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2020-21**

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**TEMPLATE REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
(ACCRUALS BASIS)  
for the year ended 31 August 2021**

**Ripon and Lower Dales**

**Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number

**1133792**

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**Ministers**

Rev G Baron  
Rev I Pruden  
Deacon N Perrott

**Circuit Stewards**

Margaret Smith  
Maureen Scollay  
Robin Jennings

**Circuit Treasurer**

Diane Gaskill

| Name of Circuit Ripon and Lower Dales   |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  | Circuit No      | 29/24          |
|---|-----------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| <b>Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021</b> |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 |                |
|   | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2020-21  |
|   |                       | £                           | £                                  | £                               | £                | £               | £              |
| <b>Income</b>   |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 |                |
| 1 Donations and legacies  |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | 0              |
| 2 Income from monetary investments  |                       | 142                         | 1,012                              |                                 | 2                | 929             | <b>2,085</b>   |
| 3 Income from investment properties   |                       | 12,300                      |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>12,300</b>  |
| 4 Assessments on Churches   |                       | 205,035                     |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>205,035</b> |
| 5 Capital Receipts  |                       |                             | 551,550                            |                                 |                  |                 | <b>551,550</b> |
| 6 Grants received   |                       | 475                         |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>475</b>     |
| 7 Other charitable income   |                       | 20,972                      | 50                                 |                                 |                  |                 | <b>21,022</b>  |
| <b>8 Total income</b>   |                       | <b>238,924</b>              | <b>552,612</b>                     | <b>-</b>                        | <b>2</b>         | <b>929</b>      | <b>792,467</b> |
| <b>Expenditure</b>  |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 |                |
| 9 Grants and donations  |                       | 6,824                       |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>6,824</b>   |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs  |                       | 151,677                     |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>151,677</b> |
| 11 Property maintenance   |                       | 25,934                      |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>25,934</b>  |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy                                      |                       | 41,364                      | 179,337                            |                                 |                  |                 | <b>220,701</b> |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy   |                       | 9,016                       | 9,596                              |                                 |                  |                 | <b>18,612</b>  |
| 14 Depreciation   |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>0</b>       |
| 15 Office expenses  |                       | 5,914                       |                                    |                                 |                  |                 | <b>5,914</b>   |
| 16 Other outgoings  |                       | 58,586                      | 18,727                             |                                 | 2                | 79              | <b>77,394</b>  |
| <b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>  |                       | <b>299,315</b>              | <b>207,660</b>                     | <b>0</b>                        | <b>2</b>         | <b>79</b>       | <b>507,056</b> |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments   |                       |                             |                                    |                                 | 2,096            | 12,040          | 14,136         |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties  |                       |                             |                                    | 54,626                          |                  |                 | 0              |
| <b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>  |                       | <b>-60,391</b>              | <b>344,952</b>                     | <b>54,626</b>                   | <b>2,096</b>     | <b>12,890</b>   | <b>299,547</b> |
| 21 Transfers between funds  |                       | 119,500                     | - 114,856                          |                                 | - 3,176          | 1,939           | 3,407          |
| 22 Other gains/(losses)   |                       |                             |                                    |                                 |                  |                 |                |
| <b>23 Net movement in funds</b>   |                       | <b>59,109</b>               | <b>230,096</b>                     | <b>54,626</b>                   | <b>-1,080</b>    | <b>14,829</b>   | <b>302,954</b> |
| 24 Total funds brought forward  |                       | 96,773                      | 230,508                            |                                 | 14,980           | 36,149          | 378,410        |
| <b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>   |                       | <b>155,882</b>              | <b>460,604</b>                     | <b>54,626</b>                   | <b>13,900</b>    | <b>50,978</b>   | <b>681,364</b> |

Name of Circuit

## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the

|  | Notes to<br>the<br>accounts | General Fund<br>(Unrestricted)<br>£ |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>Income</b>                                |                             |                                     |
| 1 Donations and legacies                     |                             |                                     |
| 2 Income from monetary investments           |                             | 898                                 |
| 3 Income from investment properties          |                             | 12,125                              |
| 4 Assessments on Churches                    |                             | 206,560                             |
| 5 Capital Receipts                           |                             |                                     |
| 6 Grants received                            |                             |                                     |
| 7 Other charitable income                    |                             | 13,644                              |
| <b>8 Total income</b>                        |                             | <b>233,227</b>                      |
| <b>Expenditure</b>                           |                             |                                     |
| 9 Grants and donations                       |                             | 10,064                              |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs             |                             | 174,647                             |
| 11 Property maintenance                      |                             | 18,231                              |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy |                             | 39,855                              |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy                |                             | 8,749                               |
| 14 Depreciation                              |                             |                                     |
| 15 Office expenses                           |                             | 5,843                               |
| 16 Other outgoings                           |                             | 47,266                              |
| <b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>       |                             | <b>304,655</b>                      |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments    |                             |                                     |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties   |                             |                                     |
| <b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>           |                             | <b>-71,428</b>                      |
| 21 Transfers between funds                   | -                           | 2,994                               |
| 22 Other gains/(losses)                      |                             |                                     |
| <b>23 Net movement in funds</b>              |                             | <b>-74,422</b>                      |
| 24 Total funds brought forward               |                             | 171,195                             |
| <b>25 Total funds carried forward</b>        |                             | <b>96,773</b>                       |

Circuit No

## Year ended 31 August 2020

| Circuit Model<br>Trust<br>(Unrestricted)<br>£ | Designated<br>Funds<br>(unrestricted)<br>£ | Restricted<br>Funds<br>£ | Endowment<br>Funds<br>£ | Total<br>2019-20<br>£ |
|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
|   |  |                          |                         | 0                     |
| 801   |  | 2                        | 837                     | <b>2,538</b>          |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>12,125</b>         |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>206,560</b>        |
| 343,050                                       |  |                          |                         | <b>343,050</b>        |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>0</b>              |
| <b>343,851</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>2</b>                 | <b>837</b>              | <b>577,917</b>        |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>10,064</b>         |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>174,647</b>        |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>18,231</b>         |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>39,855</b>         |
| 304   |  |                          |                         | <b>9,053</b>          |
|   |  |                          |                         | <b>0</b>              |
| 24  |  |                          |                         | <b>5,867</b>          |
| 118,829                                       |  |                          |                         | <b>166,095</b>        |
| <b>119,157</b>                                | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>0</b>                 | <b>0</b>                | <b>423,812</b>        |
|   |  |                          |                         | 0                     |
| 71,924  |  |                          |                         | 71,924                |
| <b>296,618</b>                                | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>2</b>                 | <b>837</b>              | <b>226,029</b>        |
| - 343,050                                     |  |                          | 850                     | -345,194              |
| 5,033   |  | 2                        | 10,543                  | -5,512                |
| <b>-41,399</b>                                | <b>0</b>                                   | <b>0</b>                 | <b>-10,556</b>          | <b>-126,377</b>       |
| 576   |  | 15,197                   | 46,693                  | 233,661               |
| <b>230,508</b>                                | <b>-</b>                                   | <b>14,980</b>            | <b>36,149</b>           | <b>378,410</b>        |

Name of Circuit: Ripon and Lower Dales

Circuit No  
29/24**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021**

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| Notes to the<br>Accounts | General Fund<br>(Unrestricted) | Circuit Model<br>Trusts<br>(Unrestricted) | Designated<br>Funds<br>(Unrestricted) | Restricted<br>Funds | Endowment<br>Funds | Totals<br>2020/21 | Totals 2019/20 |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|
|                          | £                              | £   | £                                     | £                   | £                  | £                 | £              |

**Fixed Assets**

|                            |  |          |          |          |          |                  |                  |
|----------------------------|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|------------------|
| Circuit Manses & Equipment |  |          |          |          |          | 828,822          | 1,300,746        |
| Investment properties      |  |          |          |          |          | 304,247          | 329,247          |
| Investments                |  |          |          |          |          | 0                |                  |
| <b>Total fixed assets</b>  |  | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>1,133,069</b> | <b>1,629,993</b> |

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**Current Assets**

|                                |  |                |                |          |               |               |                |
|--------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Debtors                        |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                |
| Loans by the Circuit           |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                |
| Investments with TMCP          |  | 460,604        |                | 13,900   | 50,978        | 525,482       | 281,637        |
| Central Finance Board Deposits |  | 141,411        |                |          |               | 141,411       | 76,218         |
| Cash at Bank and in hand       |  | 14,471         |                |          |               | 14,471        | 20,555         |
| <b>Total current assets</b>    |  | <b>155,882</b> | <b>460,604</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>50,978</b> | <b>378,410</b> |

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**Current liabilities**

|                                       |  |                |                |          |               |               |                |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| Creditors (due in under 1 year)       |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                |
| Grants payable within 2020-21         |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>      |  | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b>       | <b>0</b> | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>      | <b>0</b>       |
| <b>Net current assets/liabilities</b> |  | <b>155,882</b> | <b>460,604</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>50,978</b> | <b>378,410</b> |

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| <b>Total assets less current liabilities</b> |  | <b>155,882</b> | <b>460,604</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>50,978</b> | <b>1,814,433</b> | <b>2,008,403</b> |
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|   |  |                |                |          |               |               |                  |                  |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Long term liabilities<br/>(due after more than one year)</b> |  |                |                |          |               |               |                  |                  |
| Grants payable after 2020-21                                    |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                  |                  |
| Loans to the Circuit  |  |                |                |          |               | 0             |                  |                  |
| <b>Net assets</b>   |  | <b>155,882</b> | <b>460,604</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>50,978</b> | <b>1,814,433</b> | <b>2,008,403</b> |

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**Funds of the Circuit**

|   |  |                |                |          |               |                |                |
|---|--|----------------|----------------|----------|---------------|----------------|----------------|
| General Fund (Unrestricted)             |  | 155,882        |                |          |               | 155,882        | 96,773         |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) |  |                | 460,604        |          |               | 460,604        | 241,926        |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted)         |  |                |                | 0        |               | 0              |                |
| <b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>         |  |                |                |          |               | <b>616,486</b> | <b>338,699</b> |
| Restricted Funds                        |  |                |                | 13,900   |               | 13,900         | 386            |
| Endowment Funds                         |  |                |                |          | 50,978        | 50,978         | 39,325         |
| <b>Total Funds</b>                      |  | <b>155,882</b> | <b>460,604</b> | <b>0</b> | <b>13,900</b> | <b>50,978</b>  | <b>378,410</b> |

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Circuit Treasurer

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**CIRCUIT NUMBER :-** \_\_\_\_24/29\_\_\_\_

**CIRCUIT NA**

**Summary o**

| <b>CHURCH NAME/NUMBER</b> | <b>BALANCES AT CFB (£)</b> | <b>BALANCES AT TMCP (£)</b> |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Allhallowgate             | 37,732                     |                             |
| Bishop Monkton            | 16,495                     |                             |
| Boroughbridge             | 9,735                      | 512                         |
| Harrogate Road            | 7,368                      | 19,244                      |
| Dallowgill                | 1,543                      |                             |
| Ellington                 | 666                        |                             |
| Kirkby Malzeard           |                            | 6,100                       |
| Masham                    | 9,754                      | 8,180                       |
| Sawley                    |                            | 2,217                       |
| Snape                     |                            |                             |
| West Tanfield             | 8,179                      |                             |
| Bedale and District       |                            |                             |
| Carthorpe                 |                            |                             |
| Finghall                  |                            |                             |
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|                           |                            |                             |
| SUB - TOTAL               | 91,472                     | 36,253                      |

|  | <b>BALANCES AT CFB (£)</b> | <b>BALANCES AT TMCP (£)</b> |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CIRCUIT MODEL TRUST FUND                   |                            | 474,118                     |
| OTHER CASH AND INVESTMENTS HELD BY CIRCUIT | 141,411                    | 51,364                      |
| COMMITTED FUNDS (Including MCF Assessment) |                            |                             |
| <b>CIRCUIT GRAND TOTAL</b>                 | <b>232,883</b>             | <b>561,735</b>              |

**\* Please indicate what is included in other investments and c**

**Notes:**

- 1 If the church has made or received loans, these should be sh
- 2 Investment Properties (not used for charitable purposes) shou

**3 All Circuit Treasurers are required to complete the table abo**



**AND SENT TO DISTRICT TREASURERS APPENDED TO STANDARD FORM OF A**

Ripon and Lower Dales

**f cash and investments at 31 August 2021**

| OTHER<br>INVESTMENTS (£) | CASH AT<br>BANK (£) | TOTAL<br>31/08/202<br>1 | TOTAL 31/08/21   |            |            |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|------------------|------------|------------|
|                          |                     |                         | UNRESTRI<br>CTED | RESTRICTED | ENDOWMENTS |
| 2,720                    | 4,258               | 44,710                  | 42,945           |            | 1,765      |
|                          | 15,642              | 32,137                  | 32,137           |            |            |
|                          | 41,728              | 51,975                  | 51,463           | 512        |            |
| 7,004                    | 7,396               | 41,012                  | 23,968           | 2,883      | 14,161     |
|                          | 5,042               | 6,585                   | 6,585            |            |            |
|                          | 1,151               | 1,817                   | 1,817            |            |            |
|                          | 6,105               | 12,205                  | 6,105            | 6,100      |            |
|                          | 12,535              | 30,469                  | 22,289           |            | 8,180      |
|                          | 2,679               | 4,896                   | 2,679            | 2,217      |            |
|                          | 12,138              | 12,138                  | 12,138           |            |            |
|                          | 11,265              | 19,444                  | 19,444           |            |            |
| 287                      | 15,282              | 15,569                  | 15,569           |            |            |
|                          | 6,823               | 6,823                   | 6,823            |            |            |
|                          | 4,486               | 4,486                   | 4,486            |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
|                          |                     | -                       |                  |            |            |
| 10,011                   | 146,530             | 284,266                 | 248,448          | 11,712     | 24,106     |

| OTHER<br>INVESTMENTS (£) | CASH AT<br>BANK (£) | TOTAL<br>31/08/202<br>1 | TOTAL 31/08/21 |               |               |
|--------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
|                          |                     |                         | UNRESTRICTED   | RESTRICTED    | ENDOWMENTS    |
|                          |                     | 474,118                 | 460,604        | 13,514        |               |
|                          | 14,471              | 207,246                 | 155,882        | 386           | 50,978        |
|                          |                     | -                       |                |               |               |
| <b>10,011</b>            | <b>161,001</b>      | <b>965,630</b>          | <b>864,934</b> | <b>25,612</b> | <b>75,084</b> |

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**THE RESERVE POLICY**  
**RIPON AND LOWER DALES CIRCUIT**  
**2021 TO 2022**

The Reserves policy relates to our current account, deposit account, Central TMCP accounts.

We hold unrestricted, designated, restricted or endowment funds totalling £600,000.  
We aim to hold reserves amounting to approximately two quarters of normal £205,000.

**At the end of the last financial year (31/08/21)**

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Annual Expenditure Excluding property sale costs | <u>£308,991</u> |
| Forecast Expenditure Y/e 31/08/22                | <u>£403,750</u> |
| Two quarters of this                             |                 |
| rounded to nearest £5,000 is                     | <u>£205,000</u> |

**Balances at 31/08/21**

|  |          |                        |
|--|----------|------------------------|
| Current account                                | £14,412  |                        |
| CFB account                                    | £141,411 |                        |
| Model Trust Fund                               | £460,604 |                        |
| Endowments                                     | £50,978  |                        |
| Other Restricted Funds                         | £13,900  |                        |
| Cash   | £59      | <u>£681,364</u>        |
| Less Restricted/Designated                     |          | £264,878               |
| <b>Total Reserves at end of financial year</b> |          | <b><u>£416,486</u></b> |

The reserves are not within our target at the moment, being over by £211,486. We will move forward with the Resource Plan and the mission opportunities this involves.

The Bishop Monkton project continues to move forward and until all costs have been recovered, we will continue to be loaned by the circuit in addition to the suggested grant of £15,000 to be given in 2022.

We also have ongoing property issues where additional expenditure may be required. We anticipate making substantial financial assistance available to all of our churches in 2022. The pandemic and enter into a spiralling cost of living crisis, in particular energy costs, may mean we need between £50,000 and £100,000.

Based on the above the surplus funds held over the agreed reserve are not considered to be at a tolerable level for the continued smooth running of the circuit.

Finance Board account and also our

\$81,364.

annual expenditure amounting to

36. However, the Circuit is continuing to  
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# Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

## TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

**Introduction** This is the Annual Trustees' Report for the year ended 31 August 2020 for the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit which is a Circuit made up of 15 churches located in North Yorkshire sections centred around Ripon and Boroughbridge, Masham and Bedale.

**Aims and organisation** In setting our objectives and planning our activities, the Circuit Leadership Team, meet regularly and have endeavoured to ensure that in advancing our objectives they conform to the line with Charity Commissioners' general guidance. Our mission is to resource churches to carry out the vision to be an effective and visible Christian presence in the community by encouraging, throughout the Circuit and its churches, the worship, social activities and by seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Christian Church.

### Review of the year

This year has been another extremely difficult one due to the global Covid-19 pandemic. We have had to adapt our worship styles and meetings to comply with all regulations and ensure the safety of everyone. It has thrown up enormous challenges with the closure of our premises for person worship for a large part of the year. We have adapted to home working and in paper format. Our Circuit staff have risen to the challenge by upskilling in digital skills ensuring that our Christian outreach programmes have continued wherever possible. Monthly recorded services distributed to all of the care homes within our circuit received and a very welcome continued Christian presence in care homes where the impact of Covid-19 have been so keenly felt. During lockdown staff members have been involved in the Book presentations for local schools as well as recorded collective worship for the local community.

The work of engaging with the communities served by all the local churches has continued.

The accounts have been prepared under the accounts basis adopting standard accounting practice with a tolerance of 0.75% of turnover for any accruals basis adjustments. In our case, i.e. telephone, council tax etc as none of our bills would amount to this figure have been made. No end of year debtors and creditors exist.

During the year the Circuit received £792,467 including disposal of capital assets and dispersed £507,056 (19-20 £423,812). During the year we sold one of our Melmerby and Leeming Chapels following cessation of worship. The trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern, principally because Churches continue to exist and the Circuit has adequate reserves to cover any unexpected shortfall in income. No material uncertainties are known to exist in relation to the budget remains on or below target. In the coming year it is intended to sell the Melmerby and Leeming Chapel no longer required due to the reduction in our ministerial staffing.

### Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The impact of the global pandemic has made this a huge struggle for some churches.

The rental income in the year relates to the rental of one manse which is currently vacant.

### Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with Conference allowances. Salaries have increased in line with the percentage increase in the Methodist Church of England.

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16.9% of revenue expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Con  
part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

### **Fund balances**

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £1,814,433 incl  
funds. Our reserve policy is to maintain at least 6 months of expected annual e  
reason for the excess is explained in our reserve policy document.

### **Plans for 2021/22**

This year the circuit will see no changes in ministerial staff. The circuit is co  
worship at home resources and providing good pastoral care for its membership  
will explore developing a new local pastor position to better meet present m  
potential growth in the ministry and witness of the circuit through the local c  
Such plans are all part of the Ministerial oversight to review policies, mainly th  
clear vision ahead. We adopted a Circuit Mission Policy in July 2021 which  
Praying initiative will be launched during the year. We will continue to work €  
Our 2 Presbyters will be taking sabbaticals during the year, however, provisio  
care of the Circuit will be put in place. Our plans for a second local pastor w  
pandemic but it is hoped will come to fruition during this year. Two outreach  
the year, a weekly Soft Play session for pre-school toddlers and an afternoon ac  
churches will undergo a review of church life, mission and priorities.

### **Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit**

#### **Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance**

#### **Basis of preparation and legal framework**

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ha  
accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recomr

**Full Name of Charity:** Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit

**Registration Charity Number:** 113379

**Date of registration:** 27 January 2010

**Main communication address:** Circuit Office, Allhallowgate Methodist Church  
Victoria Grove, Ripon, HG4 1LG

The members of the Ripon and Lower Dales Methodist Circuit meeting are the C  
being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed  
Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

### **Circuit Ministers and officers**

**Active Circuit Ministers:** Rev G Baron

Rev I Pruden



Deacon N Perrott

**Circuit Lay Workers:**

Mrs P Smith

Miss D Gaskill

Mrs C Clowes

**Circuit Stewards:**

Mrs K Emms

Mrs M Scollay

Miss M Smith

Mr R Jennings

**Support Manager:**

Mrs P Smith

**Administrative Manager:** Miss D Gaskill

Diane Gaskill acted as the principal officer overseeing the day-to-day financial r  
the circuit during the year.

**Independent examiner:**

R Stride & Co LLP (Limited Liability Partnership) Accountants,

Rear of Eastville Terrace

Ripon Road

Harrogate

North Yorkshire

HG1 3HJ

**Investment Bankers:** Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

**Bankers:**

CAF Bank Ltd

HSBC plc

Central Finance Board of tr

25 Kings Hill Avenue

34 Westgate

9 Bonhill Street

Kings Hill

Ripon

London

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HG4 2BL

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**Investment Managers and Custodian Trustees:**

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester, M1 1JQ

**Ripon and Lower Dale Circuit Aims and organisation**

Charity objective is to act as a Resource Provider within the area around Ripon & District Methodist Circuit for the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since its formation for 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 or Local Church of the Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary to the Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or an auxiliary of the Methodist Church.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local community including National Trust and other public institutions. The Circuit has also been approached to increase our chaplaincy services at Racecourse.

## **Public Benefit**

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on Public Benefit, Structure, Governance and Management.

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Discipline. Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice 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 and the Preachers meeting.

## **Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective functioning of trustees, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to new trustees as induction to their role as trustees.

## **Related Parties**

The Circuit is part of the Yorkshire North and East Methodist District and is also Conference of Great Britain.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit Allhallowgate, Bishop Harrogate Road, Dallowgill, Ellington, Grewelthorpe, Kirkby Malzeard, Masham, Bedale, Carthorpe, and Finghall.

**Any other specific organisations with specific linkage.** None.

## **Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit**

### **Risk Management**

Any major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the annual yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid u

### **Safeguarding**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and to 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 where
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults where
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment and vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Circuit Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and reference vetting and barring schemes.

- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that a 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 a plan for informed pastoral care.

- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of authority.

- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral for any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or adult.

- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the wider community.

The Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for all ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their role in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' running costs.

should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on mans continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability Assessment from churches.

## **Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit**

## **Appendix A**

### **CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP**

#### **MINISTERS**

Rev Gareth Baron - Superintendent

Rev Ian Pruden

Deacon Nigel Perrott

#### **MINISTERS IN OTHER APPOINTMENTS**

##### **SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS**

Rev David Emison

Rev Barry Lumley

Rev Keith Phipps

##### **SECRETARY**

Miss D Gaskill

##### **LAYWORKERS**

Mrs P Smith

Miss D Gaskill

Mrs C Clowes

##### **CIRCUIT STEWARDS**

Mrs K Emms

Mrs M Scollay

Miss M Smith

Mr R Jennings

### **Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives**

Mr L Baynes

Mrs E Hogerzeil

Mrs I Goodall

## **Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator**

Mrs K Emms

## **CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES**

### **Churches:**

#### **Allhallowgate**

Senior Steward Andrea Scott

Treasurer John Ensoll

Church Rep Heather Garbutt

Named Substitute Elisabeth Hogerzeil

#### **Bedale & DMC**

Steward Clare Dalton

Treasurer Kathy Lowrie

Church reps Sharon Holmes

#### **Bishop Monkton**

Senior Steward Angela Archbold

Treasurer Timothy Abel

Church rep David Arundell

#### **Boroughbridge**

Senior Steward Julie Smith

Treasurer Lyn Allen

#### **Carthorpe**

Senior Steward Joan Fothergill

Treasurer Brian Fothergill

Named Substitute Andrew Ashford

#### **Dallowgill**

Steward Geoff Loblely  
Treasurer Brian Davies

### **Ellington**

Steward Mark Greensit  
Treasurer Robert Greensit

### **Finghall**

Senior Steward Alan Davies  
Treasurer Cynthia Davies

### **Grewelthorpe (LEP)**

Jean Stelling  
Pauline Broadwith

### **Harrogate Road**

Senior Steward  
Treasurer Roger Taylor  
Church Reps Pippa Cowie

### **Kirkby Malzeard**

Steward Ruth Thomas  
Treasurer Ruth Verity

### **Masham**

Treasurer Steve Laughher  
Church Rep Pauline Staton

### **Sawley**

Steward Joyce Spensley  
Treasure Janet Watson

### **Snape**

Leadership Team John Duck

Treasurer Kathy Lowrie

Church Rep Joy Abel

### **West Tanfield**

Steward Simon Abel

Treasurer Elizabeth Elvie

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Name of Circuit .....Ripon and Lower Dales..... No...29/24..

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer DR Gaskill ..... Date .....

Name and address of treasurer ...|Diane Gaskill. Circuit Office, Allhallowgate, Victoria Grove, Ripon .... Post Code.....HG4 1LG.....

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting to be held on 30 March 2022.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev Gareth Baron .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Gareth Baron..... Date .....

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of

### Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit

Charity Number 1133792

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Ripon and Lower Dales Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to .... As the Circuit's trustees 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 the Charities Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Discretions of the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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### Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake

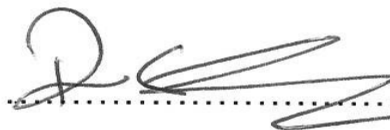
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give rise to a concern that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Companies Act 2006;
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the presentation of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, including the requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter that is the part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination 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 Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds of the Methodist Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (or equivalent pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner .....Robin Stride.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....FMAAT.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...R Stride & Co.....

Address The Old Coach House, Rear of Eastville Terrace, Ripon Road, Harrogate, Yorkshire ..... Post Code HG1 3HJ.....

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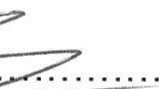
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