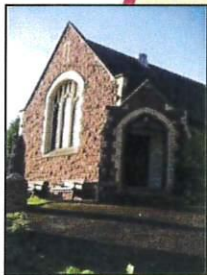


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TEIGNBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Annual Report 2020/21

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit – 2020/21



The **Teignbridge Methodist Circuit** comprises sixteen churches/chapels, arranged in four sections as follows:

- **Moorland:** Ashburton, Bovey Tracey and Ipplepen Methodist Churches plus Dunstone and Poundsgate Methodist Chapels (both classes of Ashburton).
- **Newton Abbot:** The Avenue Church (Methodist with United Reformed) and Shaldon Road Methodist Church.
- **Coastal:** Bishopsteignton, Dawlish, Shaldon and Teignmouth Methodist Churches.
- **Totnes:** Buckfastleigh, South Brent and Totnes Methodist Churches plus Buckfast and Scoriton Methodist Chapels (both classes of Buckfastleigh).

Circuit Leadership Team:

- Rev. Kevin Hooke (Superintendent Minister in charge of the Moorland Section)
- Rev. Gill Daniel (Minister in charge of the Newton Abbot section)
- Rev. Verity Phillips (Minister in charge of the Totnes section)
- Rev. Paul Weir and Ms. Sharon Hurlow (Ministers in charge of the Coastal section)
- Mr. Fred Woodland (Circuit Steward)
- Mr. Bob Francis (Circuit Treasurer)
- Mr. Andrew Parsons (Circuit Steward)

Circuit Pastoral Worker: Mrs Sharon Canning (Moorland section)

Circuit Administrator: Ms Kay Fice

Supernumerary Ministers: In total there are six supernumerary (retired) ministers in the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit, four of whom regularly preach in the circuit's churches.

Additionally there are 30 Local Preachers — of whom 22 regularly preach in the Circuit's churches — with 2 Local Preachers on trial. We also have 10 Worship Leaders.

Trustees – 2020/21

Maria	Alsop
Peter Leigh	Alsop
Denys	Bament
Marianne	Barrett Rogers
Michael	Barrett Rogers
Malcolm	Benton
Anne	Berridge
Jenny	Bonner
Christian	Canning
Sharon	Canning
Vincent	Canning
Martin	Charlesworth
Sue	Colwill
Gill	Daniel
Rosemarie	Dungey
Jill	Elliott
Kay	Fice
Jean	Francis
Robert George	Francis
Monica	Gfeller-Harwood
Selwyn	Green
Gill	Hardy
Stephen John	Harris
Wendy	Hartley
Jane	Holmes
Kevin Peter	Hooke
Carol Appointed 01/09/2021	Hughes
Sharon Ann	Hurlow

Cynthia	Jago
Alan	Johnston
Duncan	Knight
Stephen Paul	Major
Agnes	McFeat
Alexander Wright	McFeat
Carol Ann	Morgan
Brenda	Naish
Andrew Russell	Parsons
Verity	Phillips
John	Prebble
Nicola Appointed 01/03/2022	Quaintance
Margaret Dawn	Renshaw
Jean Appointed 01/03/2022	Sabine
Andrew David	Sinden
Edward	Stephenson
Patricia	Stephenson
Michael	Strickland
Patsy Appointed 01/03/2022	Tidball
Margaret	Vosper
Serena	Walcot
John	Walton
Paul	Weir
Anne-Marie	Whiting
Frederick William	Woodland
Keith	Wray

Objectives and Activities

We understand that we are not engaging in **our** mission, but rather participating in **God's** mission to all people, in partnership with others and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

We also understand that mission is all that we are sent to do by Christ. It includes not only evangelism but also service to our communities, pursuit of social justice and concern for the environment. We are to be signs of and sharers in the Kingdom of God and its values.

We understand that we live with the tensions of being both an inherited church and a 'discipleship movement shaped for mission' and that we need to work creatively with the opportunities and challenges this brings.

As a Circuit we believe that it is therefore our responsibility:

- To manage our resources strategically and prayerfully, to maximise their effectiveness;
- To support the churches in fulfilling their own mission strategies and objectives.

To do so we will:

- Conduct periodic Circuit Reviews to determine the greatest opportunities for growth and outreach
- Maintain appropriate levels of ordained and lay staffing, seeking grant funding as necessary, and deploying them in line with the identified opportunities for growth
- Maintain a balanced Circuit Budget
- Develop appropriate strategic ecumenical partnerships at Circuit level
- Foster Circuit identity and cohesion through Circuit Services and the sharing of information
- Work in partnership with neighbouring Circuits to use resources and expertise efficiently and effectively
- Encourage and support differing expressions of worship alongside traditional forms
- Group churches in ways which encourage the most effective partnerships between them for mission
- Encourage churches to work closely with their own ecumenical partners
- Provide Circuit opportunities for growth in discipleship and missional understanding
- Develop and maintain relationships with other services and organisations serving the wellbeing of our communities

Achievements and Performance – 2020/21

During the year 2020-21 Teignbridge Methodist Circuit managed to maintain its support of its individual churches despite the challenges of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, with its changing regulations and restrictions.

From September 2020, the coastal section of the Circuit was looked after by Sharon Hurlow as a part-time Lay Minister, supported by a supernumerary minister, Rev Paul Weir. During this time, Sharon gained in experience and confidence, meaning that the balance of time between her and Paul was shifted during the year, with Sharon taking on more of the allotted hours. It was agreed that Sharon should assume the role full-time from September 2021.

At the start of September 2020, the Circuit took on Kay Fice as Circuit Administrator, initially for one year to cover for Sharon Hurlow's secondment to her new role.

Once again, some of the previously envisaged mission projects were put on hold due to the pandemic but, as in the previous year, the Circuit was in the financial position to provide relief to its churches by means of a quarter's 'holiday' from paying assessments. The Sunday morning Zoom service, initially started to serve the churches in the coastal section, continue to thrive and attract people from a wider geographical area, and so it has been decided to maintain it indefinitely as a part of Circuit life. Online, the Circuit continued to engage with the national Methodist Way of Life and District Christian Communities in Conversation projects, whilst the opportunity to meet together via Zoom developed connectivity across Church communities, and engage people who would otherwise be excluded, such as the housebound.

The Circuit has also managed its properties, both those used for Manses and one that is rented out. It continues to use the revenue from the latter to support its ongoing activities.

The Circuit continued to take seriously its responsibilities in safeguarding and GDPR matters and to support its Churches to do the same.

The Circuit continues to review its Safeguarding policy annually in line with the changing requirements and guidance of the Methodist Church, and supports its local Churches in several ways:

- providing templates for their own policies,
- overseeing DBS and training records,
- offering templates for role descriptions,
- the availability of the Circuit Safeguarding Officer for advice.

Public Benefit

Throughout the year 2020/21 the Trustees of the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and have acted accordingly. They are committed to continue to do so in the future.

Plans for the Future

The Circuit will need to embed its new team of Circuit Stewards and Staff. It will seek to support those churches as they develop projects for which capital reserve money has been earmarked – such as the building works at Ipplepen, capital investment at the Avenue, and a new worker in Teignmouth and Dawlish. It will hold another Circuit Leadership strategy day to further its missional planning for the future and will review with the Churches the assessment levels in the light of changing memberships and circumstances. It will continue to encourage Churches to engage with their local communities and keep an overview of the needs of the area.

Reserves Policy

Our *Reserves Policy* is to hold at least six month's expenditure in hand:

- We make provision for the maintenance of our team of presbyteral ministers by designating £80,000 per annum to pay for the stipends of two such presbyters, including on-costs.
- We make provision for our property maintenance programme by designating a total of £50,000 per annum to maintain each of the four manses and a fifth residential property owned by the Circuit.



Kevin P. Hooke, Superintendent Minister

15th March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit
Charity number 1134246

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31st August 2021, as set out on pages 8 – 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").


I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) Accounting records were not kept in respect of the Charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
- (2) The accounts do not accord with those records.

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



Clare Lillington FMAAT
Raddon Station Hill
Chudleigh
Newton Abbot
TQ13 0EE

Dated: 20th June 2022

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit

Circuit No 24/28

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

		Circuit Model				
	Note	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
Donations and legacies	4	4,630	-	-	4,630	2,105
Income from monetary investments		329	1,509	-	1,838	6,152
Income from investment properties	5	18,830	-	-	18,830	9,570
Assessments on Churches	6	184,153	-	-	184,153	182,639
Profit on disposal of manse		-	-	-	-	-
Grants received		-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable income	7	4,661	-	-	4,661	5,201
Total income		212,603	1,509	-	214,112	205,667
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	8	1,920	-	-	1,920	49,107
Salaries and associated costs	9	154,251	-	-	154,251	162,928
Property expenses	10	35,327	-	-	35,327	19,327
Connexional assessment & model trust levy		9,110	27,489	-	36,599	37,950
District Assessment & Levy		49,620	-	-	49,620	49,426
TMCP Levy		-	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	11	4,528	967	-	5,495	6,288
Other outgoings	12	5,311	-	4,000	9,311	11,937
Total charitable expenditure		260,067	28,456	4,000	292,523	336,963
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		35,000	-	-	35,000	-
Net income/(expenditure)		(12,464)	(26,947)	(4,000)	(43,411)	(131,296)
Transfers between funds		90,000	(90,000)	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		77,536	(116,947)	(4,000)	(43,411)	(131,296)
Total funds brought forward		1,418,570	483,186	26,121	1,927,877	2,059,173
Total funds carried forward		1,496,106	366,240	22,121	1,884,466	1,927,877

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit
Circuit No 24/28
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £
Fixed Assets					
Circuit Manses & Equipment	13	1,008,296		1,008,296	1,008,296
Investment properties	14	275,000		275,000	240,000
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,283,296	-	1,283,296	1,248,296
Current Assets					
Debtors		11,688	-	11,688	12,286
Loans by the Circuit		16,077	-	16,077	-
Investments with TMCP		-	366,240	366,240	483,186
Central Finance Board Deposits		214,845	22,121	236,966	248,407
Cash at Bank and in hand		5,025	-	5,025	4,391
Total current assets		247,635	366,240	635,996	748,270
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		34,826	-	34,826	68,689
Grants payable within 2020/21		-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		34,826	-	34,826	68,689
Net current assets/liabilities		212,809	366,240	601,170	679,581
Total assets less current liabilities		1,496,105	366,240	1,884,466	1,927,877
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after 2020/21		-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,496,105	366,240	1,884,466	1,927,877
Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,496,105	-	1,496,105	1,418,570
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		-	366,240	366,240	483,186
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,496,105	366,240	1,862,345	1,901,756
Restricted Funds	15	-	22,121	22,121	26,121
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,496,105	366,240	1,884,466	1,927,877

Signed R G Francis

Circuit Treasurer 15/03/2022

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit**Circuit No 24/28****Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021****1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) (2019).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted; the Circuit Model Trust Fund, which has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted and Restricted Funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment Funds.

3 Accounting policies**Basis**

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at fair value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis, to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities. The accounts have been prepared on a going concern basis. The only material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern is the effect of Covid 19. As explained in note 6 the charity has taken steps to ensure, as far as possible, that the circuit churches who provide the majority of the charity's income will continue to be able to meet their assessments in future.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make payment.

VAT

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

4 Donations & Legacies

Donations including gift aid
Gift for repairs to Church
Collections

2021	2020
1,630	1,640
3,000	-
-	465
4,630	2,105

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 cont.

5 Income from investment properties	2021	2020
46 Kingsdown Crescent	9,060	8,820
Ilslington Graveyard	570	750
35 Valley Close	9,200	-
	18,830	9,570

6 Assessments

In order to respond to the impact of Covid 19 restrictions on church income the Circuit granted a holiday of three months on assessments in both the current period and the previous period.

In the opinion of the Trustees the effect of these two holidays will be to allow circuit churches to return to normal following the end of lockdown.

7 Other charitable income	2021	2020
Publications	331	421
Connexional funds	4,330	4,780
	4,661	5,201

8 Grants & Donations	2021	2020
The Avenue Church children & family worker	-	15,000
Plymouth & Exeter District training fund	-	465
Water Aid	-	702
South Molton & Ringsash Circuit	-	1,000
LWPT	200	200
Plymouth & Exeter District benevolent fund	120	140
Ivybridge Youth for Christ bus	600	600
The Avenue Church disabled toilets	-	30,000
Bude & Holsworthy market chaplain	1,000	1,000
	1,920	49,107

9 Paid employees	2021	2020
Staff costs incurred during the year were:		
Gross salaries and benefits in kind		
Ministers	116,841	138,655
Others	32,415	15,406
Travelling Expenses	4,995	8,867
	154,251	162,928

No employee was paid at a rate of more than £60,000 per annum.

	2021	2020
Average number of full time equivalent employees	6	5

10 Property expenses	2021	2020
Water rates	1,673	1,613
Council tax	6,496	7,750
Manses	12,874	2,494
Insurance	3,369	3,777
Building surveys	4,413	2,529
Church repairs	3,000	-
Let properties	3,502	1,164
	35,327	19,327

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 cont.

11 Office expenses	2021	2020
Telephone	2,920	2,678
Printing	584	795
Publications	544	1,090
Wages charges	480	480
TMCP charges	966	1,245
	5,494	6,288

12 Other outgoings	2021	2020
Supernumerary fees	350	1,800
Training	-	214
Ilisington graveyard	450	400
Miscellaneous	3,866	4,941
Corbyn fund	4,000	4,000
Ilisington church	-	-
Apprentice levy	645	582
	9,311	11,937

13 Tangible Fixed Assets	Cost	31/08/2020	Add/Disp	31/08/2021
Manse				
35 Valley Close		130,000		130,000
135 Churchfields Drive		325,000		325,000
12 Moorlands Close		75,000		75,000
4 Jacks Close		478,296		478,296
		1,008,296	-	1,008,296

2020 comparative	Cost	31/08/2019	Add/Disp	31/08/2020
Manse				
35 Valley Close		130,000		130,000
135 Churchfields Drive		325,000		325,000
12 Moorlands Close		75,000		75,000
4 Jacks Close		478,296		478,296
		1,008,296	-	1,008,296

14 Investment Property	Fair Value	Fair Value	Revaluation	Fair Value
	31/08/2019	31/08/2020		31/08/2021
Investments				
Dawlish	240,000	240,000	35,000	275,000
	240,000	240,000	35,000	275,000

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 cont.**15 Restricted Funds**

The only restricted fund is the Corbyn Fund which is for education and outreach in three of the circuit churches.

As at 31/08/2019	Funds expended	As at 31/08/2020	Funds expended	As at 31/08/2021
30,121	4,000	26,121	4,000	22,121

16 Payments to Trustees

6 of the paid employees are also trustees. There are 4 Presbyters (2020 - 4), 1 lay minister (2020 - 0), and two lay workers (2020 - 2), of whom one is an administrator whose cost is shared with a circuit church and the other is a pastoral assistant.

Some supernumerary ministers are also trustees who receive fees for taking services.

No trustee is paid for services rendered in the capacity of a trustee.

Expenses payments are made to trustees to re-imburse expenditure incurred on behalf of the circuit.

	2021 £	2021 Number of Trustees	2020 £	2020 Number of Trustees
Supernumerary fees	350	1	1,025	4
Travel	4,996	9	8,435	11
Other	6,207	9	6,672	8
	11,553		16,132	

17 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2021 there are no capital commitments.

(2020 - Nil)

No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

(2020 - Nil)

18 Fees for examination of the accounts

No fees have been charged for accountancy or examination for the current year or in the previous year.