

Charity number: 1133721

East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Trustees' Report and Financial Statements

For the Year Ended 31 August 2023



EAST STAFFORDSHIRE AND SOUTH DERBYSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Reference and Administrative Details of the Circuit, its Trustees and Advisers For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Trustees

Rev Rachel Wood, Superintendent (appointed 01/09/2023)
Rev David Bonny, Superintendent (01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023)
Rev Helen Harrell, Minister
Rev Manoa Ratubalavu, Minister
Rev Mike Redshaw, Minister
Rev Rachel Moss, Minister
Rev Maurice Whittaker, Supernumerary Minister (01/09/2022 to 30/09/2023)
Rev Dr Stella Mills, Supernumerary Minister (appointed 01/03/2023)
Rev Dr David Palmer, Supernumerary Minister (appointed 01/03/2023)
Rev Sue Rolls, Supernumerary Minister (appointed 01/01/2024)
Jordan Lambert, Lay Worker
Graham Mizon, Lay Worker (appointed 01/03/2024)
Andrew Wooding, Finance Steward
Denise Hancock, Circuit Steward
Andrew Hawkins, Circuit Steward
Heather Simm, Circuit Steward LP, Synod Rep (resigned 23/12/2022)
Celia Ryan, Circuit Meeting Secretary (01/09/2022 to 30/08/2023)
Teresa Hawkins, Circuit Meeting Secretary (appointed 01/09/2023)
Richard House, Safeguarding Advisor (resigned 31/08/2023)
Susan Shakespear, Family Action Team (resigned 28/02/2023)
Rosemary Hancock, Action for Children
John Jay, Circuit Missions
Jenny Illsley, Circuit Missions MHA
Bryan Wild, Circuit Missions MHA (resigned 31/08/2023)
Julie Green, Circuit Missions MWB
Sue Palmer, MWB and World Church
Sue Williams, Fijian Liaison
Sue Nickson, Synod Rep
Denis Barratt, Synod Rep (resigned 28/02/2024)
Dorothy Twigg, Acresford Treasurer, Synod Rep (resigned 01/01/2024)
Michael Green, Acresford Rep (resigned 01/01/2024)
Fiona Panter, Barton Steward
David Moore, Barton Treasurer
Ian Gilby, Barton Rep
Oliver Ball, Boylestone Steward
Rev Dr Stella Mills, Boylestone Treasurer
Eric Coates, Boylestone Rep
Terry Chandler, Church Gresley Steward
Ann Medcalf, Church Gresley Treasurer (resigned 01/01/2024)
Eila Baugh, Church Gresley Rep (resigned 01/01/2024)
Joyce Chilver, Church Gresley Rep (appointed 01/01/2024)
Kay Holman, Church Gresley Rep (appointed 01/01/2024)
Lynn Wragg, Draycott Treasurer
Steve Ryan, Draycott Rep
Vic Appleby, Etwall Steward
Herman J Bonardt, Etwall Treasurer
Wendy Smith, Etwall Rep
Brian Hill, Hilton Steward
Karen Evans, Hilton Treasurer
Liz Holmes, Hilton Rep (appointed 01/09/2023)
Nigel Sharpe, Newhall Rep (resigned 01/03/2023)

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Linda Leadbetter, Overseal Treasurer
Dilys Harper, Overseal Rep
Liz Merrick, St Thomas's Treasurer
John Jones, St Thomas's Rep
Sue McLoughlin, St Thomas's Rep
Wendy Knight, Short Street Steward
Susan Laws, Short Street Treasurer (appointed 01/09/2023)
Jean Hollins, Stanton Steward
Rita Street, Stanton Treasurer (resigned 01/09/2023)
Julie Hackett, Stanton Rep
Shirley Toon, Stretton Treasurer
Angela Bird, Ticknall Rep
Kathy Bates, Ticknall Rep
Rita Walton, Trinity Linton Heath Steward
Betty Naylor, Trinity Linton Heath Treasurer
Martin Kesterton, Trinity Linton Heath Rep (resigned 01/03/2023)
Denis Mansfield, Trinity Linton Heath Rep (01/09/2023 to 01/01/2024)
Christine Sutton, Trinity Linton Heath Rep (appointed 01/01/2024)
Roger Rooke, Uttoxeter Treasurer
John Darby, Uttoxeter Rep
Roy Ward, Woodmill Treasurer (resigned 01/06/2023)
Brian Parker, Woodville Treasurer (resigned 01/06/2023)
Joan Barnett, Woodville Rep (resigned 01/06/2023)

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number**

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Trustees' Report For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

The Trustees present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Welcome from the Superintendent

A change of staffing in the summer of 2023 means that the Superintendent of the Circuit for the reporting year is no longer in the Circuit, so as incoming Superintendent from September, I, along with Property and Finance colleagues write this report.

The Circuit Leadership Team, with support of the Circuit Meeting, have encouraged local churches to realistically reflect on their future, the results of which will be used to identify future mission and ministry.

Rachael Wood

Superintendent Minister of the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit.

Introduction

At the start of the year 2022-23, there were 18 churches within the Circuit, across the counties of Leicestershire, Derbyshire and Staffordshire, covering the towns of Uttoxeter, Burton upon Trent and Swadlincote (and surrounding villages).

The Circuit is slowly recovering from the effects of the Covid Lockdowns and new ordained and lay staff have brought new gifts and skills to the Circuit, including developing "The Stream" a Digital Church, following on from the Zoom worship happening in the previous years.

Throughout the year 3 more churches were given formal permission to close or "cease to meet" in Methodist language (Acresford, Woodmill and Woodville). 2 of the remaining churches meet twice a month, whilst the rest meet weekly on a Sunday. All churches have week day activities (either on a monthly or weekly basis) to support church members and reach out into the community, such as coffee mornings, warm spaces, Messy Churches etc. The multipurpose drop-in centre "Oasis" in Swadlincote remains open, and also hosts the new Circuit Office.

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. The Circuit trustees have given authorisation to the Circuit Leadership Team to act on their behalf throughout the year.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Objectives and activities (continued)

A list of Trustees, the Churches they represent, and the positions held is given below:

Superintendent	Rev Rachel Wood (appointed 01/09/2023)
Superintendent	Rev David Bonny (01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023)
Minister	Rev Helen Harrell
Minister	Rev Manoa Ratubalavu
Minister	Rev Mike Redshaw
Minister	Rev Rachel Moss
Minister	Rev Rachel Wood (01/09/2022 to 01/09/2023)
Supernumerary Minister	Rev Maurice Whittaker (01/09/2022 to 30/09/2023)
Supernumerary Minister	Rev Dr Stella Mills (appointed 01/03/2023)
Supernumerary Minister	Rev Dr David Palmer (appointed 01/03/2023)
Supernumerary Minister	Rev Sue Rolls (appointed 01/01/2024)
Lay Worker	Jordan Lambert
Lay Worker	Graham Mizon (appointed 01/03/2024)
Finance Steward	Andrew Wooding
Circuit Steward	Denise Hancock
Circuit Steward	Andrew Hawkins
Circuit Steward LP, Synod Rep	Heather Simm (resigned 23/12/2022)
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Celia Ryan (01/09/2022 to 30/08/2023)
Circuit Meeting Secretary	Teresa Hawkins (appointed 01/09/2023)
Safeguarding Advisor	Richard House (resigned 31/08/2023)
Family Action Team	Susan Shakespeare (resigned 28/02/2023)
Action for Children	Rosemary Hancock
Circuit Missions	John Jay
Circuit Missions MHA	Jenny Illsley
Circuit Missions MHA	Bryan Wild (resigned 31/08/2023)
Circuit Missions MHB	Julie Green
MWB and World Church	Sue Palmer
Fijian Liaison	Sue Williams
Synod Rep	Sue Nickson
Synod Rep	Denis Barratt (resigned 28/02/2024)
Acresford Methodist Church (closed September 2023)	
Treasurer, Synod Rep	Dorothy Twigg (resigned 01/01/2024)
Rep	Michael Green (resigned 01/01/2024)
Barton Under Needwood Methodist Church	
Steward	Fiona Panter
Treasurer	David Moore
Rep	Ian Gilby
Boylestone Methodist Church	
Steward	Oliver Ball
Treasurer	Rev Dr Stella Mills
Rep	Eric Coates'
Church Gresley Methodist Church	
Steward	Terry Chandler
Treasurer	Ann Medcalf (resigned 01/01/2024)
Rep	Eila Baugh (resigned 01/01/2024)
Rep	Joyce Chilver (appointed 01/01/2024)
Rep	Kay Holman (appointed 01/01/2024)
Draycott (in the Clay) Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Lynn Wragg
Rep	Steve Ryan
Etwell Methodist Church	
Steward	Vic Appleby
Treasurer	Herman J Bonardt
Rep	Wendy Smith

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Objectives and activities (continued)

Hilton Methodist Church	
Steward	Brian Hill
Treasurer	Karen Evans
Rep	Liz Holmes (appointed 01/09/2023)
Newhall Methodist Church	
Rep	Nigel Sharpe (resigned 01/03/2023)
Overseal CofE/Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Linda Leadbetter
Rep	Dilys Harper
St Thomas's Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Liz Merrick
Rep	John Jones
Rep	Sue McLoughlin
Short Street Methodist Church	
Steward	Wendy Knight
Treasurer	Susan Laws (appointed 01/09/2023)
Stanton Methodist Church	
Steward	Jean Hollins
Treasurer	Rita Street (resigned 01/09/2023)
Rep	Julie Hackett
Stretton Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Shirley Toon
Ticknall Methodist Church	
Rep	Angela Bird
Rep	Kathy Bates
Trinity Linton Heath Methodist Church	
Steward	Rita Walton
Treasurer	Betty Naylor
Rep	Martin Kesterton (resigned 01/03/2023)
Rep	Denis Mansfield (01/09/2023 to 01/01/2024)
Rep	Christine Sutton (appointed 01/01/2024)
Uttoxeter Methodist Church	
Treasurer	Roger Rooke
Rep	John Darby
Woodmill (St Paul's) Methodist Church (closed September 2022)	
Treasurer	Roy Ward (resigned 01/06/2023)
Woodville Methodist Church (closed April 2023)	
Treasurer	Brian Parker (resigned 01/06/2023)
Rep	Joan Barnett (resigned 01/06/2023)

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:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

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Objectives and activities (continued)

We do this in various ways including:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- Offering different styles of worship e.g. café worship, Messy Church, reflective and bereavement services
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the ill and bereaved, and supporting the work of the hospital chaplaincy teams.
- Leading funeral, weddings and baptism services.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Engaging in community work such as supporting Foodbanks, and Christmas Shoebox appeals.

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.

Achievements and performance

a. Review of the year

The year has brought about change in staffing, as 2 new staff, a presbyter and probationer joined the team after 3 of the previous ministers sat down (retired) or moved on. The year has brought joys and sadness – with the growth the Stream, our digital worship, and the formal closure of 3 more churches (Acresford, Woodmill and Woodville). The buildings and money, have been transferred to Circuit responsibility, while many of the people have joined the Stream, or moved elsewhere.

Using a document called 'The Way Forward', a series of proposals were agreed by the Circuit trustees, to help the Circuit and churches look to the future and explore what their ministry and mission is. This has involved all local churches writing a document about their immediate and future plans. 4 churches, did not meet the Methodist criteria of having 12 trustees – however 2 of these are now compliant, the other 2 continue to have discussions about their future. A new Circuit Administrator was appointed in April 2023, and she has quickly become a valuable member of staff.

Mission and ministry continues to happen across the local churches, though coffee mornings, warm space, school assemblies (including open the book), Messy Church and through the work of the Uttoxeter schools worker, who is now also being financially supported by the Anglican churches in Uttoxeter. His work continues to develop supporting the needs of the schools – staff and students.

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Achievements and performance (continued)

b. Property

During the period of this report the Circuit are currently the Managing Trustees for a total of 6 Manses each occupied by a Minister. These are sited at Ashby Road, Burton, Elwyn Close, Stretton, Heathlands Drive, Uttoxeter, Tennyson Avenue, Midway, Wye Dale, Church Gresley and Lincote Way, Woodville. In addition to the Manses, the Circuit holds a number of Investment Properties as follows: Rowland Memorial Methodist Church (The Well), Winhill Methodist Church, Stubwood Methodist Church, Woodville Methodist Church, Blackfordby Methodist Church, Hatton Methodist Church and Woodmill Methodist Church.

Also during the 2022/2023 Connexional year Acresford Methodist Church made the difficult decision to cease to meet. However full Synod approval was not given until September 2023 and therefore the 2023/2024 Connexional year. The Circuit also leases Unit 6, the Delph Centre, Swadlincote from South Derbyshire District Council on a 5 year lease expiring December 2023. Having been given delegated authority by the Circuit Meeting, the Circuit Leadership Team began the sales process on four properties namely: Stubwood Methodist Church, Hatton Methodist Church, Winhill Methodist Church and Blackfordby Methodist Church. This is not a straightforward process, however it is anticipated that sales may be completed in the 2023/2024 Connexional year by the end of Quarter 2 (February 2024). The Circuit Meeting will be updated as appropriate.

c. Plans for future years

The Circuit Leadership Team will continue to work with local churches as they reflect on The Way Forward documents and the Methodist Way of Life (MWOL) offering space for and encouraging worship, discipleship and evangelism. The process to sell some of our redundant buildings has begun, the proceeds of which will support the local churches and the Circuit staff. Looking further ahead, there will be more changes in staffing, and so conversations about future ministry will need to take place. We are also committed to support mission projects (new and old including the Arts Church and Oasis) and to helping local communities in as many ways as we can. As we enter a new Connexional year, we acknowledge the difficult times, but look forward in faith and hope to what the New Year brings.

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 2019)—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.

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Financial review

During the year, the Circuit has accounted for total income of £530,362 (2022 - £1,094,612) and expenditure of £535,139 (2022 - £505,268). Contained within the income figure is notional income of £225,000 which was received when a further 2 churches, which have closed to worship, became the management responsibility of the Circuit. These are now shown on the balance sheet as investment properties. Excluding this notional income, the underlying, recurrent operating deficit of c£229,800 was only £800 higher than that planned of £229,000.

The underlying deficit is due to an expected shortfall in shares due to church closures and the continuing inability of active churches to raise sufficient funds to cover all Circuit operational expenses (£118,000) and payments to the Methodist Church from balances held (£111,000).

The Circuit continues to actively manage its manses and investment properties to minimise cost and provide a good standard of accommodation for Ministers. Investment properties are planned to be sold at the earliest opportunity.

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 2023/24. Although the Circuit expects a continuation of church closures, it is confident it has sufficient reserves to meet any shortfall in income.

There are no subsidiary undertakings.

The Circuit's main source of income continues to be shares received from the Churches within the Circuit, which in 2022/23 accounted for 38% of its operational income (2022 - 68%).

Circuit income is used, in the main, to fund the stipends and associated costs of Ministers (6.0 full time equivalents during the year) and salaries and associated costs of lay staff (1.25 full time equivalents). In 2023 this accounted for 52% of total expenditure (2022 - 59%). The balance of expenditure, in the main, is used to support the wider Methodist Church 23% (2022 - 24%) and the running of the property within the Circuit, 13% (2022, 11%).

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

a. Reserves policy

At the end of the year (31 August 2023) the Circuit held the following reserves:

		£
Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	229,205
	General	3,045,761
	Sub-total unrestricted	3,274,966
Restricted	See below	22,142
Total Reserves		3,297,108

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;

	£
Fairer Choice	6,400
Oasis	7,266
Woodville Burial Ground	507
World Church	675
Shoe Boxes	1,688
Benevolent Fund	190
Hanbury Burial Ground	2,001
Uttoxeter Youth & Schools Worker	3,415
Total	22,142

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 and which cannot be funded from income.

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.

b. 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.

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.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Structure, governance and management (continued)

a. 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.

b. Related party relationships

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

Acresford Methodist Church (Closed Sept 23)
Barton under Needwood Methodist Church
Boylestone Methodist Church
Church Gresley Methodist Church
Draycott in the Clay Methodist Church
Etwall Methodist Church
Hilton Methodist Church
Newhall Methodist Church
Overseal C of E/Methodist Church
Short Street Methodist Church
Stanton Methodist Church
Stretton Methodist Church
St Thomas's Methodist Church
Ticknall Methodist Church
Trinity (Linton) Methodist Church
Uttoxeter Methodist Church
Woodmill (St Paul's) Methodist Church (Closed August 2022)
Woodville Methodist Church (Closed April 2023)

Closed Churches

Blackfordby Methodist Church
Hatton Methodist Church
Rowland Memorial Methodist Church
Stubwood Methodist Church
Winhill Methodist Church

c. Risk management

As last year, 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. Whilst some of our churches are growing in membership, others are shrinking, meaning that some difficult decisions will need to be made about the future of their buildings and explore different ways / spaces to worship. There is also a risk between balancing the needs of the Circuit (and local churches) along with the financial situation, which currently is reliant on sale of redundant church buildings.

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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.

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Trustees' Report (continued) For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

Statement of Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Circuit and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles of the Charities SORP (FRS 102);
- make judgements and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards (FRS 102) have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Circuit will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the Circuit's transactions and 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 Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the Trust deed. 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.

Disclosure of information to auditors

Each of the persons who are Trustees at the time when this Trustees' Report is approved has confirmed that:

- so far as that Trustee is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the charity's auditors are unaware, and
- that Trustee has taken all the steps that ought to have been taken as a Trustee in order to be aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the charity's auditors are aware of that information.

Auditors

The auditors, Dains Audit Limited, have indicated their willingness to continue in office. The designated Trustees will propose a motion reappointing the auditors at a meeting of the Trustees.

Approved by order of the members of the board of Trustees on 12 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev. Mike Redshaw
Acting Superintendent

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Independent Auditors' Report to the Members of East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2023 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Statement of Cash Flows and the related notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standards applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has been withdrawn.

This has been done in order for the accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with the Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2023 and of its incoming resources and application of resources for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the United Kingdom, including the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the Trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the Trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

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Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report other than the financial statements and our Auditors' Report thereon. The Trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the Annual Report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon. Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Trustees' Report is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Trustees' Responsibilities Statement, the Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the Trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the Trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

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Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an Auditors' Report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Our approach to identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, was as follows:

- the senior statutory auditor ensured that the engagement team collectively had the appropriate competence, capabilities and skills to identify or recognise non-compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- we identified the laws and regulations applicable to the company through discussions with directors and other management, and from our commercial knowledge and experience of the charity sector;
- we focused on specific laws and regulations which we considered may have a direct material effect on the financial statements or the operations of the charity, including the financial reporting legislation, Charities Act 2011, taxation legislation, anti-bribery, employment, and environmental and health and safety legislation;
- we assessed the extent of compliance with the laws and regulations identified above through making enquiries of management and inspecting legal correspondence; and
- identified laws and regulations were communicated within the audit team regularly and the team remained alert to instances of non-compliance throughout the audit.

We assessed the susceptibility of the charity's financial statements to material misstatement, including obtaining an understanding of how fraud might occur, by:

- making enquiries of management as to where they considered there was susceptibility to fraud, their knowledge of actual, suspected and alleged fraud;
- considering the internal controls in place to mitigate risks of fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations.

To address the risk of fraud through management bias and override of controls, we:

- performed analytical procedures to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships;
- tested journal entries to identify unusual transactions;
- assessed whether judgements and assumptions made in determining the accounting estimates were indicative of potential bias;
- investigated the rationale behind significant or unusual transactions

In response to the risk of irregularities and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we designed procedures which included, but were not limited to:

- agreeing financial statement disclosures to underlying supporting documentation;
- reading the minutes of meetings of those charged with governance;

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- enquiring of management as to actual and potential litigation and claims;
- reviewing correspondence with HMRC, relevant regulators and the company's legal advisors.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at: www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Auditors' Report.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an Auditors' Report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and its members, as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Dains Audit Limited

Statutory Auditor
Chartered Accountants

Birmingham

12 March 2024

Dains Audit Limited are eligible to act as auditors in terms of section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of financial activities For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

	Note	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £	Total funds 2022 £
Income from:					
Donations and legacies	3	4,984	15,520	20,504	22,535
Charitable activities	4	196,214	23,721	219,935	266,922
Investments	5	33,133	63	33,196	4,629
Other income	6	251,568	5,159	256,727	800,526
Total income		485,899	44,463	530,362	1,094,612
Expenditure on:					
Charitable activities	8	481,311	53,828	535,139	505,268
Total expenditure		481,311	53,828	535,139	505,268
Net income/(expenditure) before net (losses)/gains on investments		4,588	(9,365)	(4,777)	589,344
Net (losses)/gains on investments		(886)	-	(886)	50,929
Net income/(expenditure)		3,702	(9,365)	(5,663)	640,273
Transfers between funds	19	(3,721)	3,721	-	-
Net movement in funds		(19)	(5,644)	(5,663)	640,273
Reconciliation of funds:					
Total funds brought forward		3,274,985	27,786	3,302,771	2,662,498
Net movement in funds		(19)	(5,644)	(5,663)	640,273
Total funds carried forward		3,274,966	22,142	3,297,108	3,302,771

The Statement of Financial Activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

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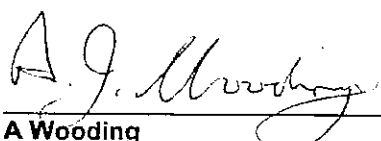
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Balance Sheet

As at 31 August 2023

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible assets	13	1,443,968	1,467,500
Investments		-	20,873
Investment property	14	1,300,000	1,075,000
		<u>2,743,968</u>	<u>2,563,373</u>
Current assets			
Stocks	15	1,589	2,071
Debtors	16	25,532	28,007
Investments	17	231,712	582,529
Cash at bank and in hand		318,809	135,931
		<u>577,642</u>	<u>748,538</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	18	(24,502)	(9,140)
Net current assets		<u>553,140</u>	<u>739,398</u>
Total net assets		<u><u>3,297,108</u></u>	<u><u>3,302,771</u></u>
Charity funds			
Restricted funds	19	22,142	27,786
Unrestricted funds	19	3,274,966	3,274,985
Total funds		<u><u>3,297,108</u></u>	<u><u>3,302,771</u></u>

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue by the Trustees on 12 March 2024 and signed on their behalf by:


A Wooding
Treasurer

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these financial statements.

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE AND SOUTH DERBYSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT**Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended 31 August 2023**

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash flows from operating activities		
Net cash used in operating activities	(222,008)	(206,565)
Cash flows from investing activities		
Disposal of tangible fixed assets	-	104,528
Net cash provided by investing activities	-	104,528
Cash flows from financing activities		
Interest received	33,196	3,575
Net cash provided by financing activities	33,196	3,575
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year	(188,812)	(98,462)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the year	739,333	837,795
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	550,521	739,333

The notes on pages 20 to 39 form part of these financial statements

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Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended 31 August 2023

1. General Information

East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit is a charity registered with the charity commission in England and Wales. The address of the registered office is 3 Heathlands Drive, Uttoxeter, Staffordshire, ST14 7BL. The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union 1932 and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. Further information regarding the Circuit's principal activities are set out in the Trustees' report.

2. Accounting policies

2.1 Basis of preparation of financial statements

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) - Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019), and the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102).

The financial statements have been prepared to give a 'true and fair' view and have departed from the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 only to the extent required to provide a 'true and fair' view. This departure has involved following the Charities SORP (FRS 102) published in October 2019 rather than the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice effective from 1 April 2005 which has since been withdrawn.

East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit 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.

2.2 Income

All income is recognised once the Circuit has entitlement to the income, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount of income receivable can be measured reliably.

Grants are included in the Statement of Financial Activities on a receivable basis. The balance of income received for specific purposes but not expended during the period is shown in the relevant funds on the Balance Sheet. Where income is received in advance of entitlement of receipt, its recognition is deferred and included in creditors as deferred income. Where entitlement occurs before income is received, the income is accrued.

Income tax recoverable in relation to investment income is recognised at the time the investment income is receivable.

Other income is recognised in the period in which it is receivable and to the extent the goods have been provided or on completion of the service.

2.3 Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised once there is a legal or constructive obligation to transfer economic benefit to a third party, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is classified by activity. The costs of each activity are made up of the total of direct costs and shared costs, including support costs involved in undertaking each activity. Direct costs attributable to a single activity are allocated directly to that activity. Shared costs which contribute to more than one activity and support costs which are not attributable to a single activity are apportioned between those activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources. Central staff costs are allocated on the basis of time spent, and depreciation charges allocated on the portion of the asset's use.

**Notes to the Financial Statements
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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.3 Expenditure (continued)

Expenditure on charitable activities is incurred on directly undertaking the activities which further the Circuit's objectives, as well as any associated support costs.

Grants payable are charged in the year when the offer is made except in those cases where the offer is conditional, such grants being recognised as expenditure when the conditions attaching are fulfilled. Grants offered subject to conditions which have not been met at the year end are noted as a commitment, but not accrued as expenditure.

All expenditure is inclusive of irrecoverable VAT.

2.4 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.

2.5 Tangible fixed assets and depreciation

Tangible fixed assets costing £1,000 or more are capitalised and recognised when future economic benefits are probable and the cost or value of the asset can be measured reliably.

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 charged so as to allocate the cost of tangible fixed assets less their residual value over their estimated useful lives, using the straight-line method. Trustees consider the current residual value of the manse buildings to be the same as their deemed cost or actual cost.

Depreciation is provided on the following bases:

Circuit manses	- 4% straight line
Freehold land	- not depreciated

2.6 Investments

Fixed asset investments are a form of financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction cost and subsequently measured at fair value at the Balance Sheet date, unless the value cannot be measured reliably in which case it is measured at cost less impairment. Investment gains and losses, whether realised or unrealised, are combined and presented as 'Gains/(Losses) on investments' in the Statement of Financial Activities.

2.7 Stocks

Stocks are valued at the lower of cost and net realisable value after making due allowance for obsolete and slow-moving stocks. Cost includes all direct costs and an appropriate proportion of fixed and variable overheads.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.8 Debtors

Trade and other debtors are recognised at the settlement amount after any trade discount offered. Prepayments are valued at the amount prepaid net of any trade discounts due.

2.9 Cash at bank and in hand

Cash at bank and in hand includes cash and short-term highly liquid investments with a short maturity of three months or less from the date of acquisition or opening of the deposit or similar account.

2.10 Liabilities and provisions

Liabilities are recognised when there is an obligation at the Balance Sheet date as a result of a past event, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefit will be required in settlement, and the amount of the settlement can be estimated reliably.

Liabilities are recognised at the amount that the Circuit anticipates it will pay to settle the debt or the amount it has received as advanced payments for the goods or services it must provide.

Provisions are measured at the best estimate of the amounts required to settle the obligation. Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the provision is based on the present value of those amounts, discounted at the pre-tax discount rate that reflects the risks specific to the liability. The unwinding of the discount is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities as a finance cost.

2.11 Financial instruments

The Circuit only has financial assets and financial liabilities of a kind that qualify as basic financial instruments. Basic financial instruments are initially recognised at transaction value and subsequently measured at their settlement value with the exception of bank loans which are subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

2.12 Pensions

All Methodist Ministers in the Circuit are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme, which is a defined benefit scheme. The Circuit is unable to identify its share of the underlying assets and liabilities of the scheme and therefore contributions are accounted for as if it were a defined contribution scheme. Contributions are therefore charged in the accounts as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

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2. Accounting policies (continued)

2.13 Fund accounting

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the Trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the Circuit and which have not been designated for other purposes.

Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the Trustees for particular purposes. The aim and use of each designated fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors or which have been raised by the Circuit for particular purposes. The costs of raising and administering such funds are charged against the specific fund. The aim and use of each restricted fund is set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Investment income, gains and losses are allocated to the appropriate fund.

3. Income from donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Donations			
General donations	4,175	-	4,175
Uttoxeter Churches for UY&SW	-	14,995	14,995
Connexional Funds	-	525	525
Gift Aid	809	-	809
Grants	-	(23,721)	(23,721)
	<u>4,984</u>	<u>15,520</u>	<u>20,504</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Donations			
General donations	3,038	-	3,038
Uttoxeter Churches for UY&SW	-	14,800	14,800
Trent and Dove Churches	-	3,020	3,020
Connexional Funds	-	835	835
Gift Aid	842	-	842
	<u>3,880</u>	<u>18,655</u>	<u>22,535</u>

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4. Income from charitable activities

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Assessments on Churches	196,214	-	196,214
Grants received	-	23,721	23,721
	<u>196,214</u>	<u>23,721</u>	<u>219,935</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Assessments on Churches	217,777	-	217,777
Grants received	-	49,145	49,145
	<u>217,777</u>	<u>49,145</u>	<u>266,922</u>

Grants received

	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
District Advance Fund Grant for UY&SW	3,721	3,721
World Church Grant for Fijian Minister	20,000	20,000
	<u>23,721</u>	<u>23,721</u>

	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
District Advance Fund Grant for UY&SW	4,145	4,145
World Church Grant for Fijian Minister	20,000	20,000
Hunt's Charity Grant towards Diaconal Post	25,000	25,000
	<u>49,145</u>	<u>49,145</u>

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5. Investment Income

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Rental income	3,100	-	3,100
Interest received	30,033	63	30,096
	<u>33,133</u>	<u>63</u>	<u>33,196</u>

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Rental income	1,054	-	1,054
Interest received	3,566	9	3,575
	<u>4,620</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4,629</u>

6. Other incoming resources

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Other income	3,148	5,159	8,307
New investment properties	225,000	-	225,000
Balances transferred from closed churches	23,420	-	23,420
	<u>251,568</u>	<u>5,159</u>	<u>256,727</u>

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6. Other incoming resources (continued)

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Other income	3,956	6,023	9,979
New investment properties	775,000	-	775,000
Balances transferred from closed churches	15,547	-	15,547
	<u>794,503</u>	<u>6,023</u>	<u>800,526</u>

7. Analysis of grants

	Grants to Institutions 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants and donations	<u>1,848</u>	<u>1,848</u>

	Grants to Institutions 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants and donations	<u>2,576</u>	<u>2,576</u>

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8. Analysis of expenditure on charitable activities

Summary by fund type

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total 2023 £
Grants and donations	330	1,518	1,848
Property	66,922	2,527	69,449
District assessment and levy	122,969	-	122,969
Office and administration	28,555	6	28,561
Other outgoings	5,495	5,654	11,149
Depreciation	23,532	-	23,532
Stipends, salaries and associated costs	233,508	44,123	277,631
	481,311	53,828	535,139

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £
Grants and donations	-	2,576	2,576
Property	56,104	1,860	57,964
District assessment and levy	123,059	-	123,059
Office and administration	13,387	6	13,393
Other outgoings	5,485	4,812	10,297
Stipends, salaries and associated costs	229,557	68,422	297,979
	427,592	77,676	505,268

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9. Analysis of expenditure by activities

	Activities undertaken directly 2023 £	Grant funding of activities 2023 £	Support costs 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Grants and donations	-	1,848	-	1,848
Property	-	-	69,449	69,449
District assessment and levy	122,969	-	-	122,969
Office and administration	-	-	28,561	28,561
Other outgoings	-	-	11,149	11,149
Depreciation	-	-	23,532	23,532
Stipends, salaries and associated costs	-	-	277,631	277,631
	<u>122,969</u>	<u>1,848</u>	<u>410,322</u>	<u>535,139</u>

	Activities undertaken directly 2022 £	Grant funding of activities 2022 £	Support costs 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Grants and donations	-	2,576	-	2,576
Property	-	-	57,964	57,964
District assessment and levy	123,059	-	-	123,059
Office and administration	-	-	13,393	13,393
Other outgoings	-	-	10,297	10,297
Stipends, salaries and associated costs	-	-	297,979	297,979
	<u>123,059</u>	<u>2,576</u>	<u>379,633</u>	<u>505,268</u>

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10. Auditors' remuneration

	2023 £	2022 £
Fees payable to the Circuit's auditor for the audit of the Circuit's annual accounts	9,900	9,000
Fees payable to the Circuit's auditor in respect of: Non audit fees	1,750	-

11. Staff costs

	2023 £	2022 £
Wages and salaries	216,406	235,463
Social security costs	16,653	17,916
Contribution to defined contribution pension schemes	44,572	44,600
	277,631	297,979

The average number of persons employed by the Circuit during the year was as follows:

	2023 No.	2022 No.
Ministers	6	6
Administration & mission	4	3
	10	9

No employee received remuneration amounting to more than £60,000 in either year.

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12. Trustees' remuneration and expenses

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

During the year, one or more Trustees has been paid remuneration or has received other benefits from an employment with the Circuit. The value of Trustees' remuneration and other benefits was as follows:

		2023 £	2022 £
Rev'd Dave Bonny	Remuneration	27,324	25,824
	Pension contributions paid	6,640	6,947
Rev'd Helen Harrell	Remuneration	27,280	25,824
	Pension contributions paid	7,291	6,947
Rev'd Rachel Wood	Remuneration	27,280	-
	Pension contributions paid	7,291	-
Rev'd Mike Redshaw	Remuneration	27,280	25,824
	Pension contributions paid	7,291	6,947
Rev'd Manoa Ratubalavu	Remuneration	27,280	25,824
	Pension contributions paid	7,291	6,947
Rev'd Rachel Moss	Remuneration	27,280	-
	Pension contributions paid	7,291	-
Jordan Lambert	Remuneration	18,500	17,300
	Pension contributions paid	1,110	1,038

During the year ended 31 August 2023, no Trustee has received any expenses in relation to their work as a Trustee (2022 - £NIL).

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13. Tangible fixed assets

	Manses £
Cost or valuation	
At 1 September 2022	1,467,500
At 31 August 2023	<u>1,467,500</u>
Depreciation	
Charge for the year	23,532
At 31 August 2023	<u>23,532</u>
Net book value	
At 31 August 2023	<u><u>1,443,968</u></u>
At 31 August 2022	<u><u>1,467,500</u></u>

14. Investment property

	Freehold investment property £
Valuation	
At 1 September 2022	1,075,000
Additions	225,000
At 31 August 2023	<u><u>1,300,000</u></u>

During the year property managed by the Circuit comprised of 6 manses. Woodmill and Woodville Churches both closed to worship during the year and their management transferred to the Circuit. The following Chapels are also closed to worship and managed by the Circuit; Rowland Memorial, Winhill, Blackfordby, Prince Memorial, Stubwood and Church Broughton.

No properties were sold during the year.

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15. Stocks

	2023 £	2022 £
Finished goods and goods for resale	1,589	2,071

16. Debtors

	2023 £	2022 £
Due within one year		
Other debtors	-	5,000
Prepayments and accrued income	25,532	23,007
	25,532	28,007

17. Current asset investments

	2023 £	2022 £
Unlisted investments	231,712	582,529

18. Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year

	2023 £	2022 £
Accruals	24,502	9,140

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19. Statement of funds

Statement of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
Unrestricted funds						
General Funds	2,672,507	469,903	(443,547)	347,784	(886)	3,045,761
Circuit Model Trust Fund	602,478	15,996	(37,764)	(351,505)	-	229,205
	<u>3,274,985</u>	<u>485,899</u>	<u>(481,311)</u>	<u>(3,721)</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>3,274,966</u>
Restricted funds						
Uttoxeter Schools Worker	6,373	18,716	(25,173)	3,499	-	3,415
Hanbury Burial Ground	2,002	63	(4)	(60)	-	2,001
Benevolent Fund	190	-	-	-	-	190
Connexional	-	525	(300)	(225)	-	-
Internal Organisations	12,090	5,159	(5,654)	482	-	12,077
World Churches	2,154	20,000	(21,479)	-	-	675
Shoe Box Appeal	2,906	-	(1,218)	-	-	1,688
Woodville Burial Ground	-	-	-	507	-	507
Stock	2,071	-	-	(482)	-	1,589
	<u>27,786</u>	<u>44,463</u>	<u>(53,828)</u>	<u>3,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,142</u>
Total of funds	<u>3,302,771</u>	<u>530,362</u>	<u>(535,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>3,297,108</u>

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Restricted funds exist to support specific expenditure. Each of the following Restricted funds are used for the purpose described:

Uttoxeter Schools Worker

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.

Hanbury Burial Ground

To fund maintenance of the Burial Ground at Hanbury.

Benevolent Fund

Primarily held for the relief of poverty and distress in the congregations and neighbourhood of the Circuit.

Internal Organisations

Funds held by a variety of organisations within individual Churches.

World Churches

To fund 50% of the costs of the Presbyter provided to minister to the Fijian community in the UK.

Shoe Box Appeal

To provide funds for the annual shoe box appeal.

Woodville Burial Ground

To fund maintenance of the Burial Ground at Woodville.

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19. Statement of funds (continued)

Statement of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Unrestricted funds						
Designated funds						
Designated Funds	22,644	-	-	(22,644)	-	-
CMTF	87,229	-	-	(87,229)	-	-
General funds						
General Funds	1,920,948	1,017,537	(382,999)	117,021	-	2,672,507
Circuit Model Trust Fund	602,959	3,243	(44,592)	(10,061)	50,929	602,478
Total Unrestricted funds	2,633,780	1,020,780	(427,591)	(2,913)	50,929	3,274,985
Restricted funds						
Family Worker	-	3,020	(3,020)	-	-	-
Uttoxeter Schools Worker	5,874	18,945	(21,360)	2,914	-	6,373
Hanbury Burial Ground	2,000	9	(6)	(1)	-	2,002
Education & Youth	339	-	(339)	-	-	-
Benevolent Fund	690	-	(500)	-	-	190
Connexional	-	835	(835)	-	-	-
Internal Organisations	10,788	6,023	(5,110)	389	-	12,090
World Churches	2,553	20,000	(20,399)	-	-	2,154
Shoe Box Appeal	4,011	-	(1,105)	-	-	2,906
Hunt's Charity	3	25,000	(25,003)	-	-	-
Stock	2,460	-	-	(389)	-	2,071
Total Restricted funds	28,718	73,832	(77,677)	2,913	-	27,786
Total of funds	2,662,498	1,094,612	(505,268)	-	50,929	3,302,771

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20. Summary of funds

Summary of funds - current year

	Balance at 1 September 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers In/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2023 £
General funds	3,274,985	485,899	(481,311)	(3,721)	(886)	3,274,966
Restricted funds	27,786	44,463	(53,828)	3,721	-	22,142
	<u>3,302,771</u>	<u>530,362</u>	<u>(535,139)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(886)</u>	<u>3,297,108</u>

Summary of funds - prior year

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Transfers in/out £	Gains/ (Losses) £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Designated funds	109,873	-	-	(109,873)	-	-
General funds	2,523,907	1,020,780	(427,591)	106,960	50,929	3,274,985
Restricted funds	28,718	73,832	(77,677)	2,913	-	27,786
	<u>2,662,498</u>	<u>1,094,612</u>	<u>(505,268)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>50,929</u>	<u>3,302,771</u>

21. Analysis of net assets between funds

Analysis of net assets between funds - current year

	Unrestricted funds 2023 £	Restricted funds 2023 £	Total funds 2023 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,443,968	-	1,443,968
Investment property	1,300,000	-	1,300,000
Current assets	555,233	22,409	577,642
Creditors due within one year	(24,235)	(267)	(24,502)
Total	<u>3,274,966</u>	<u>22,142</u>	<u>3,297,108</u>

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21. Analysis of net assets between funds (continued)

Analysis of net assets between funds - prior year

	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Total funds 2022 £
Tangible fixed assets	1,467,500	-	1,467,500
Fixed asset investments	20,873	-	20,873
Investment property	1,075,000	-	1,075,000
Current assets	720,657	27,881	748,538
Creditors due within one year	(9,045)	(95)	(9,140)
Total	3,274,985	27,786	3,302,771

22. Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2023 £	2022 £
Net income/expenditure for the year (as per Statement of Financial Activities)	(5,663)	640,273
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation charges	23,532	-
Additions of Investment Properties	(225,000)	(775,000)
Disposals of tangible fixed assets	-	(52,328)
Decrease in stocks	482	389
Investment income	(33,196)	(3,575)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	2,475	(3,496)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	15,362	(17,828)
Increase/(decrease) in loans outstanding	-	5,000
Net cash used in operating activities	(222,008)	(206,565)

23. Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand	550,521	739,333
Total cash and cash equivalents	550,521	739,333

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24. Analysis of changes in net debt

	At 1 September 2022 £	Cash flows £	At 31 August 2023 £
Cash at bank and in hand	135,931	182,878	318,809
Liquid investments	582,529	(350,817)	231,712
	<u>718,460</u>	<u>(167,939)</u>	<u>550,521</u>

25. Capital commitments

There were no capital commitments at the year-end (2022 - £NIL).

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26. Pension commitments

The Circuit operates a defined contribution pension scheme. The assets of the scheme are held separately from those of the Circuit in an independently administered fund. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Circuit to the fund and amount to £44,572 (2022 - £44,600). Contributions totalling £NIL (2022 - £NIL) were payable to the fund at the balance sheet date and are included in creditors.

27. Related party transactions

The East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit has not entered into any related party transaction during the year, nor are there any outstanding balances owing between related parties and the East Staffordshire and South Derbyshire Methodist Circuit at 31 August 2023.