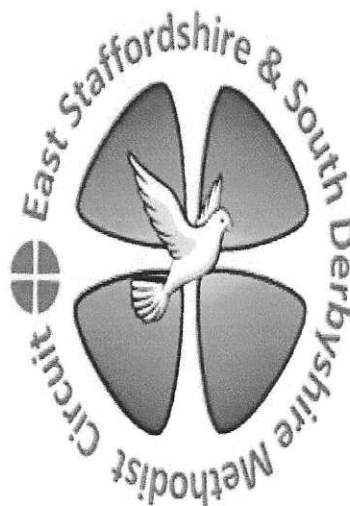


Trustees Annual Report & Accounts

East Staffordshire & South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Charity Registration Number 1133721

Circuit Reference 22/16



September 2020 – August 2021

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Welcome from the Superintendent

This year saw the launch of the amalgamation of the former South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit with the former Trent and Dove Methodist Circuit to form a new Circuit called the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit. Launched on September 1st 2020 and finding ourselves only 6 months old when the full effects of the Covid 19 pandemic began to bite and Churches (like society) went into lockdown and new ways of Worshipping had to be found. The staff have produced weekly worship sheets for 18 months now sending them to everyone in the Circuit; at the same time regular Zoom services and telephone calls have been made.

This has been very draining upon the staff and the newly formed Circuit Leadership Team but they have all coped admirably, adapting to new ways of working.

Sadly, some Churches have closed during the year and there may be more in 2021/22 and a part of the work of the Leadership and staff has been about helping Churches towards that decision, so its been a difficult year but there is real hope as new opportunities have arisen. Consequently, the mission of the Circuit remains to serve the various communities we serve with the love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour

Mike Redshaw

Superintendent Minister of East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Introduction

The Circuit was formed in September 2020 following a merger of the Trent and Dove and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuits. Currently there are 22 churches in the Circuit which are distributed evenly across the Circuit, an area from the Leicestershire Border at Acresford, through Swadlincote, Burton-upon-Trent and Etwell, to Uttoxeter and Stubwood. There is also a multipurpose drop in centre and shop, 'Oasis', in Swadlincote Town Centre.

As the new Circuit is considered to have been created following a merger of the two previous charities referred to, the accounting treatment has followed the guidelines in FRSA 102. Specifically, this has involved combining the 2019/20 final accounts of South Derbyshire and Trent and Dove together to provide the 'Combined 2020' figures shown in the accounts. This was further complicated as South Derbyshire completed Receipts and Payments accounts which were converted to an accruals basis before combining.

Objectives and Activities

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Circuit Trustees meet at least twice a year. These meetings plan and agree the activities of the Circuit and ensure it complies with Charity Commission guidance. A list of Trustees, the Churches they represent, and the positions held is given below:

Circuit Representatives

Ministers	Deacon
Rev'd Moira Biggins	Deacon Janice Hacon
Rev'd David Bonny	Circuit Meeting Secretary
Rev'd Helen Harrell	Celia Ryan
Rev'd Stella Mills	Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders Representative:
Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu	Susan Laws
Rev'd Mike Redshaw	

Supernumerary Ministers	Family Action Team
Rev'd Doug Allen	Sue Shakespeare
Rev'd Ann Bolas	Circuit Missions
Rev'd Lynda Coates	Julie Green (MWB)
Rev'd Derek Morton	Jenny Illsley (MHA)
Rev'd Susan Rolls	John Jay
Rev'd Maurice Whittaker	Sue Palmer (MWB & World Church)
Lay Workers	Shirley Wagstaff
Caroline Green	Bryan Wild (MHA)
Jordon Lambert	Sue Williams (Fijian Liaison)
Miss Susan Laws	Gwen Wortley
Circuit Stewards	Circuit Safeguarding Coordinator
Steve Dobson	Caroline Green
Denise Hancock	Circuit Safeguarding Advisor
Andrew Hawkins	Richard House
Heather Simm	LP Elected Rep
Miss Wendy Smith	Joyce Greenwood
Andrew Wooding	Synod Reps
Action For Children	Denis Barratt
Rosemary Hancock	Sue Nickson

Circuit Church Representatives

Acresford Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Dorothy Twigg
Rep	Michael Green

Barton under Needwood Methodist Church	
Treasurer	David Moore
Rep	Ian Gilby
Rep	Fiona Panter
Reserve	John Wright

Blackfordby Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Denis Mansfield
Rep	Lorna Armson
Rep	Anne Harrison
Rep	Jean Mason

Boylestone Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Paul Rimmer
Rep	Oliver Ball
Reserve	Sheila Wilton

Church Gresley Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Ann Metcalf
Rep	Terry Chandler
Rep	Eila Baugh
Reserve	Denis Barratt

Draycott Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Lynn Wragg
Rep	Marion Rowe
Rep	Stephen Ryan

Etwall Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Herman Bonardt
Rep	Vic Appleby
Rep	Miss Wendy Smith

Hatton Methodist Church	
Treasurer	
Rep	Eunice Watson

Hilton Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Karen Evans
Rep	Brian Hill
Rep	

Newhall Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Steve Smith
Rep	Rosemary Hancock
Rep	Nigel Sharpe

Overseal CofE/Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Trevor Leadbetter
Rep	Ian Coles
Rep	Dilys Harper

Short Street Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Graham Meers
Rep	Wendy Knight
Reserve	

Stanton Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Miss Rita Street
Rep	Julie Hackett
Rep	Jean Hollins
Reserve	Elaine Tagg

Stretton Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Shirley Toon
Rep	Christine Dunsby
Reserve	Rita Hartshorn

St Thomas's Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Liz Merrick
Rep	John Jones
Rep	Sue McLoughlin

Stubwood Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Teresa Hawkins
Rep	Susanne Smith
Rep	Shirley Wagstaff

Ticknall Methodist Church	
Treasurer	
Rep	Kathy Bates
Rep	Angela Bird
Rep	Jennifer Illsley

Trinity (Linton) Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Betty Naylor
Rep	Martin Kesterton
Rep	Rita Walton
Reserve	Beryl Greening

Uttoxeter Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Roger Rooke
Rep	John Darby
Rep	Anne Dobson
Rep	Julie Green

Winshill Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Graham Meers
Rep	Linda Latham
Rep	Jenny Meers
Rep	Moya Middleton

Woodmill (St Paul's) Methodist Church		Woodville Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Roy Ward	Treasurer	Brian Parker
Rep	Les Fellows	Rep	Joan Barnett
Rep	Alan Richardson	Rep	

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 discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The organisation and resourcing of regular 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 ill and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Chaplaincy is offered at East Midlands Airport, and the Agricultural community, as well as chaplaincy support at Queens Hospital.

We are seeking to be a visionary Circuit glorifying God, sharing the mission and ministry of Jesus. This Circuit is called into being by the grace of God, led by Jesus Christ and is given the gifts for its work by and through the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to facilitate mission through worship, witness and service of the congregations and circuit along with ecumenical co-operation and community engagement encouraging shared ministry with all parts of the Christian family.

Review of the Year

As mentioned in last year's Report, this new Circuit was formed on September 1st 2020, by the merger of the Trent and Dove (Circuit No. 22/16 and Charity Registration No. 1133721) and the South Derbyshire (Circuit No. 22/28 and Charity Registration No. 1134197) Methodist Circuits. A celebration of this merger took place on September 6th 2020 to mark this occasion. Although Covid-19 prevented in person meetings throughout the year, using Zoom allowed us to fulfil the obligations of closing down the Trent and Dove and the South Derbyshire Circuits in a controlled way with all those members able to join Zoom meetings either by laptop, tablet or by dial in on the phone.

This merger of the two circuits led to the existing staff of the Trent and Dove Circuit and the South Derbyshire Circuit joining together to give the Ministers mentioned above. The Rev'd Sue Rolls retired from the South Derbyshire Circuit and was not Replaced.

The main work of the new circuit has been directly affected by Covid-19, with all churches continuing to be closed from September onwards, some were opened briefly in October 2020, but then all closed and remained so until relaxation of lockdown allowed churches to be opened in Summer 2021. At the end of August, 7 of the 22 churches were holding in person services, wearing masks and socially distanced, with some of these services being held outside.

New methods of worshipping were continued, enabling a significant number of members, and also others who perhaps would not normally attend worship, to join in services from the comfort of their own homes, using Zoom and Facebook Live. Five separate services were held by the circuit staff on Sunday mornings, using identical material which was also distributed to those who were not able to connect into electronic services. An additional service was held on Sunday afternoons. Additional bible studies were carried out on line and around 20 people took part in A Study on Ephesians and one on the New Testament book, 1 Peter, all taking place using Zoom technology. Plans are in place to continue this on-line worship and study now that lockdown has ended. Additionally, at least one Service is being live streamed, and anyone not able to attend in person can participate using Zoom. Several churches took up the offer to upgrade their church technology to enable them to have an online presence after returning to in person worship.

The required governance for the new circuit is being reviewed, monitored and modified as required. Safeguarding continues to be managed by the Superintendent and the Circuit Administrator, both of whom have attended the appropriate training. Communications across the Circuit has been maintained through the Circuit website and weekly notices.

It was not possible to hold Messy Church(es) or "Open the Book" in schools in and around Uttoxeter and Hilton, due to lockdown.

The Uttoxeter Schools worker continued his work, being jointly supported by The Renew Church in Uttoxeter, the United Reformed Church in Uttoxeter and the Methodist Church. Although he was not able to go into schools during the period they were closed, he was able to take on line assemblies and produced some excellent video work for use in the schools' work with the children of key workers and their on-line teaching programmes. Many of the Uttoxeter School Pyramid took part in these and because of that there was a significant impact in those schools.

The Family Worker started Toddler Groups in June/July 2021 with many attending, though with Covid restrictions, it's not been possible to go in to lead school assemblies, or to read Bible story

and sing songs with the younger children. Youtube videos have been produced and sent to both families and Schools. Messy Church and Toddler Group Zoom sessions also took place. At Christmas and Easter Toddler Group and Messy Church families were visited with a goodie bag of crafts, chocolate and other items and families have been texted and emailed with craft ideas for them to do at home each month. Taizé evenings and Julian Meetings on zoom took place for the whole of the year.

The Oasis Centre in Swadlincote is a Town Centre Work, and is a centre for meeting people as well as an outlet for the sale of Fair Trade Goods, which has been closed during most of the year. This Centre will reopen and restart its work as soon as people feel safe to meet in person. Deacon Janice and a team of volunteers run this vital work in Swadlincote.

There is still some hesitancy about meeting in person, and some churches have taken the difficult decision to close, as the age profile of the congregations increase. This will be reflected in next year's Report. Despite difficult times, we pray that God will continue to bless our work for Him in the new East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit, looking at new opportunities of carrying out the mission of the new circuit, introduced to us by lockdown.

Property

We have provision for six manses in the Circuit and five presbyters plus one Deacon. Discussions continue to take place with village leaders in Church Broughton as to the future of the church building in Church Broughton. We are, hopefully, close to achieving a sale to Church Broughton Parish Council subject to TMCP approval. The Circuit also has responsibility for both the Oasis Centre (Unit 6) and Rowland Memorial Church, Midway. The Oasis Centre is on a 5-year lease from South Derbyshire District Council which expires in December 2023. Please see below for details of plans for Rowland Memorial Church.

Plans for Future Years

As the Churches reopen, the newly formed circuit has begun to discuss the direction that it would like to move in, and from September 2022 there will be a reshuffle of staff, some staff will retire, and it is hoped that new staff will be able to join. The start of an exciting new 'Arts Church' venture is being planned, centred on the currently closed Rowland Memorial Church in Midway. Other plans will address issues such as a reducing membership, reducing income, ageing property and the opportunities presented with new housing projects in the circuit. Over this period, the newly formed Circuit will also manage the turnover of Presbyteral staff and maintain the required level of lay staff.

Basis of Preparation and Legal Framework

The Charity's Annual Report and Accounts have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 and the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The members of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit Office Holders, Ministers and Representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown under Objectives & Activities on page 2 of this Report.

The Charities full name is:	East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit
Charity Registration Number:	1133721
Date of Registration:	1 st September 2020
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<u>Circuit Ministers and Officers</u>		
Active Circuit Ministers:	Rev'd Mike Redshaw (<i>Superintendent</i>)	
	Rev'd Moira Biggins	
	Rev'd Dave Bonny	
	Rev'd Helen Harrell	
	Rev'd Stella Mills	
	Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu	
Deacon:	Deacon Janice Hacon	
Circuit Lay Workers:	Mrs Caroline Green	
	Mr Jordan Lambert	
	Miss Susan Laws	
Circuit Stewards:	Mr Steve Dobson	
	Mrs Denise Hancock	
	Mr Andrew Hawkins	
	Mrs Heather Simms	
	Miss Wendy Smith	
	* Mr Andrew Wooding	
Circuit Meetings Secretary:	Mrs Celia Ryan	
<i>* Financial Steward</i>		
<u>Bankers:</u> HSBC 18 High Street, Burton on Trent Staffordshire, DE14 1JD	<u>Investment Managers:</u> Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 9PE	<u>Custodian Trustees:</u> Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings Oldham Street Manchester, M1 1JQ
<u>Independent Examiner:</u> Mrs B J Whale F.C.A. Holly Berry House, Hamstall Ridware, Rugeley, Staffordshire, WS15 3SQ		

Financial Review

The 2019/20 annual accounts for South Derbyshire were on a Receipts and Payments basis and those for Trent and Dove were on an accruals basis. To enable the combined figures for 2019/20 to be included in the accounts for ESSD for comparative purposes, the accounts for South Derbyshire have been restated on an accruals basis complete with balance sheet. These have then been combined with those for Trent and Dove to provide the combined figures for 2019/20 shown in the accounts.

During the year, the Circuit has accounted for total income of £323,239 (2019/20 £354,979) and expenditure of £476,060 (2019/20 £452,894). The operating deficit of c£153,000 was slightly higher than that planned for of £135,540. In the main, the increase was due to reduced income from shares which was primarily the result of COVID 19 having a significant impact of individual Churches income and therefore their ability to pay the full share requirement. The underlying deficit is due to planned funding from balances of the Family Worker (£23,180), Circuit Administrator (£12,540), Uttoxeter Schools Worker (£3,120), Deacon (£25,000) support to continued Ministry (£31,700) and payments to the Methodist Church (40,000).

The Circuit continues to actively manage its property to minimise cost and provide a good standard of living accommodation for Ministers.

The Circuit considers itself to be a going concern. This is based on the levels of income (mainly share payments from Churches) promised for the financial year 2021/22. Although the pandemic has impacted (and will continue to) on the income of Churches within the Circuit, the Circuit is confident it has sufficient reserves to meet any shortfall in income. To date, the Circuit has not received any formal requests for financial support from any of its Churches.

There are no subsidiary undertakings.

The Circuits main source of income continues to be shares received from the Churches within the Circuit, which in 2020/21 accounted for 76% of its income. (2019/20, 72%)

Circuit income is used, in the main, to fund the stipends and associated costs of Ministers (5.75 full time equivalents during the year) and salaries and associated costs of lay staff (2.0 full time equivalents). In 2020/21 this accounted for 58% of total expenditure (2019/20, 59%). The balance of expenditure, in the main, is used to support the wider Methodist Church 25% (2019/20, 21%) and the running of the property within the Circuit, 11% (2019/20, 11%).

Investments

To comply with Methodist Standing Orders, monies for long term investment are lodged with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). TMCP acts as custodian trustee for all real estate held by Circuits and for all large (over £20,000) bequests. These sums are invested in unitised investments or held on deposit.

Short term deposits are lodged with the Central Finance Board (CFB) where they attract interest.

Reserves Level and Policy

The Circuit currently holds significant reserves. At the end of the year (31 August 2021) these were as follows;

		£
<i>Unrestricted</i>	Circuit Model Trust Fund	602,959
	General	101,248
	<i>Sub-total Unrestricted</i>	<i>704,207</i>
<i>Designated</i>	Circuit Model Trust Fund	87,229
	General	22,644
	<i>Sub-total Designated</i>	<i>109,873</i>
<i>Restricted</i>	General	26,258
	Stocks	2,460
	<i>Sub-total Restricted</i>	<i>28,718</i>
<i>Property</i>		1,819,700
<i>Total Reserves</i>		<i>2,662,498</i>

Designated funds are held for agreed commitments in the continuation of the Mission work of the Circuit. Specifically, they are held for continuation of the Uttoxeter Youth and Schools Worker post for 2021/22 (£16,263), various personnel issues (£6,381) continuation of the Circuit Family Worker (2021/22) £29,272 and funding town centre ministry (£57,957).

Restricted funds are held and used for the purposes for which they are given. It is the policy of the Circuit to use such funds for the purposes intended as soon as is practically possible. The balance held for restricted funds is allocated as follows;

	£
Uttoxeter Schools Worker	5,874
Benevolent Fund	690
Education and Youth	339
Hanbury Burial Ground	2,000
Internal Organisations	10,788
Hunt's Charity Donation	3
World Church Grant	2,553
Shoe Box Appeal	4,011
Total	<u>26,258</u>

In addition, internal organisations hold a stock balance of £2,460.

It is not the policy to hold significant reserves. However, sufficient reserves are held to continue funding those items of expenditure agreed by the Circuit, namely the Family Worker, Administrator and Uttoxeter Youth and Schools Worker.

The Circuit will, in the light of known and developing plans, continue to review the reserves held to ensure they are used in the best interest of the Circuit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and 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.

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 made available to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Circuit is comprised of the following Methodist Churches:

Acresford Methodist Church
Barton under Needwood Methodist Church
Blackfordby Methodist Church
Boylestone Methodist Church
Church Gresley Methodist Church
Draycott in the Clay Methodist Church
Etwall Methodist Church
Hatton Methodist Church
Hilton Methodist Church
Newhall Methodist Church
Oasis Centre, Swadlincote
Overseal C of E/Methodist Church
Short Street Methodist Church
Stanton Methodist Church

Stretton Methodist Church
St Thomas's Methodist Church
Stubwood Methodist Church
Ticknall Methodist Church
Trinity (Linton) Methodist Church
Uttoxeter Methodist Church
Winshill Methodist Church
Woodmill (St Paul's) Methodist Church
Woodville Methodist Church

Churches currently Closed:
Church Broughton Methodist Church
Rowland Memorial Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risk to the circuit and its churches remains one of an ageing congregation, reducing membership leading to reduced income, coupled with rising costs and increased property expenditure. Some churches are still deciding on their future, bearing in mind the above facts. It remains therefore that finding new ways to increase membership, coupled with excellent stewardship of finances and resources continues to be of paramount importance not only at circuit level but also in the churches themselves.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly 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 male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, 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 Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit also 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.

Summary

The mission of the circuit has continued through the leadership of our dedicated ministers, lay employees and those appointed, on a voluntary basis, to the many and varied offices. Challenging times lie ahead as we realign our churches and congregations as we emerge from a period of closure. We pray that the Holy Spirit will guide and direct us in our thoughts, words and deeds.

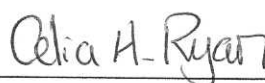
Approvals

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Circuit Meeting, held on

Date: 9 / 3 / 2022 at Uttoxeter Methodist Church



Chair of Circuit Meeting



Secretary to the Circuit Meeting

**East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist
Circuit**

Annual Accounts

(ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2021

1 Introduction

These are the annual accounts and financial statements of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit.

This is a new Circuit which came into being on 1 September 2020. The Circuit was created following the merger of 2 Methodist Circuits – South Derbyshire (Circuit No. 22/28 and Charity Registration No. 1134197) and Trent and Dove (Circuit No. 22/16 and Charity Registration No. 1133721)

The 2019/20 annual accounts for South Derbyshire were on a Receipts and Payments basis and those for Trent and Dove were on an accruals basis. To enable the combined figures for 2019/20 to be included in these accounts for comparative purposes, the accounts for South Derbyshire have been restated on an accruals basis complete with balance sheet. These have then been combined with those for Trent and Dove to provide the combined figures for 2019/20 shown in these accounts.

2 Accounting Framework and Accounting Policies

2.1 Accounting Standard

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with *Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP)* applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

2.2 Public Benefit Entity

The East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit (ESSD) meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

We have referred to Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing our objectives and in planning our future activities.

2.3 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. The accruals basis has been used and Trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

2.4 Content

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

2.5 Basis of Accounting

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England. This being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations) and, pending the making of Replacement regulations specific to SORP 2015 in accordance with Reg. 8(4)(d) of SI 2008/629, the charity trustees have departed from the requirement of Reg.8(5) by following SORP(FRS102) instead of SORP 2005 to the extent necessary to give a true and fair view in the circumstances.

2.6 Going Concern

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2021, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

2.7 Consolidation

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of the Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

2.8 Income Recognition

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material.

The Circuit acts as agent in one matter:

- The collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church – “Connexional Funds”

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

2.9 Expenditure

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

2.10 Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions.

2.11 VAT

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

2.12 Tangible fixed assets

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

Property that is used as originally intended, i.e. for the continuation of ordinary Circuit business, is shown in the accounts at deemed cost, being the valuation on transition to FRS102 or at cost on date of purchase. Deemed cost and cost are split between land and buildings. Depreciation is provided on buildings at a rate of 4% per annum on a straight-line basis after deducting their estimated residual value. The Trustees consider the current residual value of the manse buildings to be the same as their deemed cost or actual cost.

Investment property is included in the financial statements at fair value, such value being obtained at the time of re-categorisation or every 5 years where the property remains unsold at that time.

2.13a Monetary Investments

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as basic financial instruments under FRS102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

2.13b Investment Property

From time to time the Circuit may hold property (formerly manses and/or chapels) which is surplus to requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used again for its prime purpose (residential property or place of worship), the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives.

2.14 Receivables and Payables; Bank and Cash (Basic financial Instruments)

Debtors are stated at the amounts owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit account balances are shown at the realisable values.

2.15 Methodist Connexional Funds

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments

against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for ad hoc collections of various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in Note 24 below.

3 Glossary of Terms

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities.

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 50.

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: the Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches.

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): a group (comprising mostly but not, necessarily, exclusively) of Circuit Trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally, the CLT comprises the Presbyters stationed within the Circuit and Circuit Stewards.

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain.

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30.

DAF: District Advance Fund.

Lay Employees: personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

MMPS: Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme

Pensions Trust: the organisation through which the Circuit arranges pension schemes for its Lay employees.

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit.

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds.

4 Financial Statements**Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021**

		General Fund	Circuit Model Trust	Circuit Model Trust	Other Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	Combined Total
	Notes	(Unrestricted)	(Unrestricted)	(Designated)			2020-21	2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments								
1 Donations and legacies	1	3,867				21,777	25,644	35,120
2 Income from monetary investments	2	194	2,312			16	2,522	6,997
3 Income from investment properties	3	893					893	2,008
4 Assessments on Churches	4	247,306					247,306	255,416
5 Grants received	5	12,336				24,039	36,375	39,118
6 Other charitable activities							0	0
7 Total from charitable activities		264,596	2,312	-	-	45,832	312,740	338,659
8 Other income	6	8,586				1,913	10,499	16,320
9 Total income and endowments		273,182	2,312	-	-	47,745	323,239	354,979
Expenditure								
11 Grants and donations	7	1,880			5,000	4,577	11,457	4,929
12 Stipends, Salaries and associated cost	8	171,888		37,286		66,012	275,186	266,865
13 Property	9	38,265			14,500	1,457	54,222	47,665
14 District Assessment & Levy	10	74,480	43,725				118,205	95,779
15 Depreciation							0	0
16 Office and administration	11	9,405	1,512			4	10,921	9,462
17 Other outgoings	12	3,228				2,841	6,069	28,194
18 Total charitable expenditure		299,146	45,237	37,286	19,500	74,891	476,060	452,894
19 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			3,454				3,454	-338
20 Gains on Revaluation of Fixed Assets							0	0
21 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0	-83,695
22 Net income/(expenditure)		-25,964	-39,471	-37,286	-19,500	-27,146	-149,367	-181,948
23 Transfers between funds		33,926	490,000	-514,434	-12,345	2,853	0	0
24 Other gains/(losses)								
25 Net movement in funds		7,962	450,529	-551,720	-31,845	-24,293	-149,367	-181,948
26 Total funds brought forward		1,912,986	152,430	638,949	54,489	53,011	2,811,865	2,993,813
27 Total funds carried forward		1,920,948	602,959	87,229	22,644	28,718	2,662,498	2,811,865

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Designated)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals 2021	Combined Totals 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	1,467,500				1,467,500	1,467,500
Investment properties	15	352,200				352,200	352,200
Investments	16		22,272			22,272	18,818
Total fixed assets		1,819,700	22,272	0	0	1,841,972	1,838,518

Current Assets

Debtors & Prepayments	17	18,048			1,463	19,511	19,835
Loans	18	5,000	5,000			10,000	5,000
Investments with TMCP	16	3,915	575,687	87,229	2,000	668,831	773,171
Central Finance Board	19						
Deposits		38,495		22,644	31,134	92,273	112,974
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	37,738			16,681	54,419	62,691
Stock	20				2,460	2,460	2,460
Total current assets		103,196	580,687	87,229	22,644	53,738	976,131

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	21	1,948			25,020	26,968	2,784
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities		1,948			25,020	26,968	2,784
Net current assets/liabilities		101,248	580,687	87,229	22,644	28,718	973,347

Total assets less current liabilities		1,920,948	602,959	87,229	22,644	28,718	2,662,498	2,811,865
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	0	
						0	0	
						0	0	
Net assets		1,920,948	602,959	87,229	22,644	28,718	2,662,498	2,811,865

Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the Circuit									
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,920,948					1,920,948	1,912,986	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			602,959				602,959	152,430	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Designated)				87,229			87,229	638,949	
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)					22,644		22,644	54,489	
Total Unrestricted Funds							2,633,780	2,758,854	
Restricted Funds						28,718	28,718	53,011	
Total Funds		1,920,948	602,959	87,229	22,644	28,718	2,662,498	2,811,865	

Signed

A. J. Moody

Circuit Treasurer

5 Notes to the Accounts

Note 1 Donations Received

Table 1 Donations Received

Received From	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Notts & Derby District					0	6,500
Various	3,142				3,142	5,353
Uttoxeter Churches for UY&SW				13,788	13,788	14,736
Trent and Dove Churches				3,870	3,870	3,870
Connexional Funds				4,119	4,119	625
Man to Man				0	0	370
Gift Aid	725				725	3,666
Totals	3,867	0	0	21,777	25,644	35,120

Note 2 Income from Monetary Investments

Table 2 Income from Monetary Investments

Investment	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest Fund		2,312			2,312	6,004
Burial Ground				7	7	17
Various Bequests	13				13	55
CFB Accounts	181			9	190	921
Totals	194	2,312	0	16	2,522	6,997

Note 3 Income from Investment Property

Table 3 Income from Investment Property

Property	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Church Broughton Chapel	893				893	2,008
Totals	893	0	0	0	893	2,008

The Trustees have determined that the church at Church Broughton will not be returned to use as a place of worship. This property has therefore been classified as Investment Property. There is some rental income as residents of the village continue to use the building for a variety of purposes.

Note 4 Assessments on Churches

The Circuit is currently comprised of 22 Churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall running costs of the Circuit. In making this assessment, the Circuit considers income it may receive from other sources. The pandemic had a significant adverse effect on the income of Churches during the year. Consequently, not all Churches were able to meet the full assessment required from them. This explains, in the main, why the overall amount recovered this way is less than the previous year.

Table 4 Assessments on Churches

Church	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Combined	
					Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Acresford	6,250				6,250	3,750
Barton	12,668				12,668	13,404
Blackfordby	4,875				4,875	4,875
Boylestone	5,104				5,104	5,136
Church Gresley	10,000				10,000	13,101
Draycott-in-the-Clay	8,621				8,621	7,933
Etwall	17,064				17,064	14,548
Hatton	7,566				7,566	7,536
Hilton	16,362				16,362	21,174
Newhall	20,774				20,774	18,402
Overseal (St. Mathew)	1,500				1,500	960
Short St.	4,576				4,576	5,404
St Paul's Woodmill	4,572				4,572	3,996
St Thomas'	31,464				31,464	29,716
Stanton	8,268				8,268	11,096
Stretton	17,596				17,596	18,304
Stubwood	5,900				5,900	7,303
Ticknall	5,600				5,600	5,850
Trinity	8,000				8,000	6,000
Uttoxeter	23,052				23,052	22,680
Winshill	16,494				16,494	22,248
Woodville	11,000				11,000	12,000
Totals	247,306				247,306	255,416

Note 5 Grants Received

Table 5 Grants Received

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Combined	
					Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Grant for UY&SW				4,039	4,039	4,118
Covid Re Start Grant	2,667				2,667	
Hunt's Charity Grant towards Diaconal Post					0	25,000
Closed For Business Grant	9,669				9,669	10,000
World Church Grant for Fijian Minister				20,000	20,000	
Totals	12,336	0	0	24,039	36,375	39,118

The Circuit was successful in bids for grants to help alleviate the effect of the pandemic (Covid Restart and Closed for Business). This is the second year of a three year contribution from the District Advance Fund towards the Uttoxeter Youth & Schools Worker. The Circuit is also grateful for the grants received from Hunt's Charity and the World Church

Note 6 Other Income

Table 6 Other Income

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Hatton Manse insurance Refund	334				334	0
Received from Rowland Memorial on Closure	7,525				7,525	0
Legacy					0	5,000
Ashby Road Manse Water Refund	277				277	0
Other	450				450	491
Internal Organisations				1,913	1,913	5,255
Circuit Service Offerings					0	161
Staff telephone contributions					0	360
Methodist Insurance Refund - Rowland Memorial					0	3,455
Methodist Insurance Refund - Manses					0	1,502
Connexion - Refund overpayment Apprenticeship Levy					0	96
Totals	8,586	0	0	1,913	10,499	16,320

Note 7 Grants and Donations

Grants and donations as listed were made during the year. The support costs for grant funding are insignificant and are not separately disclosed.

Table 7 Grants and Donations Paid

Grants and Donations Paid to;	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Connexional Funds				4,119	4,119	625
To Barton Church for Building Alterations			5,000		5,000	0
To Winshill Church for Audio System					0	2,500
Tearfund for Cyclone Yasa in Fiji	240				240	0
Shoe Boxes				300	300	1,138
Grants to Churches for Technology	1,640				1,640	0
Man to Man				158	158	316
East Midlands Airport Chaplaincy						250
Other					0	100
	1,880	0	5,000	4,577	11,457	4,929

Note 8 Salaries and Associated Costs**8.1 Stipends**

Stipends were paid to 5 full time and 1 part time Ministers and were as shown in the following table;

Table 8 Stipends and Associated Staff Costs

	Full Time	Part Time	General	CMTF Unrest.	Designated	Other Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Ministerial Staff									
National Insurance	12,006	1,450	10,895				2,561	13,456	12,810
Pension Fund Contributions	34,330	5,149	31,088				8,391	39,479	37,465
Stipends	130,172	19,143	118,121				31,194	149,315	139,691
Relocation Expenses								0	1,098
Sundry Expenses	4,098	538	4,497				139	4,636	2,896
Telephone and Broadband	3,328	311	3,416				223	3,639	3,783
Travelling	3,872	0	3,872					3,872	8,366
	187,806	26,591	171,889	0	0	0	42,508	214,397	206,109

8.2 Lay Staff

The Circuit employs Lay staff involved in both Mission and Administrative work. The costs of these staff are shown in the following 2 tables.

8.2a Mission Staff*Table 9 Salaries and Associated Staff Costs – Other Mission Staff*

	Full Time	Part Time	General	CMTF Unrest.	Designated	Other Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Mission Staff									
National Insurance	1,655	1,123			1,385		1,393	2,778	2,859
Pension Fund Contributions	1,248	1,017			1,045		1,221	2,266	2,236
Salary	20,805	16,950			17,409		20,346	37,755	38,100
Travel	105	299			105		299	404	1,162
Other	160	245			160		245	405	489
	23,973	19,634	0	0	20,104	0	23,504	43,608	44,846
Contracted Hours (pw)	40	20							

8.2b Administrative Staff

Table 10 Salaries and Associated Staff Costs – Administrative Staff

	Full Time £	Part Time £	General £	Unrest. £	CMTF Designated £	Other Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Combined 2020 £
Administrative Staff									
National Insurance		592			592			592	196
Pension Fund Contributions		655			655			655	574
Salary		15,775			15,775			15,775	14,843
Other		160			160			160	296
	0	17,182	0	0	17,182	0	0	17,182	15,909
Contracted Hours (pw)		20							
		10							

8.3 Total Stipends and Salary Costs

Table 11 Total Salaries and Associated Staff Costs

	Full Time £	Part Time £	General £	CMTF Designated £	Other Designated £	Restricted £	Total £	Combined 2020 £
Stipends, Salaries and Associated Costs	211,779	63,407	171,888	37,286	0	66,012	275,186	266,865

No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on August 31. All staff are paid at or above the living wage.

8.4 Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the Church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

On the other hand, lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a pensions scheme which the circuit has arranged with TPT Retirement Solutions (previously known as The Pensions Trust). This is a defined benefit scheme and the Circuit contributes as employer to this scheme.

The Connexion accounts for both pension schemes and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented.

8.5a Cost of Superintendent, Ministers and Trustees

The Superintendent of the Circuit, the other Ministers and the remaining members of CLT are considered as key management personnel. The Superintendent chairs

meetings of the CLT and Circuit Meetings. The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Trustees of the Circuit. The stipends, employer's NIC and employer's pension contributions and other expenses of the Ministers of the Circuit are paid by the Circuit.

The manses are provided by the Circuit and the Circuit maintains the property. The value of the Council Tax and water charges paid by the Circuit is not disclosed here as HMRC does not regard this as a benefit in kind in the hands of the Minister.

Table 12 Cost of Ministerial Staff

	Combined	
	Total	2020
	£	£
Stipends of Ministers (2021 5.0 full time & 1 0.75. 2020 5.0 full time & 1 0.75)	149,315	139,690
Employer's Pension Fund Contributions	39,479	37,465
Employer's National Insurance Contributions	13,456	12,810
Totals	202,250	189,965

It is generally Circuit policy to reimburse non-Ministerial members of the CLT, Circuit Meeting and others involved in Administration of the Circuit for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties. The Ministers carry out the primary executive roles within the Circuit. Apart from the Ministers and Lay staff, no member of the CLT or Circuit Meeting was in receipt of any payment for work undertaken on behalf of the Circuit.

No Trustee has received any expenses in relation to their work as a Trustee.

8.5b Employed Trustees

The following Trustees are also employees of the Circuit;

Mrs Caroline Green, employed as the Circuit Administrator and member of the CLT.
Miss Susan Laws, employed as the Circuit Family Worker and member of the CLT.
Mr Jordan Lambert, employed as the Circuit Youth and Schools Worker.

Members of the CLT are considered key management personnel and the total remuneration cost of the 2 CLT members named above was £39,194. (2019/20 £35,463)

Note 9 Property Expenses

During the year the Circuit was Managing Trustee for 6 manses, all of which were occupied by Ministers stationed in the Circuit.

For manses which are occupied by Ministers or are vacant, the Circuit is responsible for the payment of council tax, water charges and buildings insurance.

During the year the Circuit was also Managing Trustee for a Burial Ground and the Church Broughton and Rowland Memorial Chapels.

The following table outlines the expenditure on property.

Table 13 Property Expenses

	Council										Combined	
	Tax	Ins.	Maint.	Water	Energy	Other	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Manse												
Elwyn Close	1,165	582	435	268			2,450				2,450	3,115
Ashby Road	2,282	632	14,929	232			3,575		14,500		18,075	4,079
Heathlands Drive	2,329	473	1,660	676			5,138				5,138	3,442
Tennyson Avenue	1,905	593	291	124			1,456			1,457	2,913	3,770
Wyedale	1,384	659	508	274			2,825				2,825	4,475
Lincote Way	1,412	636	349	294			2,691				2,691	3,428
General							0				0	168
	10,477	3,575	18,172	1,868	0	0	18,135	0	14,500	1,457	34,092	22,477
	Council										Combined	
	Tax	Ins.	Maint.	Water	Energy	Other	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Other Property Expenses												
Unit 6	81	218	294	343	647	12,900	14,483				14,483	14,586
Hanbury Burial Ground			610				610				610	430
	81	218	904	343	647	12,900	15,093	0	0	0	15,093	15,016
	Council										Combined	
	Tax	Ins.	Maint.	Water	Energy	Other	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Investment Properties												
<i>Manse</i>												
Station Road, Hatton											0	2,934
<i>Chapels</i>												
Church Broughton		979			636	379	1,994				1,994	2,480
Rowland Memorial		1,374			1,431	238	3,043				3,043	4,758
	0	2,353	0	0	2,067	617	5,037	0	0	0	5,037	10,172
Property Totals	10,558	6,146	19,076	2,211	2,714	13,517	38,265	0	14,500	1,457	54,222	47,665

Note 10 District Assessment and Levy

The District Assessment is calculated relative to the number of Churches, Presbyterian and Mission staff of all the circuits in the Nottingham and Derby District.

The levy is calculated on a sliding scale percentage of the Circuit's CMTF account balance as the 31st August the previous accounting year.

Table 14 District Assessment and Levy

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	11,086				11,086	12,811
Methodist Church Fund	63,394				63,394	43,529
Levy on CMTF		43,725			43,725	39,439
	74,480	43,725	0	0	118,205	95,779

Note 11 Office and Administration Costs

Table 15 Office and Administration Costs

	General	CMTF		Other		Restricted	Total	Combined
	£	Unrest.	Designated	Designated		£	£	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Telephone and Internet	1,590						1,590	1,481
Computing	310						310	282
Stationery	883						883	959
Postage	356						356	333
Circuit Insurances	478						478	170
Independent Examination of Accounts	1,048						1,048	500
TMCP Admin/Investment Management Fee	8	1,512			4		1,524	1,502
Photocopier	4,498						4,498	2,986
Copyright Licences							0	333
Other	234						234	916
Totals	9,405	1,512	0	0	4		10,921	9,462

Note 12 Other Outgoings

Items included in 'Other Outgoings' and individually costing more than £100 are listed in the following table (Table 16). Items costing less than £100 are considered less material and shown combined under 'Other'.

Table 16 Other Outgoings

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Preaching fees and travel					0	1,198
Other	158				158	876
Bible Month Booklets	150				150	0
Apprenticeship Levy	1,014				1,014	983
Hatton Manse	385				385	0
Blackfordby Legal	486				486	0
Conference Minutes and CPD					0	573
Website	242				242	136
Welcome Service					0	250
Repayment of Savings to Churches due to Staff Vacancies					0	17,000
Manse valuations					0	1,080
Rowland Memorial valuation					0	600
Training					0	250
Internal Organisations				2,841	2,841	4,521
The Vine Subscription for Churches					0	200
Roots Subscription for Churches	793				793	527
Totals	3,228	0	0	2,841	6,069	28,194

Note 13 Investment Management

During the year the Circuit paid TMCP, the custodians of the Circuit's investments, management charges based on 0.2% of the value of the individual funds at the beginning of the year.

Note 14 Reclassification of Funds

No restricted funds have been reclassified during the year.

Note 15 Circuit Manses, Investment Properties & Equipment

At the start of the year property managed by the Circuit comprised of 6 manses.

During the year Church Broughton and Rowland Memorial Chapels remained closed to worship and the Circuit continues to manage them.

No equipment has been capitalised.

Table 17 Property Valuation

Properties		Investment Property £	Land £	Buildings £	Equipment £	Total £
Balance Brought Forward;	T&D	352,200	290,900	1,176,600	0	1,467,500
Additions in the Year;		0	0	0		0
Revaluations;		0				0
Transfers Between Categories;		0				0
Less Disposals;		0				0
Balance Carried Forward		<u>352,200</u>	<u>290,900</u>	<u>1,176,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,467,500</u>

As property is transferred to Investment property it is revalued. Church Broughton Chapel was valued in April 2019 and Rowland memorial was valued in 2020.

The table on the next page provides a schedule of manses and investment property held by the circuit.

Table 18 Schedule of Property

Properties	Investment				Total
	Property	Land	Buildings	Equipment	
Manses at;	£	£	£	£	£
Tennysen Avenue		50,400	189,600		240,000
Lincote Drive		42,500	172,000		214,500
Wye Dale		45,000	180,000		225,000
Stretton		35,000	205,000		240,000
Heathlands Dr.		78,000	210,000		288,000
Ashby Road		40,000	220,000		260,000
Chapels;					
Church Broughton	52,200				
Rowland Memorial	300,000				
	<u>352,200</u>	<u>290,900</u>	<u>1,176,600</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,467,500</u>

Note 16 Investment Assets (and TMCP)

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Circuit's other funds (as listed below) are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest and /or Managed Equity Funds on which interest and dividends are credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Table 19 Schedule of Investments

	CMTF		Dove Valley	Various	Grand	Combined
	Trust	Trust	Burial Ground	Bequests		
	6842	15473	16439	Trust	Total	2020
	General	Designated	Restricted	General		
	£		£	£	£	£
CFB Managed Mixed Fund 2C100	22,272				22,272	18,818
Trustees Interest Fund 2C110	575,687	87,229	2,000	3,915	668,831	773,171
	<u>597,959</u>	<u>87,229</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>3,915</u>	<u>691,103</u>	<u>791,989</u>

Note 17 Debtors and Prepayments

All sums due as debtors as at 1 September 2020 were received during the following year. All sums paid in advance at 1 September 2020 were for activities that have been

held during 2020/21. Similarly, it is expected that payments in advance at 1 September 2021 will be expended in 2021/22.

Table 20 Debtors and Prepayments

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Prepayments</i>						
Stipends, Pension & NI	16,339			1,463	17,802	16,844
Circuit Website	24				24	230
Church Broughton Chapel Insurance					0	394
Circuit Zoom Subscription September					0	14
Insurance re Unit 6 2021/22	44				44	0
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	66				66	0
Unit 6 Rent (See note below)	1,075				1,075	1,075
<i>Debtors</i>						
CMTF Interest Due					0	300
SDDC Hatton Manse Council Tax					0	248
Shell Energy - Hatton Manse					0	40
Gift Aid	500				500	690
	18,048	0	0	1,463	19,511	19,835

Unit 6 Rent – Note

Unit 6 is a property leased for 5 years from South Derbyshire District Council. The lease runs until 5 December 2023.

Note 18 Loans

The Circuit has extended 2 loans to a couple of Churches. These are Ticknall and Newhall. Both have been loaned £5,000 each. The terms of the loan are zero interest with repayment at a time when the churches can afford to do so. Initially, both loans were for 12 months but the impact of the pandemic has made repayment impossible in that time period. The Circuit will review these loans annually.

Note 19 Central Finance Board and Bank Balances

Monetary balances held at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and at the HSBC bank plc are all available on demand without loss of interest. The split of these balances is shown on the next page.

Table 21 CFB and Bank Balances

	General	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	38,495	22,644	31,134	92,273	112,974
HSBC Bank	37,738	0	5,881	43,619	50,692
Cash in Hand			10,800	10,800	11,999
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>37,738</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>16,681</i>	<i>54,419</i>	<i>62,691</i>
Totals	76,233	22,644	47,815	146,692	175,665

Note 20 Stock

The stock figure, £2,460, is stock held by the Internal Organisation Oasis.

Note 21 Creditors, Accruals and Income in Advance.

It is expected that all sums accrued at 31 August 2021 will be paid during the year to 31 August 2022.

Table 22 Creditors, Accruals and Income in Advance

	General	CMTF	Designated	Restricted	Total	Combined 2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income Received in Advance</i>						
Acresford Shares					0	1250
Church Broughton Chapel Insurance					0	393
Hunt's Charity For J Hacon Salary				25,000	25,000	0
<i>Creditors</i>						
For External Organisations				14	14	128
Investment Property					0	55
Independent Examiner	1,000				1,000	500
Lay Staff Expenses				6	6	0
Presbyteral & Lay Expenses	948				948	458
Totals	1,948	0	0	25,020	26,968	2,784

Note 22 Unrestricted Funds

Note 22.1 General Fund

Table 23 General Fund Balance

	Combined	
	31 August 2021	31 August 2020
	£	£
Balance	1,920,948	1,912,986

The purpose of this fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other

purposes. About 95% of this fund is held as freehold property, being manse for Ministers and investment property.

Note 22.2 Circuit Model Trust Fund (Not Designated)

Table 24 CMTF Balance (Not Designated)

	Combined	
	31 August 2021	31 August 2020
	£	£
Balance	602,959	152,430

The purpose of the fund is for use at the discretion of the trustees in the furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit.

Although this is technically an Unrestricted Fund under the control of the Circuit Meeting, prior approval is still required from the District to utilise these funds. Methodist Standing orders 930, 931 and 917(2) are applicable.

This fund is significantly higher than last year. This is mainly due to the Circuit transferring £500,000 from CMTF previously considered as designated, This was possible as the money was designated for the purchase of a manse which is no longer considered necessary.

Note 22.3 Circuit Model Trust Fund (Designated)

Designated funds are to serve specific purposes but are not restricted by any document or deed to that purpose alone.

Table 25 CMTF Balance (Designated)

	Combined	
	31 August 2021	31 August 2020
	£	£
Balance	87,229	638,949

This balance is to fund future expenditure agreed by the Circuit Meeting on the Circuit Family Worker (2021/22) £29,272 and funding town centre ministry (£57,957). The significant reduction from the previous year is explained in note 22.2.

Note 22.4 Other Designated Funds

Table 26 Other Designated Funds

	Combined	
	31 August 2021	31 August 2020
	£	£
Balance	22,644	54,489

This is to fund future expenditure on a couple of items. The Uttoxeter Youth & Schools Worker (£16,263), other personnel costs (£6,381).

Note 22.5 Restricted Funds

Restricted funds exist to support specific expenditure. Amounts held are shown in tables 27 and 28, which also shows the purpose of each fund.
The circuit has no endowment funds.

Table 27 Restricted Funds

	Combined	
	31 August 2021	31 August 2020
	£	£
Balance	28,718	53,011

Table 28 Restricted Funds - Purpose

Fund	£	Purpose
<i>Uttoxeter Schools Worker</i>	5,874	To continue to jointly fund the School's Worker at Uttoxeter with the objective of bringing the good news of Jesus into schools within the Uttoxeter pyramid of schools.
<i>Benevolent Fund</i>	690	Primarily held for the relief of poverty and distress in the congregations and neighbourhood of the Circuit
<i>Education and Youth</i>	339	Used to fund training for leaders and helpers involved in work with young people, for young people's activities, Circuit and Church family events within the Circuit.
<i>Hanbury Burial Ground</i>	2,000	To help fund maintenance at the Hanbury Burial Ground.
<i>Internal Organisations</i>	13,248	Funds held by a variety of organisations within individual Churches. This is a combination of cash and stock.
<i>Hunt's Charity Donation</i>	3	To further the charitable purposes in connection with the Methodist Church in South Derbyshire
<i>World Church Grant</i>	2,553	To fund up to 50% of the costs of the Presbyter here to minister to the Fijian community in the UK.
<i>Shoe Box Appeal</i>	4,011	To provide funds for the annual shoe box appeal.

Note 23 Summary of Fund Movements

Table 29 Fund Movements

Fund	Balance at 31 August 2020	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ Losses	Balance at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
General	1,912,986	273,182	-299,146	33,926		1,920,948
Designated	54,489	0	-19,500	-12,345		22,644
CMTF Unrestricted	152,430	2,312	-45,237	490,000	3,454	602,959
Designated	638,949	0	-37,286	-514,434		87,229
Totals Unrestricted	2,758,854	275,494	-401,169	-2,853	3,454	2,633,780
Family Worker	0	3,870	-3,870			0
Uttoxeter Schools Worker	4,824	17,830	-19,635	2,855		5,874
Hanbury Burial Ground	2,000	7	-5	-2		2,000
Education & Youth	339		0			339
Benevolent	689	1	0			690
Connexional	0	4,119	-4,119			0
Internal Organisations	11,872	1,913	-2,997			10,788
World Church	1,732	20,001	-19,180			2,553
Shoe Boxes	4,310	1	-300			4,011
Hunt's Charity	24,785	3	-24,785			3
Stock	2,460	0	0			2,460
Totals Restricted	53,011	47,745	-74,891	2,853	0	28,718
Totals of All Funds	2,811,865	323,239	-476,060	0	3,454	2,662,498

Note 24 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

Fund balances at 31 August are Represented as shown in the following table.

Table 30 Analysis of Net Assets

	CMTF (Unrestricted)			General		Combined	
	General	Non Designated	Designated	Designated	Restricted	Total	2020
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets	1,467,500					1,467,500	1,467,500
Fixed Asset Investments	352,200					352,200	352,200
Investments		22,272				22,272	18,818
Current Assets	103,196	580,687	87,229	22,644	53,738	847,494	976,131
Current Liabilities	-1,948				-25,020	-26,968	-2,784
Totals	1,920,948	602,959	87,229	22,644	28,718	2,662,498	2,811,865

Note 25 Related Parties

Table 31 Payments to Related Parties

Name of related party	Party	Payments	Adjustments	Amounts owed to/from related
		£	£	£
District Assessment	Connexion	63,394		
Methodist Church Fund	Connexion	11,086		
Methodist Church Fund for Support of Presbyters & Deacons	Connexion	1,957		
Methodist Church Fund for Property	Connexion	2,162		
District Advance Fund	Connexion	43,726		
Total		122,325	0	0

Note 26 Capital Commitments and Contingent liabilities

There were no contingent liabilities at the year end.

Note 27 Going Concern

The Circuit considers itself to be a going concern. This is based on the levels of income (mainly share payments from Churches) promised for the financial year 2021/22. Although the pandemic has impacted on the income of Churches within the Circuit (and this is expected to continue into the next financial year) the Circuit is confident it has sufficient reserves to meet any shortfall in income. To date, the Circuit has not received any formal requests for financial support from any of its Churches.

Note 28 Independent Examiner

An accrual has been made for the Independent Examiner and this is shown in Table 22 under Note 21.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer

Date 9/3/22

Name and address of treasurer ...Andrew Wooding, 35 Church Road, Rolleston on Dove, Burton on Trent DE13 9BG

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 9/3/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Name of the Chair of the meeting

Andrew Wooding Date 9/3/22
M. Redshaw

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Circuit

Charity Number 1133721

Responsibilities and basis of Report

I Report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 16 to 23.

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; East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire, Circuit No 22/16

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; 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
- the trustees' annual Report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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

Signature of independent examiner

Barbara J Whale

Name of independent examiner

MRS B. J. WHALE

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Date

21/03/2022