



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 **To** 31st August 2025

Charity name: The Fens Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1133790

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purpose of the Methodist Church is and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of the Union the advancement of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards of discipline in 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. <p>These objectives are interpreted at Circuit levels through the 'Circuit Mission Statement and Policy' document (available on request).</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Circuit produces a quarterly plan to ensure that regular acts of worship take place in each of the eight Circuit Churches. These are open to all without charge.</p> <p>All the Circuit churches serve their local community through their availability for baptisms, marriages and funerals.</p> <p>The properties are variously used by community organisations. Some properties were specifically built to serve both as a worship and as a community centre. The trustees encourage all Circuit churches to use their buildings, where suitable, for the benefit of the community.</p> <p>Where appropriate, grants are made available to promote this community engagement. Examples of such are: Parent and Toddler Group, community lunches, a daily coffee bar, women's fellowship, youth groups, uniformed organisations, professional advice services. These are open to all, irrespective of Church allegiance.</p>

		We seek to address the spiritual needs of those in residential care.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>The Circuit continues the process of each church undertaking a mission and vision review. September 2024 continued with a settled team consisting of a Hospitality Lay Pastor to support the Superintendent Minister, in addition to a part-time Administrator and Coffee Bar Manager for Trinity Coffee Bar.</p> <p>Staffing levels have remained consistent. The Hospitality Lay Pastor interacted across the churches, with congregations and local communities, to encourage working towards the principles of the Social Gospel and the Methodist Church doctrine that:</p> <p>All need to be saved All can be saved All can know they are saved All can be saved to the uttermost.</p> <p>The churches have updated and will continue to monitor their Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults procedure training and DBS checks.</p> <p>We have three redundant buildings, one of which remains on the market (Tydd St Giles). An offer has been accepted for Terrington St John, and we are finalising the agreement with solicitors. St Andrews Outwell has been valued for sale; outstanding issues with the Ministry of Justice are delaying progress.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	<p>The Circuit accounts are available for inspection. The Circuit Advance Fund is used to subsidise the Connexional assessment, to provide grants towards the cost of major repairs and to cover any shortfall in the assessments from local churches.</p> <p>On the 1st September 2024, the Fens Circuit held total cash funds of £207,771 and on the 31st August 2025, had a closing balance of £120,702.</p>
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Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to facilitate the payment of Connexional and District assessments, business expenses and the services of a part-time Circuit Administrator and Lay Employees.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£27,914
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as an ongoing concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted?	Para 1.25	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers are automatically trustees.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The Fens Methodist Circuit is part of the East Anglia Methodist District. It has 8 churches that were served by the Superintendent Minister.
Other		Statistical returns for 1 st November 2024 showed a membership of 138. The Methodist/URC Local Ecumenical Partnership Church in March had an additional 8 URC members.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	The Fens Methodist Circuit
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1133790
Charity's principal address	The Fens Circuit Office, Trinity Methodist Church, 17 Church Terrace, Wisbech, PE13 1BL

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Lorna Valentine	Superintendent Minister		
2	Nicola Warden	Lay Pastor		
3	Karren Tibbs	Circuit Steward		
4	Roger Dack	Circuit Steward		
5	Susan Dack	Circuit Steward		
6	Timothy Dewdney	Circuit Steward		
7	Mary Jane Hurst	Circuit Steward		
8	Linda Vincent	Circuit Steward		
9	Sylvia Ringham			
10	Rosemary Marchant			
11	Evelyn Hamps		01/09/2024 - 14/08/2025	
12	Elaine Thornton			
13	Christine Horn			
14	Mavis Ashcroft			
15	David Thompson			
16	Joyce Dobson			
17	Anne Emmerson			
18	Roy Askew			
19	Eric Cross			
20	Christopher Coates			
21	Trevor Vincent			
22	Robin Vincent			
23	Diana Burling			
24	Janice Powers			
25	David Fairbrother			
26	Gwendoline Dewdney			
27	Mary Gibbs			
28	Joy Smalley			
29	Joan Thompson			
30	Wendy Chandler			

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	


Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LORNA VACENTINE (PND)	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR OF CIRCUIT MEETING - THE FENS	
Date	22/04/2026	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

FENS	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2025

EAST ANGLIA	District	Circuit no	14/22
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Tim Dewdney

Robin Vincent

Rosemary Morgan

Treasurer:

Rachael Atkins

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		96,400	0	0	96,400	110,435
a3	Capital receipts		0	0	0	0	0
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,455	4,683	0	7,138	8,762
a5	Grants		0	0	0	0	0
a6	Other receipts		99,903	0	0	99,903	131,965
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		198,758	4,683	0	203,479	251,162

SECTION B			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	TOTALS 2024 25	TOTALS 2023-24
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		108,225	0	0	108,225	97,376
b3	Manse Costs		6,268	0	0	6,268	36,522
b4	Administration etc		5,525	538	0	6,063	4,146
b5	District Assessment		23,286	0	0	23,286	25,039
b6	Grants & donations		0	0	0	0	910
b7			0	0	0	0	
b8	Other payments		82,749	63,918	0	146,706	92,082
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		226,054	64,456	0	290,548	256,076

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	-27,296	-59,774	0	-87,069	-4,914
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		-126,269	333,994	46	207,771	212,685
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	-153,564	274,221	46	120,702	207,771
c4	Transfers and adjustments		0	0	0	0	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	-153,564	274,221	46	120,702	207,771

SECTION D						
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year			0		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,390		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,390		
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			0		

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

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting

Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose.

This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Circuit Youth & Ed	0	340	-340	0	340	0
e2	Coffee Bar	34,028	34,034	-6	0	10,718	10,712
e3				0			0
e4				0			0
e5				0			0
e6				0			0
e7				0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	34,028	34,373	-346	0	11,058 (e11)	10,712 (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	203,479	290,548	-87,069	0	207,771 (e11)	120,702 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	237,507	324,922	-87,415	0	218,829 (e11)	131,414 (y)

Continue on a separate
sheet if necessary and bring
the totals forward**TOTAL RECEIPTS****TOTAL PAYMENTS****SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

f1	Cash in hand
f2	Bank Current Account
f3	Bank Deposit Account
f4	Central Finance Board
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
f6	Other funds
f7	SUB TOTAL
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT

01-Sep-24	31-Aug-25
OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
0	0
30,733	19,956
0	0
11,467	12,281
165,572	88,465
0	0
207,771	120,702 (c8)
340	10,712 (e12)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

g1	Investments (include Endowments)
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)
g3	Other Assets
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end
g5	Other Liabilities

At 01-Sep-24	At 31-Aug-25
4,155	4,196
697,883	697,883
0	0
0	0
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f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS' REPORT FORM - *Trinity Coffee Bar*

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RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

Note

SECTION H

RECEIPTS

h1	Gifts & donations		
h2	Other receipts	£	34,027.68
h3	TOTAL RECEIPTS (to Receipts col page 3 in the main accounts)	£	34,027.68

SECTION I

PAYMENTS

i1	Donations		
i2	Other payments	£	34,033.68
i3	TOTAL PAYMENTS (to Payments col page 3 in the main accounts)	£	34,033.68

SECTION J

j1	NET RECEIPTS (PAYMENTS)	(h3 - i3)	-£ 6.00
j2	OPENING BALANCE (to Opening balance column page 3 in the main accounts)		£10,718.03
j3	Adjustments (show any negative adjustments in brackets)		
j4	CLOSING BALANCE (to Closing balance col. page 3 in the main accounts)	(j1+j2+/-j3)	£ 10,712.03

SECTION K

HOW THE FUNDS ARE HELD

k1	Cash in hand		
k2	Cash at Bank/CFB etc		£10,712.03
k3	Other accounts		
k4	TOTAL FUNDS HELD (should agree with line j4 above)	(k1+k2+k3)	£ 10,712.03

SECTION M

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Jan Wheeler

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Date 15 Oct 2025

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Signature of treasurer	
DATE	19/9/25.


Name and address of treasurer

Rachael Atkins

20 Gosmoor Lane, Elm, Wisbech Cambs PE14 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
Name of the Chair of the meeting	LORNA VALENTINE
DATE	1/12/2025

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Signature of treasurer	
DATE	19/9/25.


Name and address of treasurer

Rachael Atkins

20 Gosmoor Lane, Elm, Wisbech Cambs PE14 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting	
Name of the Chair of the meeting	LORNA VALENTINE
DATE	1/12/2025