

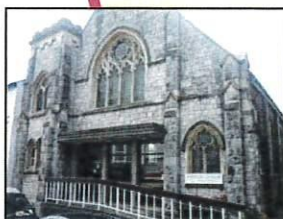
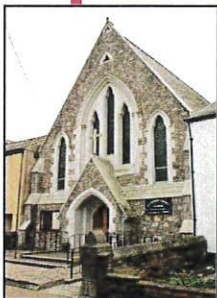
Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District



The **Methodist** Church



TEIGNBRIDGE METHODIST CIRCUIT



Annual Report 2021/22



Teignbridge Methodist Circuit – 2021/22



The **Teignbridge Methodist Circuit** comprises 12 Church Councils, which are responsible for 15 church sites. These are arranged in four sections as follows:

- **Moorland:** Bovey Tracey, Ipplepen, Ashburton (which has no building in town but is responsible for Dunstone and Poundsgate.)
- **Newton Abbot:** The Avenue Church (Methodist with United Reformed) and Shaldon Road.
- **Coastal:** Bishopsteignton, Dawlish, Shaldon and Teignmouth.
- **Totnes:** Totnes, South Brent, Buckfast/leigh (which is responsible for chapels at Buckfastleigh, Buckfast and Scoriton).

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)
- Ms. Sharon Hurlow (Minister in charge of the Coastal section)
- Mr. Fred Woodland (Circuit Steward) Resigned 31.08.2022
- Mr. Bob Francis (Circuit Treasurer) Died 06.06.2023
- Mr. Andrew Parsons (Circuit Steward)
- Ms. Carol Hughes (Circuit Steward) Appointed 01.09.2022
- Mr John Harrison (Circuit Treasurer) Appointed 20.06.2023

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 26 Local Preachers — of whom 16 regularly preach in the Circuit's churches — with 1 Local Preacher on trial. We also have 9 Worship Leaders.

Trustees – 2021/22

Maria	Alsop
Peter Leigh	Alsop
Denys	Bament
Marianne	Barrett Rogers
Michael	Barrett Rogers
Sheila	Bendall
Malcolm	Benton
Anne	Berridge
Jenny	Bonner
Christian	Canning
Sharon	Canning
Vincent	Canning
Gill	Daniel
Rosemarie	Dungey
Jill	Elliott
Kay	Fice
Jean	Francis
Monica	Gfeller- Harwood
Selwyn	Green
Gill	Hardy
Stephen John	Harris
John	Harrison
Wendy	Hartley
Jane	Holmes
Kevin Peter	Hooke
Carol	Hughes
Sharon Ann	Hurlow
Alan	Johnston

Duncan	Knight
Stephen Paul	Major
Agnes	McFeat
Alexander Wright	McFeat
Carol Ann	Morgan
Andrew Russell	Parsons
Verity	Phillips
Nicola	Quaintance
Margaret Dawn	Renshaw
Alison	Rowe
Rosemary	Quin
Jean	Sabine
Andrew David	Sinden
Edward	Stephenson
Patricia	Stephenson
Michael	Strickland
Patsy	Tidball
Margaret	Vosper
Serena	Walcot
John	Walton
Paul	Weir
Anne-Marie	Whiting
Frederick William	Woodland

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 – 2021/22

During the year 2021-22 Teignbridge Methodist Circuit managed to maintain its support of its individual churches, using some of its financial capital to underwrite those which were unable to pay their Circuit assessment in full.

From September 2021, Sharon Hurlow took on pastoral responsibility for the churches in the coastal section of the Circuit on a full time basis and moved into the Teignmouth manse; the knock-on effect was that Kay Fice's position as Administrator was moved to a permanent basis. This gave some stability to Circuit ministry, though there were also periods of staff absence. In addition Carol Hughes joined the team of Circuit Stewards and, at the end of the year, Fred Woodland's term of office came to an end.

During the year, church attendance generally recovered after the restrictions of Covid, as did room and hall bookings, giving some greater stability to many of the churches. The moves to rationalise the premises managed by Buckfast/leigh Church Council continued, and it is hoped that the church buildings at Scoriton and Buckfastleigh will be sold in the coming year, both concentrating the congregations in one place and releasing resources for the church's ongoing work. The Circuit maintained the weekly Sunday Zoom service, which has become embedded as part of the Circuit's life and witness, enabling a number of people to attend worship at times when they cannot get to a church building.

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.

In line with Methodist requirements, all those leading worship on the Circuit plan (worship leaders and preachers) have undertaken advanced safeguarding training (either through the Methodist Church or at an equivalent level in the case of some of our regular visitors from our partner denominations).

Public Benefit

Throughout the year 2021/22 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 recognises that it is only now possible for churches to begin to assess where they are in the aftermath of the Covid restrictions, in terms of both their mission and resources of people and finance. In the coming year the Circuit will therefore ask the churches prayerfully to review their mission policies and consequent needs, as well as their underlying sustainability, in order to shape its future structure and resourcing to facilitate mission.

Reserves Policy

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

- We hold a reserve for the maintenance of our team of presbyteral ministers of £80,000 to pay for the stipends of two such presbyters, including on-costs.
- We hold a reserve for our property maintenance programme of £50,000 to maintain each of the four manses and a fifth residential property owned by the Circuit.
- We hold a reserve of 50% of our other costs, which in the year to 31st August 2022 amounted to £72,677.

As at 31st August the free funds available in the general reserve were £302,226 against a reserve policy requirement of £202,677.



Kevin P. Hooke, Superintendent Minister

25th June 2023

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

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Teignbridge Methodist Circuit (the Trust) for the year ended 31st August 2022 asset out on pages 8 - 13.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Association of Accounting Technicians.

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 Trust 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.

C. W. Lillington

Clare Lillington FMAAT
Raddon
Station Hill
Chudleigh
Newton Abbot
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26th June 2023

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit

Circuit No 24/28

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

		General Fund	Circuit Model Trust	Restricted	Total	Total
	Note	(Unrestricted)	(Unrestricted)	Funds	2021-22	2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies	4	1,840	-	-	1,840	4,630
Income from monetary investments		985	1,499	73	2,557	1,838
Income from investment properties	5	9,880	-	-	9,880	18,830
Assessments on Churches	6	231,072	-	-	231,072	184,153
Profit on disposal of manse		-	-	-	-	-
Grants received		-	-	-	-	-
Other charitable income	7	4,840	-	-	4,840	4,661
Total income		248,817	1,499	73	250,189	214,112
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	8	18,850	45,000	-	63,850	1,920
Salaries and associated costs	9	159,408	-	-	159,408	154,251
Property expenses	10	45,736	-	-	45,736	35,327
Connexional assessment & model trust levy		4,540	18,718	-	23,258	36,599
District Assessment & Levy		45,089	-	-	45,089	49,620
TMCP Levy		-	-	-	-	-
Office expenses	11	4,796	1,044	-	5,840	5,495
Other outgoings	12	5,180	-	-	5,180	9,311
Independent Examiner's fee	13	800	-	-	800	-
Total charitable expenditure		284,199	64,762	-	348,961	292,623
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		25,000	-	-	25,000	35,000
Net income/(expenditure)		(10,582)	(63,263)	73	(73,772)	(43,411)
Transfers between funds		125,000	(125,000)	-	-	-
Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		114,418	(188,263)	73	(73,772)	(43,411)
Total funds brought forward		1,496,106	366,240	22,121	1,884,468	1,927,877
Total funds carried forward		1,610,524	177,977	22,194	1,810,694	1,884,466

Teignbridge Methodist Circuit
Circuit No 24/28
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
Fixed Assets					
Circuit Manses & Equipment	13	1,008,296	-	1,008,296	1,008,296
Investment properties	14	300,000	-	300,000	275,000
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		1,308,296	-	1,308,296	1,283,296
Current Assets					
Debtors		12,109	-	12,109	11,688
Loans by the Circuit		16,077	-	16,077	16,077
Investments with TMCP		-	177,978	177,978	366,240
Central Finance Board Deposits		300,571	22,194	322,765	236,966
Cash at Bank and in hand		4,673	-	4,673	5,025
Total current assets		333,430	177,978	533,602	635,996
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		31,204	-	31,204	34,826
Grants payable within 2022/23		-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		31,204	-	31,204	34,826
Net current assets/liabilities		302,226	177,978	502,398	601,170
Total assets less current liabilities		1,610,522	177,978	22,194	1,810,694
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after 2022/23		-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit		-	-	-	-
Net assets		1,610,522	177,978	22,194	1,810,694
Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,610,522	-	1,610,522	1,496,105
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		-	177,978	177,978	366,240
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)		-	-	-	-
Total Unrestricted Funds		1,610,522	177,978	1,788,500	1,862,345
Restricted Funds	15	-	22,194	22,194	22,121
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-
Total Funds		1,610,522	177,978	22,194	1,884,466

Signed John Harrison

Circuit Treasurer



Teignbridge Methodist Circuit
Circuit No 24/28**Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022****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.

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 cont.

4 Donations & Legacies	2022	2021
Donations including gift aid	1,840	1,630
Gift for repairs to Church	-	3,000
	1,840	4,630

5 Income from investment properties	2022	2021
46 Kingsdown Crescent	9,250	9,060
Ilseington Graveyard	630	570
35 Valley Close	-	9,200
	9,880	9,630

6 Assessments

In response to the Covid 19 pandemic the Circuit granted two assessment holidays in the hope that this would allow churches to recover their financial positions. In most cases this has been a successful exercise. Where churches are still struggling the Circuit is working in partnership with the church stewards to address shortfalls.

7 Other charitable income	2022	2021
Publications	300	331
Connexional funds	4,540	4,330
	4,840	4,661

8 Grants & Donations	2022	2021
LWPT	-	200
Plymouth & Exeter District benevolent fund	130	120
Ivybridge Youth for Christ bus	600	600
Bude & Holsworthy market chaplain	1,000	1,000
ROC Dawlish project	12,000	-
Ipplepen Church Rebewal for the "Hub"	45,000	-
Buckfastleigh Chapel Lintels	1,020	-
Shaldon Church Oriel window	4,000	-
Benevolent	100	-
	63,850	1,920

9 Paid employees	2022	2021
Staff costs incurred during the year were:		
Gross salaries and benefits in kind		
Ministers	109,049	116,841
Others	41,757	32,415
Travelling Expenses	8,602	4,995
	159,408	154,251

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

	2022	2021
Average number of full time equivalent employees	5	6

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 cont.

10 Property expenses	2022	2021
Water rates	1,545	1,673
Council tax	8,763	6,496
Manse	28,623	12,874
Insurance	3,508	3,369
Building surveys	2,125	4,413
Church repairs	-	3,000
Let properties	1,172	3,502
	45,736	35,327

11 Office expenses	2022	2021
Telephone	2,864	2,920
Printing	584	584
Publications	868	544
Wages charges	480	480
TMCP charges	1,044	966
	5,840	5,494

12 Other outgoings	2022	2021
Supernumerary fees	1,825	1,800
Training	330	214
Ilseston graveyard	540	400
Miscellaneous	1,869	4,941
Corbyn fund	-	4,000
Apprentice levy	616	582
	5,180	11,937

13 Tangible Fixed Assets	Cost	31/08/2021	Add/Disp	31/08/2022
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

2021 comparative	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

Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 cont.

14 Investment Property	Fair Value 31/08/2020	Revaluation	Fair Value 31/08/2021	Revaluation	Fair Value 31/08/2022
Investments					
Dawlish	240,000	35,000	275,000	25,000	300,000
	<u>240,000</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>275,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>300,000</u>

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 31/08/2020	(Expended)	As at 31/08/2021	Income/ (Expended)	As at 31/08/2022
26,121	(4,000)	22,121	73	22,194

16 Payments to Trustees

6 of the paid employees are also trustees. There are 3 Presbyters (2021 - 3), 1 lay minister (2021 - 1), and two lay workers (2021 - 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.

	2022 £	2022 Number of Trustees	2021 £	2021 Number of Trustees
Supernumerary fees	1,825	3	350	1
Travel	8,602	12	4,996	9
Other	5,932	9	6,207	9
	<u>16,359</u>		<u>11,553</u>	

17 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At 31st August 2022 there are no capital commitments.

(2021 - Nil)

No contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

(2021 - Nil)

18 Fees for examination of the accounts

Examiners fees

2022	2021
600	0