PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1134261

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	2010-02-11
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF 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.

Activities: The Purley Circuit co-ordinates and supports the activity of 4 Methodist Churches and 1 Local Ecumenical Partnership (with the United Reformed Church). These run over the southern part of the Borough of Croydon, include one church in the borough of Sutton (but only just so) and one church in the Tandridge District of Surrey. Each of these churches devise their own programme of activities.

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Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Croydon
- Surrey
- Sutton

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£466,374	£268,714	-	-
2024-08-31	£183,074	£442,107	-	-
2023-08-31	£132,931	£421,658	-	-
2022-08-31	£158,525	£185,786	-	-
2021-08-31	£174,614	£178,775	-	-
2020-08-31	£174,039	£150,606	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev GRAHAM KEITH CLAYDON-KNIGHTS	Chair	2023-09-01
ANN VERA WAGSTAFF		2013-03-21
Anne Josephine Downey		2024-09-18
CHRISTINA MARY DENCH		
Curtis Mark Juman		2021-03-11
Deacon Suzie Godinho Barony Viana		2025-09-01
Doreen Ann Wright		2020-03-05
Dr Robert James Baston		2022-09-01
EDDIE TAYLOR		2012-02-11
ELAINE SANDRA BURROWS		2011-09-02
ELEANOR ELIZABETH DAY		
Enock Omonya Nyongesa		2019-03-07
HELEN RANKIN		
JEANNE REVNELL		
Jeremy David Davies		2025-09-15
Jill Gradon		2022-09-01
MARJORIE DEAR		2025-09-15
MR A B WALLBANK		
MRS H JUMAN		2012-02-11
MRS M ISTED-OSBORN		2011-09-02
MRS T E WALLBANK		
Maureen Angella Cebreiro		2020-03-05
PAMELA JUNE OSBORNE		
Rev Dr Jonathan Dean		2024-09-01
Rev Ermal Boston Kirby		2020-03-05
Rev Roberto Alves Viana		2025-09-01
Rev STEPHEN ROBERT MARES		2018-09-18

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Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Sang Wook Han		2020-09-15
Susan Jean Stevens		2020-03-05

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2024 TO 31/08/2025

Charity Name The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church

Registered Charity Number 1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

The Purley Methodist Circuit had two Methodist ministers: Revd Graham Claydon-Knights, the Superintendent Minister, and Revd Sang Wook Han. The Circuit's activities are supported by a part-time Administrator, Mrs Linda Lucking. As of September 2025, Deacon Suzie Viana was appointed.

There are three supernumerary ministers in the Circuit: Revd Ermal Kirby, Revd Jenni Kirby and Revd Stephen Mares. Revd Ermal continued to assist with South Croydon United Church until 31 August 2025 to allow time to find a new minister for that appointment.

In 2024/25 the Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 174 members in six churches, including one Methodist/URC united church:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives, recognising the gifts of laity, developing and supporting them, appreciating that ultimately laity will do much of the reaching out. We have a number of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church.

b) The Circuit has continued to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact. Circuit services are planned once or twice quarterly, including regular services of prayer for healing. Circuit prayer events were requested but these are yet to be organised.

c) "The Way Forward" is a Circuit initiative in which churches are encouraged to consider their situation and look to the future. As a result of Way Forward meetings in the previous year, the Circuit Leadership Team met with the Methodist Diaconal Order proposing a Diaconal role covering South Croydon United Church plus a Circuit Missional role about connecting Churches with their community, particularly using technology. The Circuit Trustees agreed to ask formally for a deacon to start in September 2025 and to buy a new manse if successfully appointed, to apply for recovery of levy from an earlier manse sale and to apply for District Advance Fund (DAF) funding. The Trustees were delighted to receive the appointment of Deacon Suzie Viana to start from September 2025. They authorised buying a new manse, selling the Hurst Green manse and to apply for bridging loans if necessary. An offer was placed on a suitable house after the survey was undertaken and solicitors were appointed. However, when it was revealed that the chosen house was subject to unfinished probate, the offer was withdrawn and the search started again for a manse. As her moving date was near, it was decided to house Deacon Suzie in the Hurst Green manse temporarily. Meanwhile, a new house was found in Caterham, chosen because it was soon available and required manageable remedial work before habitation. After the survey, the vendor accepted a price that meant it was not necessary to sell the Hurst Green manse. The purchase was completed in October 2025. To reduce potential ongoing manse maintenance costs, the Trustees agreed to use available funds to complete outstanding manse work especially upgrading facilities at the Coulsdon manse.

   A Circuit Way Forward meeting in November 2024 raised awareness of the crucial decisions needed in the Circuit. Church Treasurers expressed difficulties with a prospective annual assessment increase, which indicated that the Circuit budget would continue to shrink - meaning that only one Presbyter would be in the Circuit from September 2028. The Trustees discussed the transformation needed in the Circuit between now and that date. They considered whether the church buildings, the "Circuit Estate", were suitable for our mission to connect with the community. The planning of worship was also reviewed: all churches expressed a desire to maintain Sunday morning worship every week in their own church buildings, but this presents challenges to future growth. The Revd Ermal Kirby spoke about the Circuit needing to "sing a new song" to connect with today's people, to "speak in their own language" quoting from Acts Chapter 2. The Circuit, he said, needs to pray in order to move forward - praying is a task that we need to take up.

d) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to reach out and engage with children, young people and families, offering grant funding for projects and personnel.

e) The Trustees appointed a new Local Preacher Secretary to commence in the role from September 2025. The Circuit encouraged churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services.

f) The Circuit has continued to encourage each church to have a recognised person responsible for pastoral oversight.

g) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches. To ensure that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place in the Circuit each church has a designated Safeguarding Officer and their work is supported by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, meeting twice a year.

h) The Circuit received a District Safeguarding Review which was completed successfully with no issues reported.

i) The Trustees approved a Circuit Social Media Policy.

j) Each church is being strongly encouraged and supported to develop a particular focus in improving links to their local community and attracting new church members. The following explains significant aspects of churches' engagement with their local community:

i. **Coulsdon Methodist Church** has house groups that meet every two months to read and discuss the Scriptures and their small Junior Church takes place on the first and third Sundays of the month. "Open Church" is open to the local community and takes place weekly with coffee, chat and prayers, as well as a toddler group. Bible study groups take place seasonally such as Advent and Lent. The church regularly supports local and international charities including the Purley Food Hub, Nightwatch, Crisis, Action for Children and All We Can. The extensive premises are widely used by the local community.

ii. **Sanderstead Methodist Church** holds a Bible study and prayer group meeting monthly. The congregation supports local and international charities including "Their Voice" committed to working with, and for, survivors of modern slavery, and the Douglas Murray Home for the Aged in South Africa. A part-time family worker is employed, leading Children's Church on the first and third Sundays of each month, two thriving toddler groups meeting weekly (supported by church volunteers) and leading the Brownie unit based at the church. A coffee club meets twice monthly for members of the congregation and the local community. The church has links with a local primary school, hosting visits, and invitations to occasional services. The church building is used regularly by a pre-school and a range of other community groups.

iii. **South Croydon United Church** has continued its work in the community during the year. "Open Door", a venture providing a warm space and breakfast for an hour twice a month on Tuesday mornings, was operated from November 2024 until May 2025. The church has continued its work with the local school. Children have visited the church for lessons and for their carol concerts as well as providing artwork for major Christian festivals, which has been displayed in the church. The Jack & Jill Club, which provides musical entertainment once a week for the retired, has continued. The church has again supported the charities Hestia and Croydon Nightwatch, with the school joining it in providing food for the latter.

iv. **Warlingham Methodist Church** has both children and young people each Sunday in the congregation and a part-time family worker. The congregation is focused on mission through families and youth work. It runs one weekly community youth club and a toddler group and on Sundays provides both Kids Church and Youth Church. It also runs annual outreach events, e.g. fireworks and a summer holiday club. It provides a bi-monthly daytime film club and weekly Bible study groups and occasional

courses to explore Christian faith. A contemporary worship service is held bi-monthly on Sunday evenings. It also has a monthly prayer meeting. It has hosted two Circuit healing services in the past year and will continue with this.

v. **Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church** runs a monthly coffee morning and lunch. The lunch has over 15 coming regularly. This initiative is supported by Sutton Council. The local knit and natter group uses the premises regularly. There are links with the Parish church and other Coulsdon churches.

vi. **Caterham Methodist Church** was regularly used by a nursery school and a trampolining and gymnastics club throughout the year. The church's main outreach was a monthly coffee morning, well supported by the local community. During the last part of the year, however, the help of volunteers from other churches was needed to continue to operate. In July 2025 the Caterham Methodist Church Council voted to cease worship from the end of August. An Extraordinary Circuit Meeting was held in early August and that meeting recommended closure to the District Policy Committee and to the District Synod and also to set up a group to manage the buildings. Pastoral care for the members was also planned. (The District Policy Committee concurred with the recommendation and the September Synod voted accordingly.)

Plans for the future

- Welcome Deacon Suzie and family at a special service including civic and community leaders and ecumenical representatives;
- Hold a Thanksgiving service for Caterham Methodist Church and attend to urgent work on the closed building, and engage in future planning for that building;
- Circuit Estate Review through meeting with the District Property Co-ordinator; Energy Audits in the Circuit's church buildings;
- Decide on the best outcome for the Hurst Green manse;
- Complete remedial work on the new manse, and move Deacon Suzie and her family in;
- Work to help connecting Churches with their community, particularly using technology and face-to-face outreach;
- Encourage Net Zero projects in the churches;
- Complete remedial and upgrade work on all the manses;
- Take action on professional advice for the Caterham church building;
- Encourage Circuit events including prayer events;
- Establish the Circuit strategy for the transformation needed by 2028.

Financial review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (and taking account of the Update Bulletin issued in 2016). The Statement of Recommended Practice has since been updated and the new SORP will take effect for the Circuit for the 2025/26 financial year. The Circuit anticipates no significant changes to its accounting policies.

Financial position at the end of the reporting period

As at 31 August 2025, the net current assets of the Circuit were £1,142,068 (2024: £946,241) of which £149,506 (2024: £132,892) was held as a General Fund reserve; £230 (2024: £13,212) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve; £400 (2024: £400) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund; £965,826 (2024: £791,790) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF); and £20,000 (2024: £nil) was held in a Restricted Fund towards the costs of the new Deacon in 2025/26.

£4,857 (2024: £4,848) was held in a Central Finance Board Managed Model Trust Fund with the balance of the CMTF held in an interest-bearing fund. The amounts for 2023/24 include the net proceeds of £436,460 from the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church.

Of the CMTF closing balance of £965,826 an amount of £831,000 was ringfenced towards the purchase, in 2025/26, of the new Crescent Road manse. The levy of £257,554 paid by the Circuit on the sale of the Selcroft Road manse was refunded to the Circuit in July 2025 to be applied to that purchase, with the balance of the purchase price financed for the Circuit's existing Model Trust Fund balance. Net of that transaction, the CMTF stood at £135,092 at 1 September 2025.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2025, a transfer of £66,285 was made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund (2024: £126,000) in accordance with a resolution of the Circuit Trustees in June 2025.

The amount approved comprised £19,560 to replenish the Manse Maintenance Fund, £25,000 to cover works at Woodhatch Spinney (bathroom and kitchen refurbishment) and £21,725 to ensure that the Reserves Policy would be met at 31 August 2025.

Statement of the Circuit's Policy on Reserves
The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The Reserves Policy takes into account the Circuit's Mission Policy, and likely levels of future income and expenditure, based on planned activity. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The Reserves Policy of the Purley Circuit was revised at the Circuit Meeting in March 2024 to ensure that, at the end of each financial year, the General Fund should cover six months projected expenditure from that fund, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve was more than sufficient to meet the policy as at 31 August 2025 at 154% of six months realised expenditure.

The Manse Maintenance Fund at the end of the financial year was £230 (on annual expenditure of £48,981, substantially incurred to carry out repairs at the Circuit's Woodhatch Spinney manse). Expenditure in 2025/26 is expected to moderate as the Circuit carries out repairs to its Bromford Close manse and its (newly acquired) Crescent Road manse. The Circuit has a policy of carrying out repairs and refurbishments to its manses to best utilise the capital receipts it has had from its sales of the Selcroft Road manse and Hurst Green Methodist Church in the short term (so reducing likely property expenses in the future).

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress. No contribution was made from that Fund.

The Circuit has been awarded a District Advance Fund grant of £100,000, payable over five years in equal instalments, starting in 2025/26 towards the costs of employing the Circuit's new Deacon. £20,000 in respect of 2025/26 was received in August 2025 and comprises the Circuit's only Restricted Funds. That amount was released on 1 September 2025 and applied to the costs of the new Deacon.

Details of any funds materially in deficit
As at 31 August 2025, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure

In the year ended 31 August 2025, 88% (£137,064) of the Circuit's income (other than capital receipts) was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 9% (£13,766) was rental income from the letting of the Bromford Close manse. That rental income is lower than in the previous year: the lease was terminated in May 2025 to allow the Circuit to accommodate the new Deacon whilst the purchase of the Crescent Road manse was completed. It is anticipated that Bromford Close will be let again in 2026, once refurbished, to provide the Circuit with rental income towards the balance of the cost of the new Deacon not covered by the District Advance Fund grant. Total operating income was £188,820 (not including capital receipts arising from the refunds of the District Advance Fund Levy paid on the sale of the Selcroft Road manse in 2023). (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2024 were 70% (£124,609) and 12% (£21,105) and £178,074 respectively.)

In the year ended 31 August 2025, Charitable Expenditure was £268,714 of which 40% (£106,549) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 18% (£48,981) was on the maintenance of property, 4% (£10,771) was on insurance and utilities, and 28% (£76,362) was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. That included a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund of £50,634, much increased since the previous year because of the substantial increase in the Circuit's Model Trust Fund following the sales of the Selcroft Road manse and Hurst Green Methodist Church. (The corresponding figures for 2024 were Charitable Expenditure[1] of £178,567 of which 54% (£96,001) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 4% (£7,553) on the maintenance of property, 7% (£11,772) on utilities and insurance, and 13% (£23,475) contribution to the District and Connexion.)

Grants totalling £2,354 were made to Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church (£1,818) towards the refurbishment of part of the Church's flooring and to Sanderstead Methodist Church (£536) towards the replacement of their cooker, both under the ad hoc funding request policy approved at Circuit Meetings in 2025.

In 2024/25 the Circuit's effective operating deficit was £79,894 (2023/24 £492) substantially arising from expenditure on property as detailed above and from the £50,634 levy on the Model Trust Fund based on its balance on 1 September 2024. An operating deficit on a substantially smaller scale is projected for 2025/26 also which will include further expenditure on manse refurbishments.

However, the purchase of the Crescent Road manse, which completed in October 2025 (but was anticipated before the end of the 2024/25 financial year), allowed the Circuit to ringfence £831,000 of its Model Trust Fund balance on 1 September 2025, substantially reducing the annual contribution to the Central Methodist Trust Fund to £4,241[2].

The Circuit is expected to remain solvent for 2025/26 and 2026/27. It continues to be the case that the Circuit Trustees will need to agree a plan to eliminate the deficit in the longer term. A Deacon has been appointed to the Circuit, from 1 September 2025, and part of her role is to assist the Circuit in working towards the renewal of the mission and the rationalisation of the Circuit.

The Council of Caterham Methodist Church voted to cease worship with effect from the end of August 2025, transferring the responsibility for its assets to the Circuit Trustees. This will be reflected in the Circuit's accounts for 2025/26.

[1] This excludes the Connexional Levy on the proceeds of the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church and the costs associated with that sale.

[2] This amount was charged to the Circuit's Model Trust Fund on 1 September 2025 and so will appear in the 2025/26 Accounts

Investment policy and objectives
Through 2024/25 the Investment Policy of the Circuit has been, firstly, to maintain in aggregate cash balances at the Circuit's current account with HSBC and at the Central Finance Board Deposit Account an amount sufficient to maintain the Reserve Policy. The Circuit's investments in the Model Trust Funds have been maintained to meet anticipated manse maintenance costs as well as unexpected costs. Property assets are held either to generate income to support the ongoing expenses of the Circuit (Bromford Close) or to provide manses for the Circuit's ministers.

Structure, governance and management

Purley Methodist Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

The charity is constituted by an Act of Parliament. The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

The District passes the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer (Circuit Leadership Team) via the medium of the Circuit Meeting. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of trustees.

The membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The managing trustees normally meet three times a year, in September, March and June/July. The trustees consist of Circuit office holders (appointed by the existing trustees), Ministers (appointed by the Methodist Conference) and representatives appointed by the local Methodist churches.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and

- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Purley Methodist Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. Trustees are asked to read the information provided online by The Methodist Church for Managing Trustees.

Risk Management

Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding

Statement of Safeguarding Principles

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

Principles

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- **promote** the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to **prevent** abuse from occurring
- seek to **protect** and respond well to those that have been abused.

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the police and social services in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

Working with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts.

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

The Purley Circuit commits itself to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, whether in the Church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust. It commits itself to providing informed pastoral care to those in need, including the supervision of those who have committed criminal offences.

2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance, government legislation and guidance to achieve safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

3. The **PROVISION** of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for the work of those who are workers with children and vulnerable adults and acknowledge the shared responsibility of us all for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults on our premises.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF
Charity's bankers	HSBC UK
Independent Examiner	Mr R J E Bamford

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Revd. Graham Claydon Knights *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Revd. Sang Wook Han *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Stephen Mares			Methodist Conference
Revd. Ermal Kirby *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Dr. Jonathan Dean			Methodist Conference
Dr. Robert Baston *	Circuit Treasurer and Circuit Steward		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Maureen Cebreiro			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Eleanor Day	Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Anne Downey			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mr Peter Gammie		To 11/03/25	Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Jill Gradon			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss A Wendy Heslop		From 25/06/25	Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr Curtis Juman	Local Preacher representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Heather Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enock Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore		To 30/03/25	Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin *	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Miss Susan Stevens			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff *	Circuit Steward Circuit Safeguarding Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs T E Wallbank *	Circuit Steward Synod Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Doreen Wright			South Croydon United Church Meeting

Changes to Trustee appointments from 1 September 2025

Trustee name	Office (if any)		Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Mr Jeremy Davies	Secretary of the Local Preachers' Meeting	Appointed 15/09/25	Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Marjorie Dear		Appointed 15/09/25	Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Miss A Wendy Heslop		Leaving 31/08/25	Caterham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls		Leaving 31/08/25	Caterham Methodist Church Council
Deacon Suzie Viana *		Appointed 01/09/25	Methodist Conference
Revd Roberto Viana		Appointed 01/09/25	Methodist Conference

* = Member of the Circuit Leadership Team

From September 2025, Mrs Maureen Cebreiro was appointed as a Circuit Steward and a member of the Circuit Leadership Team.

Custodian trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	Revd. Graham Claydon-Knights	Mrs Helen Rankin
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Secretary
Date	23rd MARCH 2026	

Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Circuit No. 35/40

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies	13	-	-	-	**-**	1,000
Income from monetary investments		4,598	33,392	-	**37,990**	24,302
Income from investment properties		-	-	-	**-**	-
Assessments on churches		137,064	-	-	**137,064**	124,609
Capital receipts		-	-	-	**-**	-
Grants received & Connexional levies refunded	12.3.1	-	257,554	20,000	**277,554**	-
Rental income	13	13,766	-	-	**13,766**	21,105
Other charitable income	13	-	-	-	**-**	12,058
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts		-	-	-	**-**	-
Total income		**155,427**	**290,946**	**20,000**	**466,374**	183,074
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	12.3.1	2,354	-	-	**2,354**	21,340
Salaries and associated costs	7	106,549	-	-	**106,549**	96,001
Ministers' expenses		4,104	-	-	**4,104**	3,428
Insurance, utilities etc		10,771	-	-	**10,771**	11,772
Property maintenance		48,981	-	-	**48,981**	7,553
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	12.3.2	25,728	50,634	-	**76,362**	23,475
District assessment & Connexional levy paid	12.3.3	3,672	-	-	**3,672**	254,291
Depreciation		-	-	-	**-**	-
Office expenses		1,696	-	-	**1,696**	1,505
Other outgoings	12.5	14,223	-	-	**14,223**	22,743
Total charitable expenditure		**218,080**	**50,634**	**-**	**268,714**	442,107
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	9		**9**	348
Gains/(losses) on investment properties	12.4	-	-		**-**	-
Net income/(expenditure)		**(62,653)**	**240,321**	**20,000**	**197,668**	(258,684)
Transfers between funds	12.3.4	66,285	(66,285)		**-**	-
Other gains/(losses)					**-**	-
Net movement in funds		**3,632**	**174,036**	**20,000**	**197,668**	(258,684)
Total funds brought forward		1,376,504	791,790	-	**2,168,294**	2,426,978
Total funds carried forward		**1,380,136**	**965,826**	**20,000**	**2,365,962**	2,168,294

Note *Throughout these accounts, numbers might not add due to rounding; but each individual figure is correctly rounded to the nearest pound.*

See 4.1 for prior financial year.

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2025	Totals at 31 August 2024
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit manses & equipment	12.1, 12.2	1,230,000			**1,230,000**	1,230,000
Investment properties	12.1	-			**-**	0
Investments	14		4,857		**4,857**	4,848
Total fixed assets		**1,230,000**	**4,857**	**-**	**1,234,857**	1,234,848
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	8	10,953			**10,953**	16,910
Loans by the Circuit					**-**	0
Investments with TMCP	14		960,969		**960,969**	786,942
Central Finance Board deposits		147,583		20,000	**167,583**	127,971
Other deposits					**-**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		2,563			**2,563**	14,418
Total current assets		**161,099**	**960,969**	**20,000**	**1,142,068**	946,241
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	10,963			**10,963**	12,795
Grants payable within one year					**-**	0
Total current liabilities		**10,963**	**-**	**-**	**10,963**	12,795
Net current assets/liabilities		**150,136**	**960,969**	**20,000**	**1,131,105**	933,446
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,380,136**	**965,826**	**20,000**	**2,365,962**	2,168,294
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after one year					**-**	0
Other long-term liabilities					**-**	0
Total long-term liabilities		**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	0
					-	0
Net assets		**1,380,136**	**965,826**	**20,000**	**2,365,962**	2,168,294
Funds of the Circuit						
General Funds (Unrestricted)		1,380,136			**1,380,136**	1,376,504
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			965,826		**965,826**	791,790
Total Unrestricted Funds					**2,345,962**	2,168,294
Restricted Funds				20,000	**20,000**	0
Total Funds		**1,380,136**	**965,826**	**20,000**	**2,365,962**	2,168,294

See 4.2 for prior year comparison

Signed by

Dr R J Baston
Circuit Treasurer
Date

23 MAR 2026

Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights
Chair of Circuit Meeting
Date

23 MAR 2026

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of which are Unrestricted; the Circuit Model Trust Fund which has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds and no Restricted Funds (held for narrower purposes). Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to better reflect the Circuit's financial position and activities.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties are reviewed quinquennially and appropriate repairs effected so no impairments are recognised.

Investment properties

Hurst Green Methodist Church and the Selcroft Road Manse having been sold, the Circuit held no investment properties at 31st August 2025.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2024

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
Income from monetary investments	3,557	20,745	-	**24,302**
Income from investment properties	-	-	-	**-**
Assessments on churches	124,609	-	-	**124,609**
Capital receipts	-	-	-	**-**
Grants received	-	-	-	**-**
Rental income	21,105	-	-	**21,105**
Other charitable income	7,058	5,000	-	**12,058**
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts	-	-	-	**-**
Total income	**157,329**	**25,745**	**-**	**183,074**
Expenditure				
Grants and donations	21,340	-	-	**21,340**
Salaries and associated costs	96,001	-	-	**96,001**
Ministers' expenses	3,428	-	-	**3,428**
Insurance, utilities etc	11,772	-	-	**11,772**
Property maintenance	7,553	-	-	**7,553**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	23,246	228	-	**23,475**
District assessment & connexional levy	3,318	250,973	-	**254,291**
Depreciation	-	-	-	**-**
Office expenses	1,505	-	-	**1,505**
Other outgoings	10,177	12,567	-	**22,743**
Total charitable expenditure	**178,338**	**263,768**	**-**	**442,107**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	348		**348**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-		**-**
Net income/(expenditure)	**(21,009)**	**(237,675)**	**-**	**(258,684)**
Transfers between funds	(574,000)	574,000		**-**
Other gains/(losses)				**-**
Net movement in funds	**(595,009)**	**336,325**	**-**	**(258,684)**
Total funds brought forward	1,971,513	455,465	-	**2,426,978**
Total funds carried forward	**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**-**	**2,168,294**

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2024

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2024
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Circuit manses & equipment	1,230,000			**1,230,000**
Investment properties	-			**-**
Investments		4,848		**4,848**
Total fixed assets	**1,230,000**	**4,848**	**-**	**1,234,848**
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	16,910			**16,910**
Loans by the Circuit				**-**
Investments with TMCP		786,942		**786,942**
Central Finance Board deposits	127,971			**127,971**
Other deposits				**-**
Cash at bank and in hand	14,418			**14,418**
Total current assets	**159,299**	**786,942**	**-**	**946,241**
Current liabilities				
Creditors (due in under one year)	12,795			**12,795**
Grants payable within one year				**-**
Total current liabilities	**12,795**	**-**	**-**	**12,795**
Net current assets/liabilities	**146,504**	**786,942**	**-**	**933,446**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**-**	**2,168,294**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after one year				**-**
Other long-term liabilities				**-**
Total long-term liabilities	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**
				-
Net assets	**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**-**	**2,168,294**
Funds of the Circuit				
General Funds (Unrestricted)	1,376,504			**1,376,504**
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		791,790		**791,790**
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				**-**
Total Unrestricted Funds				**2,168,294**
Restricted Funds			-	**-**
Endowment Funds				**-**
Total Funds	**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**-**	**2,168,294**

5 Payments to trustees

		2024/25	2023/24
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	0	0

		2024/25	2023/24
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		4	7
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£	3,291	5,908

Expense payments substantially all relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs incurred by the Presbyters.

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2024/25	2023/24
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (e.g. advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2024/25	2023/24
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind[1]	£	83,757	73,792
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	7,849	6,217
Pension costs[2]	£	14,526	15,625
Apprenticeship levy	£	418	368
Total staff costs[3]	**£**	**106,549**	**96,001**

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year[4]:		2.50	2.35

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2025	2024
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	10,953	7,549
Other debtors and prepayments[5]	£	0	9,361
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**10,953**	**16,910**

[1] The increase year-on-year comprises (i) a general inflation related stipend increase; (ii) substantially, the employment of Rev. Ermal Kirby with responsibility for South Croydon United Church in the absence of a United Reformed Church minister for the whole year; and (iii) an increase in Employers National Insurance costs.

[2] This includes an initiating lump-sum pension contribution for the Lay Worker

[3] Up to rounding.

[4] Full time: Rev. Graham Claydon-Knights and Rev. Sang Wook Han; part time: Rev. Ermal Kirby (at 25% for a full year) & Linda Lucking (Administrator) (at 25%).

[5] For 2024 the full amount relates to a deposit paid in advance of the installation of new windows at a manse

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2025	2024
Assessments received in advance[6]	£	10,571	11,422
Rental payments received in advance	£	0	1,373
Caterham Methodist Church[7]	£	392	0
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**10,963**	**12,795**

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

As at 31 August 2025 there were no capital commitments (2024: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2025 (2024: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

12.1 Disposition of Circuit's Properties

The following table displays the disposition of the Circuit's properties over the course of the financial year, recording the effect of the disposal Hurst Green Methodist Church during the course of the year.

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,230,000	0			1,230,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)		0	0			
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,230,000	0			1,230,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0
Net book value						
Brought forward		1,230,000	0			1,230,000
Carried forward		1,230,000	0			1,230,000

[6] The Assessments received in advance are the same as in the previous year, except that no assessment has been received from Caterham Methodist Church, following its resolution to close with effect from 1st September 2025.
[7]Following the resignation of the Treasurer of Caterham Methodist Church, the Circuit agreed to meet miscellaneous outgoing of that Church against not remitting charitable donations received by the Circuit on behalf of the Church.

12.2 Manse valuations

Until considered for sale, the manses have been held at their historic book value (as at 31st August 2015) as follows:

Property	£
27, Woodhatch Spinney	360,000
11, Cranleigh Gardens	410,000
1, Bromford Close	460,000
Total	**1,230,000**

12.3 Transfers between funds, grants and Connexional Levies

12.3.1 Grants received and Connexional Levies Refunded

The Circuit has received a grant of £100,000 from the London District Advance Fund towards the costs of employing a Deacon for five years, commencing on 1st September 2025. This is paid in five equal annual instalments, the first of which was received in August 2025.

The Connexional Levy of £257,554 paid in 2023/24 out of the proceeds of the sale of the Selcroft Road Manse (which completed in September 2023) has been refunded and will be used towards the cost of acquiring the new manse at 41 Crescent Road, Caterham.

Grants totalling £2,354 were made to two Circuit Churches under the Circuit's grants policy (in each case covering 1/3rd of the capital expenditure costs).

12.3.2 Connexional Assessment and Central Model Trust levy

The Circuit paid a Connexional assessment of £25,728 and a Central Model Trust Fund Levy of £50,634 on the outstanding value of its Model Trust Fund (on 1st September 2024).

12.3.3 District levy

The Circuit paid a London District levy of £3,672 which goes towards the running costs of the London District. No properties were sold in 2024/25 so no Connexional Levy on the proceeds of property sales was paid.

12.3.4 Transfers between funds

Pursuant to a Resolution of the Circuit Meeting in June 2025, an amount of £66,285 was transferred from the Circuit's Model Trust Fund to its General Fund comprising
amounts of

a) £19,560 to ensure that the Manse Maintenance Fund was in surplus at year end;
b) £25,000 towards the anticipated costs of refurbishing the bathrooms and kitchen at the Woodhatch Spinney manse; and
c) £21,725 to ensure that the Circuit's Reserve Policy is projected to be met through financial year 2025/26

12.4 Gain/(loss) on investment properties

There was no gain nor loss in the financial year 2024/25, no properties being held as investment properties

12.5 Other Outgoings

Other outgoings comprise relocation costs for the Circuit's new Deacon, Preaching Fees and Other Miscellaneous Costs:

	£	£
	2025	*2024*
Relocation costs	4,654	0
Payments to the United Reformed Church	0	7,625
Preaching Fees	975	900
Survey expenses	6,381	300
Legal expenses	1,174	0
Other Miscellaneous Costs (Bank charges, safeguarding training, incidental costs incurred in the application for a Deacon and Connexional Resources)	1,039	1,301
Benevolent Fund disbursements	0	50
Total[8]	**14,223**	**10,177**

13 Rental and Other Income

Rental income of £13,766 was received from the tenants of 1 Bromford Close, Hurst Green for the period from 1st September 2024 to 5th May 2025, when the tenancy terminated. 1 Bromford Close is now used as a manse (housing the Circuit's new Deacon).

No other charitable income was received in 2024/25.

14 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium- and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

[8] Numbers may not add up due to rounding

Analysis of investments	£	£
	2025	*2024*
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds[9]	4,857	4,848
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Trustees Interest Fund (see note below)[10]	960,969	786,942
Total investments	**965,826**	**791,790**

Change in common investment fund valuations	2024/25	2023/24
Carrying (market) value at start of year	4,848	4,500
Plus: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	9	348
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**4,857**	**4,848**

In July, the Circuit Trustees' Interest Fund was credited with £257,554, being a refund of the levy paid to the London District Advance Fund in 2023/24 from the net proceeds of the sale of the Selcroft Road manse. This amount is to be applied to the anticipated purchase of 41 Crescent Road, Caterham as a replacement manse. This credit is included in a total of £831,000 which has been transferred to an auxiliary Circuit Trustees' Interest Fund (4337A) reserved for the purchase of 41 Crescent Road (which amount will not incur the Annual Central Methodist Fund Levy on 1st September 2025).

14.1 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2025

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	132,892	155,427	205,099	66,285		149,506
Manse Maintenance Fund	13,212	-	48,981	36,000		230
Benevolence Fund	400	-	-	-		400
Circuit Model Trust Fund	791,790	293,520	53,208	(66,285)	9	965,826
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**938,294**	**448,947**	**307,288**	**36,000**	**9**	**1,115,962**
Restricted Funds						
DAF Grant for Deacon	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**20,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**20,000**
Property	**1,230,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,230,000**
Total	**2,168,294**	**468,947**	**307,288**	**36,000**	**9**	**2,365,962**

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2025.

The following transfers were made between the funds or to the Circuit Churches during the year:

- a transfer of £36,000 from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance (accounted for as an expenditure by the General Fund); and

[9] Recognised as an Investment under Fixed Assets

[10] Recognised as an Investment with TMCP under Current Assets

- a transfer of £66,285 from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General Expenditure Fund (see Note 12.3.4).

Grants to two Churches (under the Circuit Grants Policy, from the General Fund), one for building maintenance and one for a replacement cooker, totalling £2,354 are included in expenses.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2024

Note: In the 2024 accounts, General Expenditure Fund transfers were given net of grants to churches in the circuit. These are now recognised in Expenditure.

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	34,368	157,329	184,805	126,000		132,892
Manse Maintenance Fund	6,695	-	7,483	14,000		13,212
Benevolence Fund	450	-	50	-		400
Circuit Model Trust Fund	455,465	462,231	254	(126,000)	348	791,790
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**496,978**	**619,561**	**192,593**	**14,000**	**348**	**938,294**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund						0
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Property	**1,230,000**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**1,230,000**
Total	**1,726,978**	**619,561**	**192,593**	**14,000**	**348**	**2,168,294**

There were no endowment funds and no restricted funds in the year ending 31 August 2024.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer

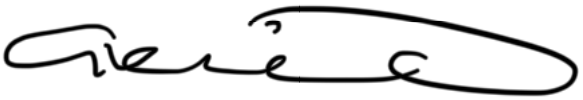
Date 16th December 2025

Name and address of treasurer:

Dr R J Baston
57 Westhall Road,
Warlingham,
CR6 9BG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 23 March 2026.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights

Date 23rd MAR 2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
of the Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (No 35/40)

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages F-1 to F-12. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner	R J E Bamford
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	ICAEW
Name of firm (where appropriate)	N/a
Address	9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 16/12/2025

PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134261

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2023 TO 31/08/2024

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

The Purley Methodist Circuit had two Methodist ministers: Revd Graham Claydon-Knights, the Superintendent Minister, and Revd Sang Wook Han. Revd Martin Knight is a United Reformed Church (URC) minister, who gave 25% of his time to the South Croydon United Church, a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with the URC, and the remaining time devoted to another local URC congregation. Revd Martin, however, left for a new appointment in the spring of 2024. The Circuit's activities are supported by a part-time Administrator, Mrs Linda Lucking.

There were three supernumerary ministers in the Circuit: Revd Ermal Kirby, Revd Jenni Kirby and Revd Stephen Mares. Revd Ermal was appointed to assist with South Croydon United Church from 1 June 2024 until 31 August 2025, to allow time to find a new minister for that appointment.

The Revd Graham Claydon-Knights was appointed the Superintendent of the Purley Methodist Circuit for five years from 1 September 2023.

The Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 189 members in six churches, including the LEP: The churches are located as follows:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

The sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church completed on 16th July 2024. Prior to the exchange of contracts on 11th June 2024, to ensure good care of this Circuit asset, weekly meetings were held in the building and monthly services were included in the preaching plan.

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives, recognising the gifts of laity, developing and supporting them,

appreciating that ultimately laity will do much of the reaching out. We have a number of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church. Many of these activities resumed face to face and some churches continued to enable people to participate in worship via Zoom. Some meetings take place via Zoom and Google Meet to enable greater participation.

b) The Circuit has continued to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact. Circuit services are planned once or twice quarterly.

c) "The Way Forward" is a Circuit initiative in which churches were encouraged to consider their situation and look to the future.

Representatives from each of the circuit churches were invited to attend Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church on Saturday, the 3rd of February 2024. Using the report to the circuit meeting written by the Revd. Ermal Kirby, "Proposals for re-shaping our ministry and mission", we worked in our church groups to seek out the "diamonds", the best points, from that report, and from the churches' responses to that report. From this activity, a number of themes emerged:
- working to include children and families in our church life
- communicate better with our communities
- intentional prayer as churches, and a circuit.

We spoke about the Methodist Way of Life practices, mapping those to actions in each church and then looking across the circuit. This revealed that many of those activities are well established across all churches. However, there were some which were present in only a few:
- Learn "We learn more about our faith"
- Notice "We notice God in Scripture, and in the world"
- Challenge "We challenge injustice"
- Tell "We tell of the love of God"
- Live "We live in a way that draws people to Jesus"

These practices are present in the circuit but more help can be made available, or activity encouraged, across the congregations.
Lastly, each group were asked to name the first steps forward for each church, and to name also any help that might be needed from grants or expertise in making those happen. In summary, the activities included use of technology in communication with their communities, restarting bible studies and house groups, carrying out Mission audits, improving hospitality, facilities and abilities, including more intentional, prayer, times and spaces, and increasing participative worship that included families. Requested help was for use of technology, leading biblical teaching, helping with families work, helping with hospitality facilities, and staffing, and funding accessible toilet facilities in some places.

We met again 22/6/24. Churches shared “One Good Thing” from the time since the last meeting. We heard about miraculous healing, new members, new staff and new engagements with a group that meets at a church. We also discussed what things made our hearts sink, such as paperwork, the loss of a valued minister, struggles with a friend’s secular funeral, the sadness of creating several children’s events that seemed to have no visible results. We also heard a lament on the lack of engagement with men in worship and mission. We asked what would make the difference for the churches, to enable them to overcome some of the difficult things and the struggles. We had also asked churches to think about the possibility of a five-year Deacon role in the circuit. This led to a discussion on a number of themes:

- Transitory Lives

Our fixed patterns of Sunday morning worship and other weekly/monthly activities connects poorly with the transitory lives lived by many of the population around our circuit. We don’t know if different forms of worship and different times, or online sermons for example, would be a better way to help people to worship and connect with God and find Christ. We need help in understanding and in making that change. Would this be part of a Deacon’s work?

- Mission to men

As noted about, we now realise that we need help to find ways to bring the Gospel to men, and to bring men into church life.

- Connecting with the community and with people’s lives

We wondered how a Deacon could encourage a visible presence within the community. One suggestion was to look for the “pinch points” in the current ministers’ lives. How could we connect better with the community? As a five-year role, surely it will need aims for those years, to make a lasting difference that continues when the role ends. What talents could be shared and encouraged in the churches in those years? We need training and encouragement, enabled in mission.

- Technology

How can we gain the insight and skills to make use of technology in worship and mission?
We discussed how to find confidence in the areas that we struggled with, highlighting the need for encouragement in what the Methodist Church has to offer to our society (using the Methodist Way of Life as a starting point) and training in ways to approach outreach. We need also to publicise the regular bible studies and series that are going on in the circuit, and other things that build up our faith. Lastly, the need for regular and targeted prayer was emphasised.
Focussing on the calling of the Methodist Church on Worship and Mission, we discussed our challenges of running 78 Sunday morning services every quarter. We noted that there is currently zoomed service available every Sunday from Warlingham methodist church, and that the access code can be made available to anyone wishing to join. Other circuit churches are considering installing facilities for this. There are also many good Local Arrangement teams in operation. Using recent suggestions from the Revd Ermal Kirby, we thought that a circuit Worship Development Team would be helpful in coordination and innovation, especially as we need to work out how worship could be “more attractive and informative” for the “transitory lives” mentioned earlier. Revd Ermal had also suggested that the circuit might appoint a “Mission Enabler” or “Church Related Community Worker”, looking at each church location in turn. Skills in technology were again mentioned.
We agreed that the next step was to meet with Methodist Diaconal Order, recognising that this meeting may lead to our application for Diaconal role.
Our next Way Forward meeting was planned for Saturday 16th November 2024.

d) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to reach out and engage with children, young people and families. This work is focused on Sanderstead and Warlingham Methodist churches. Alongside teams of committed volunteers, these two churches each employ a family worker and Warlingham Methodist Church also employs a youth worker and wants to employ another. Young people were encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit, such as at the Warlingham Methodist Church “Ignite” service which was advertised across the circuit churches.

f) The Circuit has encouraged the spiritual development of church members by encouraging the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services.

h) The Circuit has continued to encourage each church to have a recognised person responsible for pastoral oversight.

i) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches. To ensure that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place in the Circuit each church has a designated Safeguarding Officer and their work is supported by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

j) Each church is being strongly encouraged and supported to develop a particular focus in improving links to their local community and attracting new church members. The following explains significant aspects of churches' engagement with their local community:

i. **Caterham Methodist Church** is regularly used by a nursery school and a trampolining and gymnastics club. There is a small Junior Church. The church's main outreach is a monthly coffee morning, well supported by the local community.

ii. **Coulsdon Methodist Church** has house groups, a small Junior Church, a weekly "Open Church" with coffee and prayers, a seasonal Bible study group, and a toddler group. The extensive premises are widely used by the local community.

iii. **Sanderstead Methodist Church** is regularly used by a local pre-school. A Bible study and prayer group meets monthly. A part-time family worker is employed, leading Junior Church, two thriving toddler groups (meeting weekly) supported by church volunteers and Brownies. A coffee club meets twice monthly for members of the congregation and the local community. The church has links with a local primary school, hosting visits and invitations to occasional services. Supports local and international charities including "Their Voice" for displaced people and the Douglas Murray home for the elderly in South Africa.

iv. **South Croydon United Church** has continued its work in the community during the year. "Open Door", a venture providing a warm space and breakfast for an hour on Tuesday mornings during term time, continued until Easter 2024. Since then, it has operated twice a month on Tuesday mornings. The church has continued its work with the school. Children have visited the church for lessons and for their carol concerts as well as providing artwork for major Christian festivals, which has been displayed in the church. The Jack & Jill Club, which provides musical entertainment once a week for the retired, has continued. The church has again supported the charities Hestia and Croydon Night Watch, with the school joining it in providing food for the latter. A quiz night was held to raise money for the 'White Eagle' Ukraine Appeal and members of the community participated.

v. **Warlingham Methodist Church** has both children and young people each Sunday in the congregation and two part-time Youth/Family workers. The congregation is focused on mission through families and youth work. It runs two weekly community youth clubs and a toddler group and on Sundays provides both Kids Church and Youth Church. It also runs annual outreach events, e.g. fireworks and a summer holiday club. It provides a monthly daytime film club and weekly Bible study groups and occasional courses to explore Christian faith. A monthly contemporary worship service, "Ignite", was run on Saturday evenings (although this is recently changed to a bi-monthly Sunday evening). It also has a monthly prayer meeting.

vi. **Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church** runs a monthly coffee morning and lunch. The lunch has over 15 coming regularly. This initiative is supported by Stutton Council. The local knit and natter group uses the premises regularly. There are links with the Parish church and other Coulsdon churches.

k) The Circuit completed a stationing process for one of the ministers, which resulted in the re-invitation of that minister.

Plans for the future

a) Stationing application for a missional and ministerial Diaconal post (successfully completed in 2025).
b) Planning to use the recently acquired financial resources in support of the Circuit Mission Policy – this is underway in 2025 with the successful Diaconal stationing.
c) Holding regular "Way Forward" meeting with representatives from across the Circuit.

Financial review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 (and taking account of the Update Bulletin issued in 2016).

Financial position at the end of the reporting period
As at 31 August 2024, the net current assets of the Circuit were £938,294 (2023: £496,978) of which £132,892 (2023: £34,368) was held as a General Fund reserve, £13,212 (2023: £6,695) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve, £400 (2023: £450) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund, £791,790 (2023: £455,465) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund and nil (2023: £ nil) was held in a Restricted Fund. Of this, £4,848 (2023: £4,634) was held in a Central Finance Board Managed Model Trust Fund. The amounts for 2022/23 include (on an accruals basis) the net proceeds of £446,331 for the sale of the Selcroft Road manse for which contracts of sale had been exchanged in 2022/23 (with completion in September 2023). The amounts for 2023/24 include the net proceeds of £436,460 from the sale of the Hurst Green Methodist Church.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2024, a transfer of £126,000 was made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund (2023: £nil) in accordance with a resolution of the Circuit Trustees in March 2024. The amount approved comprised £14,000 to cover the projected General Fund deficit for 2023/24, £72,000 to ensure that the revised reserves policy would be met at 31st August 2024 and £40,000 to fund ad hoc funding requests from Circuit Churches. An amount of £5,000 (plus interest) was received from the Methodist Pensions Reserve Fund, being a refund of the contribution made by the Circuit to that fund in 2021/22.

Statement of the Circuit's Policy on Reserves
The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The Reserves Policy takes into account the Circuit's mission policy, and likely levels of future income and

expenditure, based on planned activity. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The Reserves Policy of the Purley Circuit was revised at the Circuit Meeting in March 2024 to ensure that at the end of each financial year the General Fund should cover six months projected expenditure from that fund, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve was more than sufficient to meet the policy as at 31 August 2024 at 149% of six months realised expenditure.

The Manse Maintenance Fund at the end of the financial year was £13,212 (on annual expenditure of £7,483). Expenditure in 2024/25 is expected to increase substantially as the Circuit carries out repairs to its Woodhatch Spinney manse as required by the Quinquennial Inspection carried out on that manse in April 2024.

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress. A contribution of £50 was made in support of a fund-raising event organised by Sanderstead Methodist Church in support of the registered charity “Their Voice”.

The Circuit presently has no Restricted Funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit
As at 31 August 2024, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure
In the year ended 31 August 2023, 79% (£124,609) of the Circuit’s income (other than capital receipts) was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 13% (£21,105) was rental income from the letting of one manse. Total income was £157,329 (not including capital receipts and net income on the Circuit’s Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2023 were 85% (£113,286) and 13% (£17,544) and £132,677 respectively.)

As anticipated in the previous year’s accounts, the Circuit sold the Hurst Green Methodist Church to Tandridge District Council for £700,000. After the sale expenses of £12,569 and the payment of a Connexional Levy of £250,973 (37% of net proceeds) to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the Circuit received a net amount of £436,460 into its Model Trust Funds.

In the year ended 31 August 2024, Charitable Expenditure (excluding the cost of selling Selcroft Road) was £147,989 of which 54% (£96,001) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 4% (£7,553) was on the maintenance of property, 7% (£11,772) was on other property costs, and 13% (£23,472) was the Circuit’s contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, including a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for 2023 were Charitable Expenditure of £147,756 of which 35% (£52,051) on pay and related costs, 17% (£25,806) on the maintenance of property, 9% (£14,048) on other property costs, and 18% (£26,021) contribution to the District and Connexion.)

Grants totalling £21,340 were made to Coulsdon Methodist Church (£13,430) and Warlingham Methodist Church (£7,910) towards the replacement of their hall floors under the ad hoc funding request policy approved at the March 2024 Circuit Meeting.

In 2023/24 the Circuit’s effective operating deficit was £21,237 (2022/23 £ 15,312) and an operating deficit is projected for 2024/25 also. The Circuit is expected to remain solvent for

2024/25 and 2025/26. It continues to be the case that the Circuit Trustees will need to agree a plan to eliminate the deficit in the longer term. A Deacon has been appointed to the Circuit, from 1st September 2025, and part of her role will be to assist the Circuit in working towards the renewal and rationalisation of the Circuit.

Investment policy and objectives

Through 2023/24 the Investment Policy of the Circuit has been, firstly, to maintain in aggregate cash balances at the Circuit's current account with HSBC and at the Central Finance Board Deposit Account an amount sufficient to maintain the Reserve Policy. The Circuit's investments in the Model Trust Funds have been maintained to meet unexpected costs. Property assets are held either to generate income to support the ongoing expenses of the Circuit (Bromford Close) or to provide manses for the Circuit's ministers.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Purley Methodist Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. In particular, the leaflet "The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church" is given to each trustee and trustees are asked to read the information provided online by The Methodist Church for Managing Trustees.

Risk Management

Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding
Statement of Safeguarding Principles

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

Principles

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- **promote** the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to **prevent** abuse from occurring
- seek to **protect** and respond well to those that have been abused.

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the police and social services in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

Working with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts.

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

The Purley Circuit commits itself to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, whether in the Church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust. It commits itself to providing informed pastoral care to those in need, including the supervision of those who have committed criminal offences.

2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance, government legislation and guidance to achieve safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

3. The **PROVISION** of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for the work of those who are workers with children and vulnerable adults and acknowledge the shared responsibility of us all for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults on our premises.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF
Charity's bankers	HSBC UK
Independent Examiner	Mr R J E Bamford

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Revd. Graham Claydon Knights *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Revd. Sang Wook Han *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Martin Knight *†			Methodist Conference/Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church
Revd. Stephen Mares			Methodist Conference
Revd. Ermal Kirby *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Nigel Cowgill			Methodist Conference
Dr. Robert Baston *	Circuit Treasurer and Circuit Steward		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mr Brian Brooks	Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting		Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council

Mrs Maureen Cebreiro			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Eleanor Day	Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mrs Marjorie Dear			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mr Peter Gammie			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Jill Gradon			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Gwenda Hand	Hurst Green Methodist Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr Curtis Juman	Local Preacher representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Heather Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enock Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Miss Susan Stevens			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff *	Circuit Steward Circuit Safeguarding Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council

Mrs T E Wallbank *	Circuit Steward Synod Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Doreen Wright			South Croydon United Church Meeting

Changes to Trustee appointments from 1 September 2024

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**		**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Anne Downey	Church representative		Whitethorn Avenue Church Council

* = Member of the Circuit Leadership Team
† = Until 30th April 2024

Custodian trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	Revd. Graham Claydon-Knights	Mrs Helen Rankin
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Secretary
Date	26th MARCH 2025	

Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Circuit No. 35/40

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies	13.1	1,000	-	-	**1,000**
Income from monetary investments		3,557	20,745	-	**24,302**
Income from investment properties		-	-	-	**-**
Assessments on churches		124,609	-	-	**124,609**
Capital receipts		-	-	-	**-**
Grants received		-	-	-	**-**
Rental income		21,105	-	-	**21,105**
Other charitable income	13.2, 13.3	7,058	5,000	-	**12,058**
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts		-	-	-	**-**
Total income		**157,329**	**25,745**	**-**	**183,074**
Expenditure					
Grants and donations		21,340	-	-	**21,340**
Salaries and associated costs	7	96,001	-	-	**96,001**
Ministers' expenses		3,428	-	-	**3,428**
Insurance, utilities etc		11,772	-	-	**11,772**
Property maintenance		7,553	-	-	**7,553**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy		23,246	228	-	**23,475**
District assessment & connexional levy	12.3.1	3,318	250,973	-	**254,291**
Depreciation		-	-	-	**-**
Office expenses		1,505	-	-	**1,505**
Other outgoings	12.5	10,177	12,567	-	**22,743**
Total charitable expenditure		**178,338**	**263,768**	**-**	**442,107**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	348		**348**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties	12	-	-		**-**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(21,009)**	**(237,675)**	**-**	**(258,684)**
Transfers between funds	12.3	(574,000)	574,000		**-**
Other gains/(losses)					**-**
Net movement in funds		**(595,009)**	**336,325**	**-**	**(258,684)**
Total funds brought forward		1,971,513	455,465	-	**2,426,978**
Total funds carried forward		**1,376,503.98**	**791,790**	**-**	**2,168,294**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2024]
		£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Circuit manses & equipment	12.1, 12.2	1,230,000			**1,230,000**
Investment properties	12.1	0			**0**
Investments	14		4,848		**4,848**
Total fixed assets		**1,230,000**	**4,848**	**0**	**1,234,848**
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	8	16,910			**16,910**
Loans by the Circuit					**0**
Investments with TMCP	14		786,942		**786,942**
Central Finance Board deposits		127,971			**127,971**
Other deposits					**0**
Cash at bank and in hand		14,418			**14,418**
Total current assets		**159,299**	**786,942**	**0**	**946,241**
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	12,795			**12,795**
Grants payable within one year					**0**
Total current liabilities		**12,795**	**0**	**0**	**12,795**
Net current assets/liabilities		**146,504**	**786,942**	**0**	**933,446**
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**0**	**2,168,294**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after one year					**0**
Other long-term liabilities					**0**
Total long-term liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
					0
Net assets		**1,376,504**	**791,790**	**0**	**2,168,294**
Funds of the Circuit					
General Funds (Unrestricted)		1,376,504			**1,376,504**
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			791,790		**791,790**
Total Unrestricted Funds					**2,168,294**
Restricted Funds				0	**0**
Total Funds		**1,376,503.84**	**791,790**	**0**	**2,168,294**

Signed by

Dr R J Baston
Circuit Treasurer
Date

Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights
Chair of Circuit Meeting
Date

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of which are Unrestricted; the Circuit Model Trust Fund which has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as Unrestricted. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds and no Restricted Funds (held for narrower purposes). Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market 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.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties are reviewed quinquennially and appropriate repairs effected so no impairments are recognised.

Investment properties

Hurst Green Methodist Church which was held for sale as an investment property as at the end of the last financial year has been sold to Tandridge District Council. Contracts for the sale of the Selcroft Road manse were exchanged in August 2023 (and the sale accounted for in the last financial year); completion occurred as expected in September 2023.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2023

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies	-	-	-	**-**	-
Income from monetary investments	1,865	255	-	**2,119**	295
Income from investment properties	-	-	-	**-**	-
Assessments on churches	113,268	-	-	**113,268**	113,268
Capital receipts	-	-	-	**-**	900,000
Grants received	-	-	-	**-**	-
Rental income	17,544	-	-	**17,544**	24,666
Other charitable income	-	-	-	**-**	15,490
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts	-	-	-	**-**	4,806
Total income	**132,677**	**255**	**-**	**132,931**	1,058,525
Expenditure					
Grants and donations	-	-	-	**-**	5,000
Salaries and associated costs	52,051	-	-	**52,051**	85,310
Ministers' expenses	2,880	-	-	**2,880**	5,495
Insurance, utilities etc	14,048	-	-	**14,048**	12,459
Property maintenance	25,806	-	-	**25,806**	26,587
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	22,567	233	-	**22,800**	22,878
District assessment & connectional levy	3,221	257,554	-	**260,775**	3,175
Depreciation	-	-	-	**-**	-
Office expenses	2,169	-	-	**2,169**	1,056
Other outgoings	25,015	16,115	-	**41,131**	23,826
Total charitable expenditure	**147,756**	**273,902**	**-**	**421,658**	185,786
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(200)		**(200)**	(315)
Gains/(losses) on investment properties	(30,000)			**(30,000)**	-
Net income/(expenditure)	**(45,079)**	**(273,847)**	**-**	**(318,926)**	872,424
Transfers between funds	(720,000)	720,000		**-**	-
Other gains/(losses)				**-**	-
Net movement in funds	**(765,079)**	**446,153**	**-**	**(318,926)**	872,424
Total funds brought forward	2,736,592	9,312	-	**2,745,904**	1,873,480
Total funds carried forward	**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**-**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2023

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2023	Totals at 31 August 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Circuit manses & equipment	1,230,000			**1,230,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties	700,000			**700,000**	900,000
Investments		4,634		**4,634**	4,700
Total fixed assets	**1,930,000**	**4,634**	**0**	**1,934,634**	2,684,700
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	7,201			**7,201**	5,418
Loans by the Circuit				**0**	0
Investments with TMCP		450,831		**450,831**	4,613
Central Finance Board deposits	37,854			**37,854**	50,483
Other deposits				**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand	7,517			**7,517**	11,472
Total current assets	**52,572**	**450,831**	**0**	**503,403**	71,986
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under one year)	11,059			**11,059**	10,781
Grants payable within one year				**0**	0
Total current liabilities	**11,059**	**0**	**0**	**11,059**	10,781
Net current assets/liabilities	**41,513**	**450,831**	**0**	**492,344**	61,204
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after one year				**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities				**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
				0	
Net assets	**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Funds of the Circuit					
General Funds (Unrestricted)	1,971,513			**1,971,513**	2,736,592
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		455,465		**455,465**	9,312
Total Unrestricted Funds				**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Restricted Funds			0	**0**	0
Total Funds	**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904

5 Payments to trustees

		2023/24	2022/23
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	0	0

		2023/24	2022/23
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		7	5
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£	5,908	21,202

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs. In 2022/23, the Treasurer was reimbursed £20,507 against his personal direct payment of expenses incurred by the Circuit. The Independent Examiner has verified that each payment so made was duly authorised by two of the Circuit's bank account signatories and appropriate records thereof are held by the Circuit. The Treasurer was reimbursed £1,741.62 in 2023/24 for expenses in the normal course of his duties, with very limited exceptions (where tradesmen will not accept cheques or urgent prepayment in advance of services was required).

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2023/24	2022/23
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2023/24	2022/23
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	73,792	41,908
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	6,217	2,689
Pension costs	£	15,625	7,244
Apprenticeship levy	£	368	211
Total staff costs[1]	**£**	**96,001**	**52,051**

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year[2]:		2.35	1.25

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2024	2023
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	7,549	6,901
Other debtors and prepayments[3]	£	9,361	300
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**16,910**	**7,201**

[1] Up to rounding.

[2] Full time: Rev. Graham Claydon-Knights and Sang Wook Han; part time: Rev. Ermal Kirby for one quarter (at 25%) & Linda Lucking (Administrator) (at 25%).

[3] For 2024 the full amount relates to a deposit paid in advance of the installation of new windows at a manse

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2024	2023
Assessments received in advance	£	11,422	9,439
Rental payments received in advance	£	1,373	1,050
Accrued costs[4]	£	0	292
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**12,795**	**10,781**

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31 August 2024 there were no capital commitments (2023: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2024(2023: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

12.1 Disposition of Circuit's Properties

The following table displays the disposition of the Circuit's properties over the course of the financial year, recording the effect of the disposal Hurst Green Methodist Church during the course of the year.

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,230,000	700,000			1,930,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)		0	(700,000)			
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,230,000	0			1,930,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0
Net book value						
Brought forward		1,230,000	700,000			1,930,000
Carried forward		1,230,000	0			1,230,000

[4] Relates only to accrued costs due to the URC in respect of Martin Knight, until his resignation in 2024.

12.2 Manse valuations

Until considered for sale, the manses have been held at their historic book value (as at 31st August 2015) as follows:

Property	£
27, Woodhatch Spinney	360,000
11, Cranleigh Gardens	410,000
1, Bromford Close	460,000
Total	**1,230,000**

12.3 Transfers between funds

12.3.1 Sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church

As anticipated in last year's accounts, the Circuit sold Hurst Green Methodist Church to Tandridge District Council at the anticipated gross price of £700,000 and accordingly the property has been derecognised from this year's accounts. This is represented as a transfer out of General Funds (sale of the property) to the Circuit's Model Trust Fund (receipt of the gross proceeds).

The Connexional Levy on the sale of Hurst Green was £250,973 paid directly from the Circuit's Model Trust Fund.

12.3.1 Transfer from Model Trust Fund to General Fund

At its meeting on 14th March 2024, the Circuit resolved to transfer £126,000 from the Circuit's Model Trust Fund to its General Fund comprising (a) £14,000 to cover the projected deficit for 2023/24; (b) £72,000 to ensure that the General Fund met the Circuit's revised reserves policy (agreed at the same meeting); and (c) to establish an amount of £40,000 to enable the circuit to cover ad hoc funding requests from individual Churches

12.4 Gain/(loss) on investment properties.

There was no gain nor loss in the financial year 2023/24.

12.5 Other Outgoings

In addition to the disposal charges arising from the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church, of £12,567, other expenses were incurred as follows:

	£
Payments to the United Reformed Church	7,625
Preaching Fees	900
Miscellaneous Costs (purchase of local arrangement service aids, connexional publications and an updated appraisal of the sale price of Selcroft Road)	1,601
Benevolent Fund disbursement	50
Total[5]	**10,177**

13 Other Income

13.1 Donations and Legacies

An unrestricted legacy of £1,000 was received by the Circuit from the estate of a member of Hurst Green Methodist Church (in its capacity as the successor to the Church)

13.2 Other Charitable Income

Other income of £7,058, comprising the recovery of expenses incurred in prior years in relation to the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church, was received from the sale proceeds of the Church.

13.3 Refund from the Pension Reserve Fund

The Circuit contributed £5,000 to the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund following Conference's 2021 appeal for contributions towards reversing the Pension Scheme's funding deficit (following its Triennial Valuation in 2020). The 2023 Triennial Valuation showed the Fund to be in surplus and the 2024 Conference resolved to return such contributions to the Circuits (with accrued interest).

14 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium- and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing

[5] Numbers may not add up due to rounding

guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investments		2024	2023
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Investments held in common investment funds[6]	£	4,848	4,500
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Trustees Interest Fund (see note below)[7]	£	786,942	450,965
Total investments	**£**	**791,790**	**455,465**

Change in common investment fund valuations		2023/24	2022/23
Carrying (market) value at start of year	£	4,500	4,700
Plus: additions to investments at cost	£		
Less: disposals at carrying value	£		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£	348	(200)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**£**	**4,848**	**4,500**

The Circuit Trustees Interest Fund increased by an amount of £436,460 in July 2024 that being the proceeds to the Circuit of the sale of the Hurst Green Methodist Church net of (a) sale expenses of £12,567 and (b) a transfer to the Connexional Fund (CPF) of £250,973 as required under the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church.

16 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2024

Fund Name	**Opening Balance**	**Income**	**Expenditure**	**Transfers**	**Gains/ (losses)**	**Closing Balance**
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	34,368	157,329	163,465	104,660		132,892
Manse Maintenance Fund	6,695	-	7,483	14,000		13,212
Benevolence Fund	450	-	50	-		400
Circuit Model Trust Fund	455,465	462,231	254	(126,000)	348	791,790
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**496,978**	**619,561**	**171,253**	**(7,340)**	**348**	**938,294**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund						0
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

There were no endowment funds and no restricted funds in the year ending 31 August 2024.

[6] Recognised as an Investment under Fixed Assets

[7] Recognised as an Investment with TMCP under Current Assets

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

At its meeting on 14th March 2024, the Circuit passed a Resolution to transfer £126,000 from the Circuit's Model Trust Fund to its General Fund comprising

a) £14,000 to cover the projected deficit for 2023/24;
b) £72,000 to ensure that the General Fund met the Circuit's revised reserves policy (agreed at the same meeting); and
c) £40,000 to constitute general funds to enable the circuit to cover ad hoc funding requests from individual Churches to be made in accordance with a Circuit Grants Policy also resolved at that meeting.

The following transfers were made between the funds or to the Circuit Churches during the year:

- a transfer of £14,000 from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance (accounted for as an expenditure by the General Fund);
- a transfer of £126,00 from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General Expenditure Fund in accordance with the Resolution; and
- grants to two Churches for building maintenance (under the Circuit Grants Policy) of £21,340.

The net proceeds to the Circuit from the sale of Hurst Green Church are accounted for in the above table as Circuit Model Trust Fund income.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2023

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	42,668	132,677	126,976	(14,000)		34,368
Manse Maintenance Fund	13,474		20,780	14,000		6,695
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	9,312	446,612	259	-	(200)	455,465
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**65,904**	**579,289**	**148,015**	**-**	**(200)**	**496,978**

There were no endowment funds and no restricted funds in the year ending 31 August 2023.

During the year £14,000 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer

Date 21st Nov 2024

Name and address of treasurer:

Dr R J Baston
57 Westhall Road,
Warlingham,
CR6 9BG

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees
of the Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (No 35/40)

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages F-1 to F-12. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

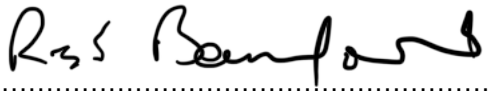
Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner	R J E Bamford
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	ICAEW
Name of firm (where appropriate)	N/a
Address	9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 21/11/2024

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 26th March 2025 ……..

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights

Date 26th March 2025

PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134261

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2022 TO 31/08/2023

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

The Purley Methodist Circuit had two Methodist ministers: Revd Dr Stephen Day, the Superintendent Minister, and Revd Sang Wook Han. Revd Martin Knight is a United Reformed Church (URC) minister giving 25% of his time to the South Croydon United Church, a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with the URC, and the remaining time is devoted to another local URC congregation. The Circuit's activities are supported by a part-time Administrator, Mrs Linda Lucking.

There were three supernumerary ministers in the Circuit: Revd Ermal Kirby, Revd Jenni Kirby and Revd Stephen Mares.

The Revd Dr Stephen Day's appointment as Superintendent of the Purley Methodist Circuit was for this year only. The Circuit is grateful for Revd Dr Stephen Day's ministry in the Purley Circuit and prays God's blessing upon his continuing ministry.

The Revd Graham Claydon-Knights was appointed the Superintendent of the Purley Methodist Circuit for five years from 1 September 2023.

The Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 195 members in six churches, including the LEP: The churches are located as follows:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

Hurst Green Methodist Church is in the process of sale. Meanwhile, to ensure good care of this Circuit asset, weekly meetings are held in the building and monthly services are included in the preaching plan.

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives, recognising the gifts of laity, developing and supporting them, appreciating that ultimately laity will do much of the reaching out. We are supporting youth work and children's work in two areas and encouraging closer working between groups of churches. We have a number of Local Preachers and Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology, youth activities etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church. Many of these activities resumed face to face and some churches continued to enable people to participate in worship via Zoom. Some meetings take place via Zoom to enable greater participation.

b) The Circuit has continued to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact. Circuit services continued to take place monthly at Hurst Green Methodist Church.

c) "The Way Forward" is a Circuit initiative facilitated by Revd Ermal Kirby in which churches were encouraged to consider their situation post-Covid and look to the future. This initiative is ongoing**.**

d) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to reach out and engage with children, young people and families. This work is particularly focused on Sanderstead and Warlingham Methodist churches. Alongside teams of committed volunteers, these two churches each employ a family worker and Warlingham Methodist Church also employs a youth worker. Warlingham Methodist Church is recognised as having a particularly effective ministry among children, young people and families and the Circuit is committed to learn from their approach (although not necessarily with the same target group).

e) The Circuit has sought to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit. Warlingham Methodist Church holds a monthly locally arranged youth service called "Ignite", which all the young people in the Circuit are encouraged to attend.

f) The Circuit has encouraged the spiritual development of church members by encouraging the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services.

g) The Circuit has continued to support and encourage the local churches in their ministry and mission.

h) The Circuit has continued to ensure that each church has a recognised person responsible for pastoral oversight. This person works in conjunction with a team of volunteers to

communicate and engage with those connected with their church to offer appropriate pastoral care, although the means by which this is done varies between churches.

i) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches. To ensure that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place in the Circuit each church has a designated Safeguarding Officer and their work is supported by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

j) Each church is being strongly encouraged and supported to develop a particular focus in improving links to their local community and attracting new church members. The following explains significant aspects of churches' engagement with their local community:

   i. **Caterham Methodist Church** is regularly used by a nursery school and a trampolining and gymnastics club. There is a small Junior Church. The church's main outreach is a monthly coffee morning, well supported by the local community.

   ii. **Coulsdon Methodist Church** has house groups, a small Junior Church, a weekly "Open Church" with coffee and prayers, a seasonal Bible study group (which has replaced the monthly Bible study), and a toddler group. The minister has recently started a Maths group for school children. The extensive premises are widely used by the local community.

   iii. **Sanderstead Methodist Church** is regularly used by a local pre-school. A Bible study and prayer group meets monthly. A part-time family worker is employed, leading Junior Church, two thriving toddler groups (meeting weekly) supported by church volunteers and Brownies. A coffee club meets twice monthly for members of the congregation and the local community. The church has links with a local primary school, hosting visits and invitations to occasional services. Supports local and international charities including "Their Voice" for displaced people and the Douglas Murray home for the elderly in South Africa.

   iv. **South Croydon United Church** has extended its work in the community during the year. In autumn 2022 a new venture "Open Door" was launched. It provides a warm space and breakfast for an hour on Tuesday mornings during term time and has attracted some parents from the primary school next door as well as members of the community. The church has continued its work with the school. Children have visited the church for lessons and for their carol concerts as well as providing artwork for major Christian festivals, which has been displayed in the church. The Jack & Jill Club, which provides musical entertainment once a week for the retired, has continued. The church has again supported the charities Hestia and Croydon Night Watch, with the school joining it in providing food for the latter.

   v. **Warlingham Methodist Church** has both children and young people each Sunday in the congregation and two part-time Youth/Family workers. The congregation is focused on mission through families and youth work. It runs two weekly community youth clubs and a toddler group and on Sundays provides both Kids Church and Youth Church. It also runs annual outreach events, e.g. fireworks and a summer holiday club. It provides a monthly daytime film club and weekly Bible study groups. Alpha, Christianity & Life Explored courses have been run in recent years and are planned. A monthly contemporary worship service, "Ignite", is run on Saturday evenings. It also has a monthly prayer meeting.

   vi. **Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church** runs a monthly coffee morning and lunch. The lunch has over 15 coming regularly. This initiative is supported by Sutton Council.

National Childbirth Trust use the premises regularly as does the local knit and natter group. There are links with the Parish church and other Coulsdon churches.

k) The Circuit has encouraged churches to respond to climate change as an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation.

Plans for the future

a) Stationing process for one minister.
b) Planning to mitigate the staffing shortfall as a minister is moving on from May 2024.
c) Planning to use the recently acquired financial resources in support of the Circuit Mission Policy.
d) Holding regular "Way Forward" mornings with representatives from across the Circuit.

Financial Review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the second edition of the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

Financial position at the end of the reporting period
As at 31 August 2023, the net current assets of the Circuit were £496,978 (2022: £65,904) of which £34,368 (2022: £42,668) was held as a General Fund reserve, £6,695 (2022: £13,474) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve, £450 (2022: £450) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund, £455,465 (2022: £9,312) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund and nil (2022: £ nil) was held in a Restricted Fund. Of this, £4,634 (2022: £4,700) was held in a Central Finance Board Managed Model Trust Fund. The amounts for 2022/23 include (on an accruals basis) the net proceeds of £446,331 for the sale of the Selcroft Road manse for which contracts of sale had been exchanged in 2022/23 (with completion in September 2023).

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2023, no transfer was made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund (2022: £5,000 towards the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund).

Statement of the Circuit's Policy on Reserves
The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The Reserves Policy takes into account the Circuit's mission policy, and likely levels of future income and expenditure, based on planned activity. The Reserves Policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The Reserves Policy of the Purley Circuit has been to hold a General Fund reserve equivalent to 3 months' normal expenditure, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve is not sufficient to meet the policy as at 31 August 2023. That being anticipated, the Circuit Trustees, in approving the Reserve Policy on 29 March 2023, noted that the anticipated sale of the Selcroft Road manse (and eventually Hurst Green Methodist Church) would provide the capacity to restore compliance with the Reserves Policy.

It is anticipated that the Circuit Trustees will, at their earliest opportunity, review and, if necessary, revise the Reserve Policy and in so doing will authorise any transfer of funds from the Model Trust Fund to the General Fund deemed necessary to ensure that the Reserve Policy is projected to be met at 31 August 2024.

The Manse Maintenance Fund reserve will, similarly, need to be reviewed to ensure that it is deemed sufficient to meet likely maintenance expenditure. Expenditure in 2022/23 (£20,780) has significantly exceeded the budgeted amount (£14,000) transferred from the General Fund, largely because of unforeseen expenses incurred at Cranleigh Gardens. The next quinquennial survey (which will be for Woodhatch Spinney) is scheduled in September 2024 which may result in substantial maintenance expenditure.

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress. During the year, an appeal for funds to increase its resources specifically to assist persons with difficulties paying energy bills. Despite some prompting from the Circuit Leadership Team, no such need could be identified. So, the amounts received were returned to the donors.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is applied to support the mission and development of the Circuit and its individual churches. The sale of the Selcroft Road manse (contracted within the financial year and completing in September 2023) and of Hurst Green Methodist Church (now anticipated in the first months of 2024) will replenish the Fund balance substantially. That will be more than sufficient to restore the General Fund to the level required by the Reserve Policy.

The Circuit presently has no Restricted Funds.

Details of any funds materially in deficit
As at 31 August 2023, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure
In the year ended 31 August 2023, 85% (£113,268) of the Circuit's income (other than capital receipts) was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 13% (£17,544) was rental income from the letting of one manse. Total income was £132,677 (not including capital receipts and net income on the Circuit's Model Trust Fund.) (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2022 were 71% (£113,268) and 16% (£24,666) and £158,433 respectively.)

Following the decision, on 23 September 2020, of the Church Council of Hurst Green Methodist Church to seek permission to discontinue weekly public services and subsequent approvals by the Circuit and by the District Synod, Circuit trustees became the trustees of the church and buildings. In consequence, a Capital Receipt of £900,000 was recognised as of 31 August 2022, based on the advice of our Surveyor, Bruton Knowles.

A committee comprising the Superintendent (ex officio), the Treasurer and Mr. Curtis Juman was tasked by the Circuit with negotiating a sale of the Church and its surrounding land.

A price of £700,000 has been agreed with Tandridge District Council and approved by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, subject to contract. Completion of the sale is expected in the first months of 2024.

In August 2023, contracts for the sale of the Selcroft Road manse were exchanged in the amount of £720,000. After the sale expenses of £16,115 and the payment of a Connexional Levy of £257,554 (37% of net proceeds) to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the Circuit received a net amount of £446,331 into its Model Trust Funds.

In the year ended 31 August 2023, Charitable Expenditure (excluding the cost of selling Selcroft Road) was £147,989 of which 35% (£52,051) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 17% (£25,806) was on the maintenance of property, 9% (£14,048) was on other property costs, and 18% (£26,021) was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, including a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for 2022 were Charitable Expenditure of £180,786 of which 46% (£85,310) on pay and related costs, 15% (£26,587) on the maintenance of property, 7% (£12,459) on other property costs, and 14% (£26,047) contribution to the District and Connexion, in each case not including a donation of £5,000 made from the Circuit's Model Trust Fund to the Connexional Pension Fund.)

In 2022/23 the Circuit's effective operating deficit was £15,312 (2021/22 £ 22,535) and an operating deficit is projected for 2023/24 also. The Circuit is expected to remain solvent for 2023/24 and 2024/25 but the Circuit Trustees will need to agree a plan to eliminate the deficit in the longer term.

Investment policy and objectives

Through 2022/23 the Investment Policy of the Circuit has been, firstly, to maintain in aggregate cash balances at the Circuit's current account with HSBC and at the Central Finance Board Deposit Account an amount sufficient to maintain the Reserve Policy. The Circuit's investments in the Model Trust Funds have been maintained to meet unexpected costs. Property assets are held either to generate income to support the ongoing expenses of the Circuit (Bromford Close) or to provide manses for the Circuit's ministers.

Structure, governance and management

Purley Methodist Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

The charity is constituted by an Act of Parliament. The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

The District passes the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer (Circuit Leadership Team) via the medium of the Circuit Meeting. Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team who oversee the day-to-day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of trustees.

The membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The Managing Trustees normally meet twice a year, in September and March. The Trustees consist of Circuit office holders (appointed by the existing Trustees), Ministers (appointed by the Methodist Conference) and representatives appointed by the local Methodist churches.

Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

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

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the charity's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year.

In preparing these financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

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

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Purley Methodist Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustee training

In March 2023 Trustee training was offered over two evening sessions via Zoom during the week and also face to face on a Saturday at Coulsdon Methodist Church. Further face-to-face training was offered on a Saturday in June at Whitethorn Methodist Church. The training was delivered by the London District Learning Network.

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. In particular, the leaflet "The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church" is given to each trustee and trustees are asked to read the information provided online by The Methodist Church for Managing Trustees.

Risk Management

Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding
Statement of Safeguarding Principles

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

Principles

Safeguarding is about the action the Church takes to promote a safer culture. This means we will:

- **promote** the welfare of children, young people and adults
- work to **prevent** abuse from occurring
- seek to **protect** and respond well to those that have been abused.

We are committed to:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records checks through the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS).

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the police and social services in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

Working with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts.

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

The Purley Circuit commits itself to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, whether in the Church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust. It commits itself to providing informed pastoral care to those in need, including the supervision of those who have committed criminal offences.

2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance, government legislation and guidance to achieve safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

3. The **PROVISION** of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for the work of those who are workers with children and vulnerable adults and acknowledge the shared responsibility of us all for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults on our premises.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF
Charity's bankers	HSBC UK
Independent Examiner	Mr R J E Bamford

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Revd. Dr. Stephen Day *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Revd. Sang Wook Han *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Martin Knight *			Methodist Conference/Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church
Revd. Stephen Mares *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Ermal Kirby *			Methodist Conference
Revd. Nigel Cowgill			Methodist Conference
Dr. Robert Baston *	Circuit Treasurer		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mr Rod Bavin			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Brian Brooks	Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting		Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Maureen Cebreiro			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Eleanor Day *	Circuit Steward Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mrs Marjorie Dear			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mr Peter Gammie			Warlingham Methodist Church Council

Mrs Jill Gradon			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Gwenda Hand	Hurst Green Methodist Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr Curtis Juman	Local Preacher representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Heather Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enock Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Miss Susan Stevens			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff *	Circuit Steward Circuit Safeguarding Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs T E Wallbank *	Synod Representative Church Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Doreen Wright			South Croydon United Church Meeting

Changes to Trustee appointments from 1 September 2023:

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**		**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Revd. Graham Claydon-Knights *	Chair and Superintendent Minister	Appointed 01/09/23	Methodist Conference

Revd. Dr. Stephen Day *	Chair and Superintendent Minister	Resigned 31/08/23	Methodist Conference
Mr Rod Bavin		Resigned 31/08/23	Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church

* = Member of the Circuit Leadership Team

From 1 September 2023, Dr Robert Baston was appointed as a Circuit Steward and Revd. Ermal Kirby, Revd. Stephen Mares and Mrs Eleanor Day are no longer members of the Circuit Leadership Team.

Custodian trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	Revd. Graham Claydon-Knights	Mrs Helen Rankin
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Secretary
Date	4/4/2024	

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

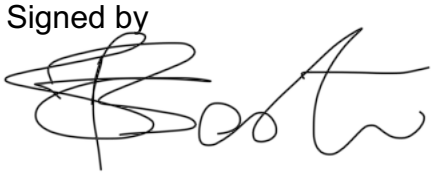
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		-	-	-	**-**
Income from monetary investments		1,865	255	-	**2,119**
Income from investment properties		-	-	-	**-**
Assessments on churches		113,268	-	-	**113,268**
Capital receipts		-	-	-	**-**
Grants received		-	-	-	**-**
Rental income		17,544	-	-	**17,544**
Other charitable income		-	-	-	**-**
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts		-	-	-	**-**
Total income		**132,677**	**255**	**-**	**132,931**
Expenditure					
Grants and donations		-	-	-	**-**
Salaries and associated costs	7	52,051	-	-	**52,051**
Ministers' expenses		2,880	-	-	**2,880**
Insurance, utilities etc		14,048	-	-	**14,048**
Property maintenance		25,806	-	-	**25,806**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy		22,567	233	-	**22,800**
District assessment & connectional levy	12	3,221	257,554	-	**260,775**
Depreciation		-	-	-	**-**
Office expenses		2,169	-	-	**2,169**
Other outgoings	12	25,015	16,115	-	**41,131**
Total charitable expenditure		**147,756**	**273,902**	**-**	**421,658**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			(200)		**(200)**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties	12	(30,000)			**(30,000)**
Net income/(expenditure)		**(45,079)**	**(273,847)**	**-**	**(318,926)**
Transfers between funds	12	(720,000)	720,000		**-**
Other gains/(losses)					**-**
Net movement in funds		**(765,079)**	**446,153**	**-**	**(318,926)**
Total funds brought forward		2,736,592	9,312	-	**2,745,904**
Total funds carried forward		**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**-**	**2,426,978**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2023	Totals at 31 August 2022
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit manses & equipment	12	1,230,000			**1,230,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties	12	700,000			**700,000**	900,000
Investments	13		4,634		**4,634**	4,700
Total fixed assets		**1,930,000**	**4,634**	**0**	**1,934,634**	2,684,700
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	8	7,201			**7,201**	5,418
Loans by the Circuit					**0**	0
Investments with TMCP	13		450,831		**450,831**	4,613
Central Finance Board deposits		37,854			**37,854**	50,483
Other deposits					**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		7,517			**7,517**	11,472
Total current assets		**52,572**	**450,831**	**0**	**503,403**	71,986
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	11,059			**11,059**	10,781
Grants payable within one year					**0**	0
Total current liabilities		**11,059**	**0**	**0**	**11,059**	10,781
Net current assets/liabilities		**41,513**	**450,831**	**0**	**492,344**	61,204
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after one year					**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities					**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
					0	
Net assets		**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Funds of the Circuit						
General Funds (Unrestricted)		1,971,513			**1,971,513**	2,736,592
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			455,465		**455,465**	9,312
Total Unrestricted Funds					**2,426,978**	2,745,904
Restricted Funds				0	**0**	0
Total Funds		**1,971,513**	**455,465**	**0**	**2,426,978**	2,745,904

Signed by



Dr R J Baston
Circuit Treasurer

Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights
Chair of Circuit Meeting

Date

10-12-2023

Date

10-12-2023

Purley Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the second edition of the Charities Statement of Recommended Practice issued in October 2019, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) and the Charities Act 2011.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of 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. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market 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.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £415,000 following the sale of the Selcroft Road Manse. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties are reviewed quinquennially and appropriate repairs effected so no impairments are recognised.

Investment properties

Investment properties – Hurst Green Church continues to be held for sale as an investment property with a sale to Tandridge District Council expected in early 2024. Contracts for the sale of the Selcroft Road manse were exchanged in August 2023

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				**-**
Income from monetary investments	203	92		**295**
Income from investment properties				**-**
Assessments on churches	113,268			**113,268**
Capital receipts	900,000			**900,000**
Grants received				**-**
Rental income	24,666			**24,666**
Other charitable income	15,490			**15,490**
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts	4,806			**4,806**
Total income	**1,058,433**	**92**	**-**	**1,058,525**
Expenditure				
Grants and donations		5,000		**5,000**
Salaries and associated costs	85,310			**85,310**
Ministers' expenses	5,495			**5,495**
Insurance, utilities etc	12,459			**12,459**
Property maintenance	26,587			**26,587**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	22,249	629		**22,878**
District assessment & levy	3,175			**3,175**
Depreciation				**-**
Office expenses	1,056			**1,056**
Other outgoings	23,826			**23,826**
Total charitable expenditure	**180,157**	**5,629**	**-**	**185,786**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(315)		**(315)**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties				**-**
Net income/(expenditure)	**878,276**	**(5,852)**	**-**	**872,424**
Transfers between funds	10,000	(10,000)		**-**
Other gains/(losses)				**-**
Net movement in funds	**888,276**	**(15,852)**	**-**	**872,424**
Total funds brought forward	1,848,316	25,164	-	**1,873,480**
Total funds carried forward	**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**-**	**2,745,904**

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2022

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2022	Totals at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets					
Circuit manses & equipment	1,780,000			**1,780,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties	900,000			**900,000**	0
Investments		4,700		**4,700**	5,015
Total fixed assets	**2,680,000**	**4,700**	**0**	**2,684,700**	1,785,015
Current Assets					
Debtors and prepayments	5,418			**5,418**	6,250
Loans by the Circuit				**0**	0
Investments with TMCP		4,613		**4,613**	20,150
Central Finance Board deposits	50,483			**50,483**	67,209
Other deposits				**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand	11,472			**11,472**	10,732
Total current assets	**67,373**	**4,613**	**0**	**71,986**	104,341
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under one year)	10,781			**10,781**	15,875
Grants payable within one year				**0**	0
Total current liabilities	**10,781**	**0**	**0**	**10,781**	15,875
Net current assets/liabilities	**56,592**	**4,613**	**0**	**61,204**	88,466
Total assets less current liabilities	**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)					
Grants payable after one year				**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities				**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
				0	
Net assets	**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Funds of the Circuit					
General Funds (Unrestricted)	2,736,592			**2,736,592**	1,848,316
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		9,312		**9,312**	25,165
Total Unrestricted Funds				**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Restricted Funds			0	**0**	0
Total Funds	**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481

5 Payments to trustees

		2022/23	2021/22
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	0	0

		2022/23	2021/22
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		5	6
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£	21,202	11,401

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs. The Treasurer was reimbursed £20,507 against his personal direct payment of expenses incurred by the Circuit. The Independent Examiner has verified that each payment so made was duly authorised by two of the Circuit's bank account signatories and appropriate records thereof are held by the Circuit.

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2022/23	2021/22
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2022/23	2021/22
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	41,908	65,764
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	2,689	5,391
Pension costs	£	7,244	13,894
Apprenticeship levy	£	211	333
Total staff costs[1]	**£**	52,051	**85,310**

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year[2]:	1.2	2

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2023	2022
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	6,901	3,458
Other debtors and prepayments	£	300	1,960
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**7,201**	**5,418**

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2023	2022
Assessments received in advance	£	9,439	9,439
Rental payments received in advance	£	1,338	1,050
Accrued costs	£	282	292
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**11,059**	**10,781**

[1] Up to rounding.

[2] Full time: Rev. Sang Wook Han; one-sixth time: Rev. Ermal Kirby.

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31 August 2023 there were no capital commitments (2022: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2023 (2022: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

12.1 Current Valuation

The following table displays the disposition of the Circuit's properties over the course of the financial year, recording the effect of (a) the disposal of the Selcroft Road manse, contracts of sale being exchanged on 9th August 2023; and (b) negotiation with Tandridge District Council on the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church (expected to complete in the first quarter of 2024).

	Land £	**Manses** £	**Other buildings** £	**Fixtures, fittings and equipment** £	**Payments on account and assets under construction** £	**Total** £
Balance brought forward		1,780,000	900,000			1,780,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)		170,000	(200,000)			
Disposals (-)		(720,000)				
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,226,444	700,000			1,926,444
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0
Net book value						
Brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Carried forward		1,230,000	700,000			1,926,444

12.2 Sale of Selcroft Road

Until considered for sale, the manses have been held at their historic book value (as at 31st August 2015) as follows:

Property	£
22, Woodhatch Spinney	360,000
19, Selcroft Road	550,000
11, Cranleigh Gardens	410,000
1, Bromford Close	460,000
Total	**1,780,000**

Selcroft Road was sold for £720,000. This has been accounted for (a) by recognising Selcroft Road as an investment property held for sale; (b) recording a revaluation gain of £170,000; transferring the property at its sale price to the Circuit's Model Trust (interest) Fund for immediate disposal; (d) recognising in the Model Trust Fund the payment of (i) sales expenses (£16,115) and (ii) the levy (£257,554) to the Connexional Priority Fund required by Standing Order 972 of the Methodist Church.

The sale of Selcroft Road reduces the book valuation of the remaining manse estate to £1,230,000.

12.3 Anticipated sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church

Continued negotiations to effect a sale of the Hurst Green Methodist Church have progressed and it is now anticipated that the Church will be sold for £700,000. This necessitates a revaluation adjustment downwards of £200,000 from the existing valuation.

12.3 Gain/(loss) on investment properties.

As a result of these property disposition the Circuit has recorded a net loss on investment properties of £30,000 as follows:

	£
Gain on disposal of Selcroft Road	170,000
Loss on Revaluation of Hurst Green	(200,000)
Net gain/(loss)	**(30,000)**

12.4 Other Outgoings

In additional to the disposal charges arising from the sale of Selcroft Road, expenses totalling £25,015 were incurred as follows:

	£
Payments to the United Reform Church	9,963
Preaching Fees	1,275
Relocation expenses (Rev. Claydon-Knights)	3,708
Miscellaneous Costs (principally cost sharing with the Croydon Circuit for Rev. Day (acting Superintendent for 2022/23 and costs incurred preparatory to the sale of Hurst Green Church)	10,069
Total	**25,015**

13 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium- and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investments		2023	2022
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Investments held in common investment funds[3]	£	4,634	4,700
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Trustees Interest Fund (see note below)[4]	£	450,831	4,613
Total investments	**£**	**455,465**	**9,312**

Change in common investment fund valuations		2022/23	2021/22
Carrying (market) value at start of year	£	4,700	5,015
Plus: additions to investments at cost	£		
Less: disposals at carrying value	£		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£	(200)	(315)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**£**	**4,500**	**4,700**

An amount of £446,331 (being the net proceeds to the Circuit of the sale of the Selcroft Road manse, after sale expenses of £16,115 and a transfer to the Connexional Fund (CPF) of £257,554) was credited to the Circuit Trustees Interest Fund in September 2023, on the completion of the sale. This is recognised in the table above because exchange of contracts for the sale occurred in the 2022/23 financial year.

[3] Recognised as an Investment under Fixed Assets

[4] Recognised as an Investment with TMCP under Current Assets

14 Summary of fund movements

14.1 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2023

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	42,668	132,677	126,976	(14,000)		34,368
Manse Maintenance Fund	13,474		20,780	14,000		6,695
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	9,312	446,612	259	-	(200)	455,465
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**65,904**	**579,289**	**148,015**	**-**	**(200)**	**496,978**

There were no endowment funds and no restricted funds in the year ending 31 August 2023.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

During the year £14,000 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2022

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	51,305	153,626	153,570	-8,694		42,668
Manse Maintenance Fund	16,561		26,587	23,500		13,474
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	25,164	164	701	-15,000	-315	9,312
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**93,481**	**153,790**	**180,857**	**-194**	**-315**	**65,904**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund						0
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**

There were no endowment funds and no restricted funds in the year ending 31 August 2022.

During the year £13,500 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance, £10,000 from the Model Trust Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund and £5,000 from the Model Trust Fund to the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund. In addition, £4,806 was transferred to the General Expenditure fund upon the closure of the accounts of Hurst Green Church.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer

Date 10-12-2023

Name and address of treasurer:

Dr R J Baston
57 Westhall Road,
Warlingham,
CR6 9BG

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Purley Circuit

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages F-1 to F-11. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner R J E Bamford. DATE 13/12/23

Name of independent examiner	R J E Bamford
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	ICAEW
Name of firm (where appropriate)	N/a
Address	9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 4/4/24

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 14th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev[d] Graham Claydon-Knights

Date 4/4/24

PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134261

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES'

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2021 TO 31/08/2022

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

The Purley Methodist Circuit had two Methodist ministers: Revd Faith Nyota, the Superintendent minister, and Revd Sang Wook Han. During this year, Revd Nyota was appointed one of two part-time Deputy Chairs for the London District; this ministry was exercised alongside her Circuit responsibilities. Revd Martin Knight is a United Reformed Church (URC) minister giving 25% of his time to the South Croydon United Church, a Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) with the URC, and the remaining time is devoted to another local URC congregation. The Circuit's activities are supported by a part-time Administrator, Mrs Linda Lucking.

There were four supernumerary ministers in the Circuit: Revd Geoffrey Fletcher, Revd Ermal Kirby, Revd Jenni Kirby and Revd Stephen Mares. Sadly, Revd Fletcher died in August 2022; we give thanks for his life and ministry and offer our condolences to his family.

Revd Faith Nyota left the Circuit at the end of the Connexional year to take up a new appointment. The Circuit is grateful for her ministry during the past 11 years and prays God's blessing upon her continuing ministry.

Revd Dr Stephen Day, the Superintendent of a neighbouring Circuit, was appointed the Superintendent of the Purley Circuit for one year from 1 September 2022.

The Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 181 members in six churches, including the LEP: The churches are located as follows:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

Hurst Green Methodist Church closed in 2021 and the Circuit took over responsibility for the premises. A monthly Circuit service began in the summer of 2022. A small group was appointed by the Circuit's trustees to oversee the premises while options for the future are considered.

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives, recognising the gifts of laity, developing and supporting them, appreciating that ultimately laity will do much of the reaching out. We are supporting youth work and children's work in two areas and encouraging closer working between groups of churches. We have a number of Local Preachers and two Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology, youth activities etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care. All churches are looking at new ways to address their recovery post-Covid and to look at mission outreach to share the gospel within the community.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church. Many of these activities resumed face-to-face and some churches continued to enable people to participate in worship via Zoom. Some meetings take place via Zoom to enable greater participation.

b) The Circuit has continued to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact. Circuit services began to take place monthly at Hurst Green Methodist Church.

c) "The Way Forward" is a Circuit initiative facilitated by Revd Ermal Kirby in which churches were encouraged to consider their situation post-Covid and look to the future. This initiative is ongoing.

d) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to reach out and engage with children, young people and families. This work is particularly focused on Sanderstead and Warlingham Methodist churches. Alongside teams of committed volunteers, these two churches each employ a family worker and Warlingham Methodist Church also employs a youth worker. Warlingham Methodist Church is recognised as having a particularly effective ministry among children, young people and families and the Circuit is committed to learn from their approach (although not necessarily with the same target group).

e) The Circuit has sought to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit. Warlingham Methodist Church holds a monthly locally arranged youth service called 'Ignite', which all the young people in the Circuit are encouraged to attend.

f) The Circuit has encouraged the spiritual development of church members by encouraging the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services.

g) The Circuit has continued to support and encourage the local churches in their ministry and mission.

h) The Circuit has continued to ensure that each church has a recognised person responsible for pastoral oversight. This person works in conjunction with a team of volunteers to communicate and engage with those connected with their church to offer appropriate pastoral care, although the means by which this is done varies between churches.

i) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches. To ensure that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place in the Circuit each church has a designated Safeguarding Officer and their work is supported by the Link Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

j) The conversations with the neighbouring Circuit are on hold as each Circuit assesses its situation post-Covid.

k) Each church is being strongly encouraged and supported to develop a particular focus in improving links to their local community and attracting new church members. The following explains significant aspects of churches' engagement with their local community:

i. **Caterham Methodist Church** is regularly used by local organisations. There is a small Junior Church. The church's main outreach is a monthly coffee morning, well supported by the local community.

ii. **Coulsdon Methodist Church** has house groups, a small Junior Church, a weekly 'Open Church' with coffee and prayers, a seasonal Bible study group (which has replaced the monthly Bible study), 'Time for Tea' for older people and a toddler group. The extensive premises are widely used by the local community.

iii. **Sanderstead Methodist Church** is regularly used by a local pre-school. A prayer breakfast is held monthly. A part-time family worker is employed, leading Junior Church, two thriving toddler groups (meeting weekly) supported by church volunteers and Brownies. A coffee club meets twice monthly for members of the congregation and the local community. The church has links with a local primary school, hosting visits and invitations to occasional services. Supports local and international charities.

iv. **South Croydon United Church** has resumed its work in the local community post-Covid. Children from the primary school next door came again into the church for lessons and in June its Jack and Jill Club, which provides musical entertainment, primarily for retired people, was restarted. The church continued its support for the charities Hestia and Nightwatch, with the school joining it in supporting the latter. Six people were received into membership in May.

v. **Warlingham Methodist Church** has youngsters each Sunday in the congregation and two part-time Youth/Family workers. The congregation is focused on mission through youth work with two weekly clubs, Kids Church, a baby and toddler group and summer camps. It has weekly coffee mornings and a monthly film club. Alpha, Christianity & Life Explored courses have been run in recent years. A monthly contemporary worship service, 'Ignite', on Saturday evenings reaches a younger group. It also has a monthly prayer meeting.

vi. **Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church** has a strong tradition of prayer, with regular prayer groups and a prayer chain. It has Bible Study fortnightly, a monthly coffee morning and lunch. There are close links with the Parish Church and the local Baptist Church. A Brownie unit meets on their premises.

l) The Circuit has encouraged churches to respond to climate change as an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation.

Financial review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102.

Financial position at the end of the reporting period

As at 31 August 2022, the net current assets of the Circuit were £61,205 (2021: £88,466) of which £42,668 (2021: £51,305) was held as a General Fund reserve, £13,474 (2021: £16,561) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve, £450 (2021: £450) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund, £4,613 (2021: £20,150) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund and nil (2021: £ nil) was held in a Restricted Fund. In addition, investments of £4,700 (2021: £5,015) were held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2022, a grant of £5,000 was made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund towards the Methodist Pension Reserve Fund (2021: no grants).

Statement of the Circuit's policy on reserves

The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The reserves policy takes into account the Circuit's mission policy, and likely levels of future income and expenditure, based on planned activity. The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The reserves policy of the Purley Circuit is to hold a General Fund reserve equivalent to 3 months normal expenditure, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve at 31 August 2022 was broadly in line with 3 months expenditure, and that is expected to be maintained through 2022/23. The Manse Maintenance Fund reserve at 31 August 2022 was considered appropriate in view of likely manse expenditure in the coming years, noting the pending sale of the Selcroft Road Manse and the significant work completed in the year at the other two manses. Significant expenditure is likely at the Cranleigh Gardens property (following its quinquennial survey).

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is applied to support the mission and development of the Circuit and its individual churches. The pending sale of the Selcroft Road Manse and of Hurst Green Methodist Church in 2023 should replenish the Fund balance which will be needed to generate sufficient income in 2023/24 and onwards towards the increase in expenditures which will result when the new Superintendent takes up his position.

The Restricted Fund derives from emergency funding from the London District for accommodation and removal costs. The balance in this fund reduced to nil in the year to 31 August 2021 and has remained nil through 2021/22.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

As at 31 August 2022, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure
In the year ended 31 August 2022, 71% (£113,268) of the Circuit's income (other than capital receipts) was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 16% (£24,666) was rental income from the letting of manses. (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2021 were 72% (£126,516) and 27% (£47,919) respectively.)

Following the decision, on 23 September 2020, of the Church Council of Hurst Green Methodist Church to seek permission to discontinue weekly public services and subsequent approvals by the Circuit and by the District Synod, Circuit trustees became the trustees of the church and buildings. In consequence, a Capital Receipt of £900,000 has been recognised based on the advice of our Surveyor, Bruton Knowles. The Circuit trustees are considering the Circuit's best options which may include disposal over the next year. A local group of Hurst Green church members and others from the Circuit continue to meet in the Hurst Green Church, normally weekly, and each quarter at least one circuit worship service is held there.

In the year ended 31 August 2022, 47% (£85,310) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 14% (£26,587) was on the maintenance of property, 7% (£12,459) was on other property costs, and 15% (£26,053) was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, including a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for 2021 were 46% (£82,525) on pay and related costs, 9% (£16,583) on the maintenance of property, 6% (£10,471) on other property costs, and 15% (£26,047) contribution to the District and Connexion.)

Investment policy and objectives
Through 2021/22 the Investment Policy of the Circuit has been, firstly, to maintain in aggregate cash balances at the Circuit's current account with HSBC and at the Central Finance Board Deposit Account an amount sufficient to maintain the Reserve Policy. The Circuit's investments in the Model Trust Funds have been maintained to meet unexpected costs. Property assets are held either to generate income to support the ongoing expenses of the Circuit (Bromford Close) or to provide manses for the Circuit's ministers. It is anticipated that the sale of Hurst Green Methodist Church and of the Selhurst Road Manse will be invested for income and capital purposes in the Circuit's Model Trust Funds.

Structure, governance and management

Purley Methodist Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

The charity is constituted by an Act of Parliament. The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

The District passes the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer (Circuit Leadership Team) via the medium of the Circuit Meeting. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of trustees.

The membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The managing trustees normally meet twice a year, in September and March. The trustees consist of Circuit office holders (appointed by the existing trustees), Ministers (appointed by the Methodist Conference) and representatives appointed by the local Methodist churches.

Trustee training
A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. In particular, the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee and trustees are asked to read the information provided online by The Methodist Church for Managing Trustees.

Risk Management
Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding
Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of humans in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the Police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

Working with the District Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. Circuit and church safeguarding officers have particular responsibility for ensuring that appropriate safeguarding arrangements are in place throughout the Circuit. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts. We will recognise and apply the restrictions to appointment laid down in Standing Order 010 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

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

The Purley Circuit commits itself to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, whether in the Church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust. It commits itself to providing informed pastoral care to those in need, including the supervision of those who have committed criminal offences.

2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance, government legislation and guidance to achieve safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

3. The **PROVISION** of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for the work of those who are workers with children and vulnerable adults and acknowledge the shared responsibility of us all for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults on our premises.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	**Office (if any)**	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	**Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)**
Revd Faith Nyota *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Revd Sang Wook Han *			Methodist Conference
Revd Martin Knight *			Methodist Conference/Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church
Revd Stephen Mares *			Methodist Conference
Revd Ermal Kirby			Methodist Conference
Revd Nigel Cowgill			Methodist Conference
Mr Rodney Bavin			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Brian Brooks	Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting		Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Maureen Cebreiro			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council

Mrs Marilyn Compton			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Eleanor Day *	Circuit Steward Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mrs Marjorie Dear *	Circuit Steward and Synod Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mr Nicholas Foster *	Circuit Treasurer		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mr Peter Gammie			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr Curtis Juman	Local Preacher representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs H Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enoch Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr John Pendleton			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Miss Susan Stevens			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Christina Thomas			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff *	Circuit Steward Link Circuit Safeguarding Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Meeting
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council

Mrs T E Wallbank	Synod Representative Church Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Doreen Wright			South Croydon United Church Meeting

*= Member of the Circuit Leadership Team

Custodian trustees
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Helen Rankin.

Full name(s)	p.p. Revd Dr Stephen Day	Mrs Helen Rankin
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Secretary
Date	29/03/23	

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

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

	Notes to the account	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies					-	-
Income from monetary investments		203	92		**295**	179
Income from investment properties					-	-
Assessments on churches		113,268			**113,268**	126,516
Capital receipts	12	900,000			**900,000**	-
Grants received					-	-
Rental income		24,666			**24,666**	47,919
Other charitable income		15,490			**15,490**	-
Transfer from Hurst Green accounts		4,806			**4,806**	-
Total income		**1,058,433**	**92**	-	**1,058,525**	174,614
Expenditure						
Grants and donations			5,000		**5,000**	-
Salaries and associated costs	7	85,310			**85,310**	82,525
Ministers' expenses		5,495			**5,495**	3,767
Insurance, utilities etc		12,459			**12,459**	10,471
Property maintenance		26,587			**26,587**	16,583
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy		22,249	629		**22,878**	21,946
District assessment & levy		3,175			**3,175**	4,101
Depreciation	12				-	-
Office expenses		1,056			**1,056**	1,194
Other outgoings		23,826			**23,826**	38,188
Total charitable expenditure		**180,157**	**5,629**	-	**185,786**	178,775
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			(315)		**(315)**	778
Gains/(losses) on investment properties					-	-
Net income/(expenditure)		**878,276**	**(5,852)**	-	**872,424**	(3,383)
Transfers between funds		10,000	(10,000)		-	-
Other gains/(losses)					-	-
Net movement in funds		**888,276**	**(15,852)**	-	**872,424**	(3,383)
Total funds brought forward		1,848,316	25,164	-	**1,873,480**	1,876,864
Total funds carried forward		**2,736,592**	**9,312**	-	**2,745,904**	1,873,481

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2022	Totals at 31 August 2021
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit manses & equipment	12	1,780,000			**1,780,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties		900,000			**900,000**	0
Investments	13		4,700		**4,700**	5,015
Total fixed assets		**2,680,000**	**4,700**	**0**	**2,684,700**	1,785,015
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	8	5,418			**5,418**	6,250
Loans by the Circuit					**0**	0
Investments with TMCP			4,613		**4,613**	20,150
Central Finance Board deposits		50,483			**50,483**	67,209
Other deposits					**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		11,472			**11,472**	10,732
Total current assets		**67,373**	**4,613**	**0**	**71,986**	104,341
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	10,781			**10,781**	15,875
Grants payable within one year					**0**	0
Total current liabilities		**10,781**	**0**	**0**	**10,781**	15,875
Net current assets/liabilities		**56,592**	**4,613**	**0**	**61,204**	88,466
Total assets less current liabilities		**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after one year					**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities					**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
					0	
Net assets		**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Funds of the Circuit						
General Funds (Unrestricted)		2,736,592			**2,736,592**	1,848,316
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			9,312		**9,312**	25,165
Total Unrestricted Funds					**2,745,904**	1,873,481
Restricted Funds				0	**0**	0
Total Funds		**2,736,592**	**9,312**	**0**	**2,745,904**	1,873,481

Signed by

Dr R J Baston
Circuit Treasurer

Date 29 March 2023

P.P. Rev Dr Stephen Day
Chair of Circuit Meeting

Date 29 March 2023

Purley Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 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) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of 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. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market 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.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £600,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties – Hurst Green Church is held for sale as an investment property.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2021

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				**0**
Income from monetary investments	81	98		**179**
Income from investment properties				**0**
Assessments on churches	126,516			**126,516**
Capital receipts				**0**
Grants received				**0**
Rental income	47,919			**47,919**
Other charitable income				**0**
Total income	**174,516**	**98**	**0**	**174,614**
Expenditure				
Grants and donations				**0**
Salaries and associated costs	82,525			**82,525**
Ministers' expenses	3,767			**3,767**
Insurance, utilities etc	10,471			**10,471**
Property maintenance	16,583			**16,583**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	21,323	623		**21,946**
District assessment & levy	4,101			**4,101**
Depreciation				**0**
Office expenses	1,194			**1,194**
Other outgoings	25,588		12,600	**38,188**
Total charitable expenditure	**165,552**	**623**	**12,600**	**178,775**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		778		**778**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties				**0**
Net income/(expenditure)	**8,964**	**253**	**-12,600**	**-3,383**
Transfers between funds				**0**
Other gains/(losses)				**0**
Net movement in funds	**8,964**	**253**	**-12,600**	**-3,383**
Total funds brought forward	1,839,352	24,912	12,600	**1,876,864**
Total funds carried forward	**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2021

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2021
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Circuit manses & equipment	1,780,000			**1,780,000**
Investment properties				**0**
Investments		5,015		**5,015**
Total fixed assets	**1,780,000**	**5,015**	**0**	**1,785,015**
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	6,250			**6,250**
Loans by the Circuit				**0**
Investments with TMCP		20,150		**20,150**
Central Finance Board deposits	67,209			**67,209**
Other deposits				**0**
Cash at bank and in hand	10,732			**10,732**
Total current assets	**84,191**	**20,150**	**0**	**104,341**
Current liabilities				
Creditors (due in under one year)	15,875			**15,875**
Grants payable within one year				**0**
Total current liabilities	**15,875**	**0**	**0**	**15,875**
Net current assets/liabilities	**68,316**	**20,150**	**0**	**88,466**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after one year				**0**
Other long-term liabilities				**0**
Total long-term liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
				0
Net assets	**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**
Funds of the Circuit				
General Funds (Unrestricted)	1,848,316			**1,848,316**
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		25,165		**25,165**
Total Unrestricted Funds				**1,873,481**
Restricted Funds			0	**0**
Total Funds	**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**

5 Payments to trustees

		2021/22	2020/21
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	1,050	975

		2021/22	2020/21
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		6	3
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£	11,401	3,828

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2021/22	2020/21
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2021/22	2020/21
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	65,764	63,397
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	5,319	5,081
Pension costs	£	13,894	13,732
Apprenticeship levy	£	333	315
Total staff costs	**£**	**85,310**	**82,525**

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year:		2	2

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2022	2021
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	3,458	6,166
Other debtors and prepayments	£	1,960	84
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**5,418**	**6,250**

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2022	2021
Assessments received in advance	£	9,439	9,439
Rental payments received in advance	£	1,050	1,672
Accrued costs	£	292	4,764
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**10,781**	**15,875**

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31 August 2022 there were no capital commitments (2021: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2022 (2021: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Current valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Additions			900,000			
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,780,000	900,000			2,680,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0
Net book value						
Brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Carried forward		1,780,000	900,000			2,680,000

13 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investments		2022	2021
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Investments held in common investment funds	£	4,700	5,015
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Other investments	£		
Total investments	**£**	**4,700**	**5,015**

Change in investment values		2021/22	2020/21
Carrying (market) value at start of year	£	5,015	4,237
Plus: additions to investments at cost	£		
Less: disposals at carrying value	£		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£	(315)	778
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**£**	**4,700**	**5,015**

14 Summary of fund movements

14.1 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2021

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	51,305	153,627	167,070	4,806		42,668
Manse Maintenance Fund	16,561		26,587	23,500		13,474
Benevolence Fund	450		-	-		450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	25,164	164	15,701		(315)	9,312
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**93,481**	**153,791**	**209,357**	**28,306**	**(315)**	**65,905**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Restricted Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2022.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

The Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund consists of a District grant for temporary accommodation and removal costs in 2020/21 only.

During the year £13,500 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund and £ 10,000 from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2021

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	38,758	174,516	148,969	-13,000		51,305
Manse Maintenance Fund	20,144		16,583	13,000		16,561
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	24,912	98	623		778	25,165
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**84,264**	**174,614**	**166,175**	**0**	**778**	**93,481**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund	12,600		12,600			0
Total Restricted Funds	**12,600**	**0**	**12,600**	**0**	**0**	**0**

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2021.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

The Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund consists of a District grant for temporary accommodation and removal costs.

During the year £13,000 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 29 MAR 2023

Name and address of treasurer: Dr R J Baston

57 Westhall Road, Warlingham, CR6 9BG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr Stephen Day Date .....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

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Name and address of treasurer: Dr R J Baston

57 Westhall Road, Warlingham, CR6 9BG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on ...29th March 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting pp Rev Dr Stephen Day Date ...29/03/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Purley Circuit

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 9. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

I ~~have~~/have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner R J E Bamford

Name of independent examiner R J E Bamford

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/a

Address 9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 29 March 2023

PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134261

Accounts

PURLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2021

Registered Charity Number 1134261

Ministers

Rev Faith Nyota (Superintendent)
Rev Sang Wook Han

Circuit Stewards

Marjorie Dear
Eleanor Day
Ann Wagstaff (from 15 September 2020)

Circuit Treasurer

Nick Foster

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES'

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2020 TO 31/08/2021

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

During the year the Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 220 members, 2 full-time ministers, 1 part-time minister, 4 Supernumerary ministers,1 part-time Circuit Administrator, 6 Methodist churches and 1 Local Ecumenical Partnership (with the United Reformed Church), located as follows:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Hurst Green Methodist Church: Hurstlands, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 0HG
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

Due to reducing and ageing membership and the financial impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, on 23 September 2020 the Church Council of Hurst Green Methodist Church voted unanimously to seek permission to discontinue public services. This was approved by the Circuit Meeting on 13 October 2020, and subsequently by District Synod. A closing service was held on 8 August 2021.

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools.

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives, recognising the gifts of laity, developing and supporting them, appreciating that ultimately laity will do much of the reaching out. We are supporting youth work and children's work in two areas and encouraging closer working between groups of churches. We have a number of Local Preachers and two Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology, youth activities etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care. All churches are looking at new ways to address their recovery post COVID-19 and to look at mission outreach to share the gospel within the community.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church. Since March 2020, due to COVID-19, these activities have taken place via Zoom.

b) The Circuit continues to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact.

c) In addition to the usual pattern of meeting twice a year in September and March, other meetings have been held by individual churches to reflect on the effect of COVID-19 in terms of outreach, worship, fellowship and finances.

d) The Circuit continues to encourage the local churches to reach out to the missing generation of children and young people. Two churches employ Family Workers and one church also employs two Youth Workers. One church has an effective ministry to children, youth and young families, and the Circuit is committed to learn from their approach (although not necessarily with the same target group).

e) The Circuit seeks to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit. One church has a local arrangement youth service called 'Ignite' which all the young people in the Circuit are encouraged to attend.

f) The Circuit encourages the spiritual development of church members by encouraging the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services.

g) The Circuit supports and encourages the local churches in their ministry and mission.

h) The Circuit has continued to ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church.

i) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

j) The Circuit continued conversations with a neighbouring Circuit with a view to work collaboratively, creatively and strategically together. The Purley Circuit has worked through an extended review of its strategic direction, with a particular emphasis on strengthening mission, evangelism and growth. Each church is being strongly encouraged and supported to develop a particular focus in improving links to their local community and attracting new church members.

k) The Circuit encourages churches to respond to climate change as an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation.

Financial review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102.

Financial position at the end of the reporting period

As at 31 August 2021, the net current assets of the Circuit were £88,466 (2020: £92,627) of which £51,305 (2020: £38,758) was held as a General Fund reserve, £16,561 (2020: £20,144) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve, £450 (2020: £450) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund, £20,150 (2020: £20,675) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund and nil (2020: £12,600) was held in a Restricted Fund. In addition, investments of £5,015 (2020: £4,237) were held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2021, no grants were made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund (2020: one grant of £5,000 to a church in the Circuit).

Statement of the Circuit's policy on reserves

The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The reserves policy takes into account the Circuit's mission policy, and likely levels of future income and expenditure, based on planned activity. The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The reserves policy of the Purley Circuit is to hold a General Fund reserve equivalent to 3 months normal expenditure, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve at 31 August 2021 was somewhat higher than 3 months expenditure, but a deficit is anticipated in the year to 31 August 2022, which will reduce the balance in this fund. The Manse Maintenance Fund reserve at 31 August 2021 was considered appropriate in view of likely manse expenditure in the coming years.

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund is applied to support the mission and development of the Circuit and its individual churches.

The Restricted Fund derives from emergency funding from the London District for accommodation and removal costs. The balance in this fund reduced to nil in the year to 31 August 2021.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

As at 31 August 2021, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure

In the year ended 31 August 2021, 72% (£126,516) of the Circuit's income was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 27% (£47,919) was rental income from the letting of manses. (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2020 were 72% (£125,256) and 19% (£32,350) respectively.)

In the year ended 31 August 2021, 46% (£82,525) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 9% (£16,583) was on the maintenance of property, 6% (£10,471) was on other property costs, and 15% (£26,047) was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, including a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for 2020 were 54% (£80,775) on pay and related costs, 3% (£4,714) on the maintenance of property, 6% (£8,407) on other property costs, and 17% (£26,162) contribution to the District and Connexion.)

Structure, governance and management

Purley Methodist Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

The charity is constituted by an Act of Parliament. The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

The District passes the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer (Circuit Leadership Team) via the medium of the Circuit Meeting. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of trustees.

The membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The managing trustees normally meet twice a year, in September and March. The trustees consist of Circuit office holders (appointed by the existing trustees), Ministers (appointed by the Methodist Conference) and representatives appointed by the local Methodist churches.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. In particular, the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee and trustees are asked to read the information provided online by The Methodist Church for Managing Trustees.

Risk Management

Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of humans in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- safeguarding and protecting all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- establishing safe, caring communities, which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with safer recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.

We will respond without delay to every safeguarding concern, which suggests that a child, young person or adult may have been harmed, working in partnership with the Police and local authority in any investigation.

We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

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

Working with the District Safeguarding Officer, we will support risk assessment of those who present a safeguarding risk within a church environment. We will ensure appropriate pastoral care is offered and measures are taken to address identified risks including referral to statutory agencies, suspension and the use of safeguarding contracts. We will recognise and apply the restrictions to appointment laid down in Standing Order 010 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

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

The Purley Circuit commits itself to:

1. **RESPOND** without delay to any allegation or cause for concern that a child or vulnerable adult may have been harmed, whether in the Church or in another context. It commits itself to challenge the abuse of power of anyone in a position of trust. It commits itself to providing informed pastoral care to those in need, including the supervision of those who have committed criminal offences.

2. **IMPLEMENT** the Methodist Church Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Guidance, government legislation and guidance to achieve safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

3. The **PROVISION** of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

4. **AFFIRM** and give thanks for the work of those who are workers with children and vulnerable adults and acknowledge the shared responsibility of us all for safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults on our premises.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev. Faith Nyota *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Rev. Sang Wook Han *			Methodist Conference
Rev. Martin Knight *			Methodist Conference/Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church
Rev. Stephen Mares *			Methodist Conference
Rev. Ermal Kirby			Methodist Conference
Rev. Nigel Cowgill			Methodist Conference
Mrs Margaret Bamford			Hurst Green Methodist Church
Mr Rod Bavin			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Brian Brooks	Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting		Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Maureen Cebreiro			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Marilyn Compton			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Eleanor Day *	Circuit Steward Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Council
Mrs Marjorie Dear *	Circuit Steward and Synod Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mr Nicholas Foster *	Circuit Treasurer		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mr Peter Gammie			Warlingham Methodist Church Council

Mrs Gwenda Hand			Hurst Green Methodist Church Council
Miss Wendy Heslop	Circuit Safeguarding Officer Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative	To 11/03/21	Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Council
Mr Curtis Juman	Local Preacher representative	From 11/03/21	Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Heather Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enock Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr John Pendleton			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Mr M Risby			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Miss Susan Stevens			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Christina Thomas			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff *	Circuit Steward Link Circuit Safeguarding Officer Church representative	From 11/03/21	Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Council
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs T E Wallbank	Synod Representative Church Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Doreen Wright			South Croydon United Church Council

*= Member of the Circuit Leadership Team

Custodian trustees
The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	Revd Faith M. Nyota	Mrs Helen Rankin
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Secretary
Date	10/3/22	

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies					**0**	0
Income from monetary investments		81	98		**179**	592
Income from investment properties					**0**	0
Assessments on churches		126,516			**126,516**	125,256
Capital receipts					**0**	0
Grants received					**0**	14,465
Rental income		47,919			**47,919**	32,350
Other charitable income					**0**	1,376
Total income		**174,516**	**98**	**0**	**174,614**	174,039
Expenditure						
Grants and donations					**0**	6,865
Salaries and associated costs	7	82,525			**82,525**	80,775
Ministers' expenses		3,767			**3,767**	5,103
Insurance, utilities etc		10,471			**10,471**	8,407
Property maintenance		16,583			**16,583**	4,714
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy		21,323			**21,323**	20,966
District assessment & levy		4,101	623		**4,724**	5,196
Depreciation	12				**0**	0
Office expenses		1,194			**1,194**	1,791
Other outgoings		25,588		12,600	**38,188**	16,789
Total charitable expenditure		**165,552**	**623**	**12,600**	**178,775**	150,606
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			778		**778**	-76
Gains/(losses) on investment properties					**0**	0
Net income/(expenditure)		**8,964**	**253**	**-12,600**	**-3,383**	23,357
Transfers between funds					**0**	0
Other gains/(losses)					**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**8,964**	**253**	**-12,600**	**-3,383**	23,357
Total funds brought forward		1,839,352	24,912	12,600	**1,876,864**	1,853,507
Total funds carried forward		**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**	1,876,864

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2021	Totals at 31 August 2020
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit manses & equipment	12	1,780,000			**1,780,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties					**0**	0
Investments	13		5,015		**5,015**	4,237
Total fixed assets		**1,780,000**	**5,015**	**0**	**1,785,015**	1,784,237
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	8	6,250			**6,250**	6,154
Loans by the Circuit					**0**	0
Investments with TMCP			20,150		**20,150**	20,675
Central Finance Board deposits		67,209			**67,209**	63,275
Other deposits					**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		10,732			**10,732**	20,934
Total current assets		**84,191**	**20,150**	**0**	**104,341**	111,038
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	15,875			**15,875**	18,411
Grants payable within one year					**0**	0
Total current liabilities		**15,875**	**0**	**0**	**15,875**	18,411
Net current assets/liabilities		**68,316**	**20,150**	**0**	**88,466**	92,627
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**	1,876,864
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after one year					**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities					**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
					0	
Net assets		**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**	1,876,864
Funds of the Circuit						
General Funds (Unrestricted)		1,848,316			**1,848,316**	1,839,352
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			25,165		**25,165**	24,912
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,873,481**	1,864,264
Restricted Funds				0	**0**	12,600
Total Funds		**1,848,316**	**25,165**	**0**	**1,873,481**	1,876,864

Signed by:

N J Foster
Circuit treasurer

Date 10/3/22

Signed by:

Rev F Nyota
Chair of Circuit Meeting

Date 10/3/22

Purley Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 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) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of 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. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market 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.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £600,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2020

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2019-20
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				**0**
Income from monetary investments	348	244		**592**
Income from investment properties				**0**
Assessments on churches	125,256			**125,256**
Capital receipts				**0**
Grants received			14,465	**14,465**
Rental income	32,350			**32,350**
Other charitable income	1,376			**1,376**
Total income	**159,330**	**244**	**14,465**	**174,039**
Expenditure				
Grants and donations		5,000	1,865	**6,865**
Salaries and associated costs	80,775			**80,775**
Ministers' expenses	5,103			**5,103**
Insurance, utilities etc	8,407			**8,407**
Property maintenance	4,714			**4,714**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	20,966			**20,966**
District assessment & levy	4,618	578		**5,196**
Depreciation				**0**
Office expenses	1,791			**1,791**
Other outgoings	16,789			**16,789**
Total charitable expenditure	**143,163**	**5,578**	**1,865**	**150,606**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-76		**-76**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties				**0**
Net income/(expenditure)	**16,167**	**-5,410**	**12,600**	**23,357**
Transfers between funds				**0**
Other gains/(losses)				**0**
Net movement in funds	**16,167**	**-5,410**	**12,600**	**23,357**
Total funds brought forward	1,823,185	30,322	0	**1,853,507**
Total funds carried forward	**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2020

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2020
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Circuit manses & equipment	1,780,000			**1,780,000**
Investment properties				**0**
Investments		4,237		**4,237**
Total fixed assets	**1,780,000**	**4,237**	**0**	**1,784,237**
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	6,154			**6,154**
Loans by the Circuit				**0**
Investments with TMCP		20,675		**20,675**
Central Finance Board deposits	63,275			**63,275**
Other deposits				**0**
Cash at bank and in hand	8,334		12,600	**20,934**
Total current assets	**77,763**	**20,675**	**12,600**	**111,038**
Current liabilities				
Creditors (due in under one year)	18,411			**18,411**
Grants payable within one year				**0**
Total current liabilities	**18,411**	**0**	**0**	**18,411**
Net current assets/liabilities	**59,352**	**20,675**	**12,600**	**92,627**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after one year				**0**
Other long-term liabilities				**0**
Total long-term liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net assets	**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**
Funds of the Circuit				
General Funds (Unrestricted)	1,839,352			**1,839,352**
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		24,912		**24,912**
Total Unrestricted Funds				**1,864,264**
Restricted Funds			12,600	**12,600**
Total Funds	**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**

5 Payments to trustees

		2020/21	2019/20
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	975	1,250

		2020/21	2019/20
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		3	7
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£	3,828	6,210

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2020/21	2019/20
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2020/21	2019/20
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	63,397	61,764
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	5,081	5,332
Pension costs	£	13,732	13,370
Apprenticeship levy	£	315	309
Total staff costs	**£**	**82,525**	**80,775**

	2020/21	2019/20
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year:	2	2

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2021	2020
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	6,166	6,025
Other debtors and prepayments	£	84	129
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**6,250**	**6,154**

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2021	2020
Assessments received in advance	£	9,439	10,543
Rental payments received in advance	£	1,672	2,521
Accrued costs	£	4,764	5,347
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**15,875**	**18,411**

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31 August 2021 there were no capital commitments (2020: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2021 (2020: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Current valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0
Net book value						
Brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Carried forward		1,780,000				1,780,000

13 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investments		2021	2020
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Investments held in common investment funds	£	5,015	4,237
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Other investments	£		
Total investments	**£**	**5,015**	**4,237**

Change in investment values		2020/21	2019/20
Carrying (market) value at start of year	£	4,237	4,313
Plus: additions to investments at cost	£		
Less: disposals at carrying value	£		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£	778	-76
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**£**	**5,015**	**4,237**

14 Summary of fund movements

14.1 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2021

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	38,758	174,516	148,969	-13,000		51,305
Manse Maintenance Fund	20,144		16,583	13,000		16,561
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	24,912	98	623		778	25,165
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**84,264**	**174,614**	**166,175**	**0**	**778**	**93,481**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund	12,600		12,600			0
Total Restricted Funds	**12,600**	**0**	**12,600**	**0**	**0**	**0**

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2021.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

The Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund consists of a District grant for temporary accommodation and removal costs.

During the year £13,000 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2020

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	41,753	157,954	138,449	-22,500		38,758
Manse Maintenance Fund	982	1,376	4,714	22,500		20,144
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	30,322	244	5,578		-76	24,912
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**73,507**	**159,574**	**148,741**	**0**	**-76**	**84,264**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Churches Fund	0	1,865	1,865			0
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund	0	12,600				12,600
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**14,465**	**1,865**	**0**	**0**	**12,600**

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2020.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

The Covid-19 Grants for Churches Fund consists of District grants for Covid-19 costs arising in individual churches. The Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund consists of a District grant for temporary accommodation and removal costs.

During the year £22,500 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 25/1/22

Name and address of treasurer: N J Foster

21, Warwick Road, Coulsdon CR5 2EF

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 held on 10/3/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Faith Nyota Date 10/3/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Purley Circuit

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 9. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

I have/have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner	R J E Bamford
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	ICAEW
Name of firm (where appropriate)	N/a
Address	9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 3/2/22

PURLEY CIRCUIT OF THE METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1134261

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PURLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2020

Registered Charity Number 1134261

Ministers

Rev Faith Nyota (Superintendent)
Rev Kathy Flynn (to 31 August 2020)
Rev Sang Wook Han (from 1 September 2020)

Circuit Stewards

Nick Foster (to 31 July 2020)
Marjorie Dear
Eleanor Day
Ann Wagstaff (from 15 September 2020)

Circuit Treasurer

Nick Foster

THE METHODIST CHURCH - PURLEY CIRCUIT TRUSTEES'

ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01/09/2019 TO 31/08/2020

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261

Introduction

The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church (Purley Methodist Circuit) is largely a suburban circuit on the southern outer edge of the Greater London area, lying mainly in the London Borough of Croydon and Tandridge District in Surrey. The Circuit is mostly built up, extending from South Croydon with urban characteristics, through outer London suburbia to Surrey commuter territory, but including also areas of greenbelt. The area covered is largely affluent, though there are significant pockets of deprivation.

The calling of the Purley Methodist Circuit is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. It does this through worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism.

Mission Policy

The Purley Methodist Circuit exists to:

- share the good news of Jesus Christ in word and action
- encourage people into a closer relationship with and deeper understanding of God
- serve the communities within its geographical area
- enable the Circuit churches to flourish and to carry out their mission
- safeguard and protect all at risk – vulnerable children, young people and adults

These purposes will be met by:

- strongly encouraging each church to set itself a strategy to fulfil these purposes, and to report progress in fulfilling their strategy annually to the Circuit Meeting
- using and developing a diverse mix of people, lay and ordained, paid and unpaid, as directed by the Circuit Meeting, in support of these strategies
- using the physical and financial resources of the Circuit in support of the strategies
- working collectively together as a team, to support one another and make best use of skills and knowledge
- building relationships with other Circuits and with churches of other denominations to share resources and to facilitate mission and service

At present the Circuit will:

- encourage the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offer appropriate training to those who come forward
- ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church
- seek to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact
- seek to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit

Objectives and activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of Union 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, 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.

During the year the Purley Methodist Circuit comprised 230 members, 2 full-time ministers, 1 part-time minister, 5 Supernumerary ministers,1 part-time Circuit Administrator, 6 Methodist churches and 1 Local Ecumenical Partnership (with the United Reformed Church), located as follows:

Caterham Methodist Church: Coulsdon Road, Caterham, CR3 5NJ
Coulsdon Methodist Church: 83, Brighton Road, Coulsdon, CR5 2BE
Hurst Green Methodist Church: Hurstlands, Hurst Green, Oxted, RH8 0HG
Sanderstead Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, CR2 9EF
South Croydon United Church: Aberdeen Road, Croydon, CR0 1EQ
Warlingham Methodist Church: Limpsfield Road, Warlingham, CR6 9LE
Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church: Whitethorn Avenue, Coulsdon, CR5 2PP

The main activities of the Circuit in relation to its objectives are:

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to all people without charge.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
The promotion of Christianity through the staging of events, services and assemblies at local schools.

The Purley Methodist Circuit gives leadership, encouragement and support to its seven churches as they offer a Christian witness in their locality and develop their individual callings. The staff aim to work as a team and will give significant attention to enabling the mission of the Circuit – primarily through local church initiatives. We are developing youth work in two areas and encouraging closer working between groups of churches. The Circuit strives to release the gifts and talents of lay people and we have a number of Worship Leaders. The Circuit offers shared activities to supplement what each church is able to offer, such as shared evening worship, groups studying theology, youth activities etc. It encourages the spiritual life of local churches and urges them to engage with the local communities in service and evangelism. Ordained and lay staff are valued and one Circuit Steward has special responsibility for their pastoral care.

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance

a) The Circuit has continued to encourage the local churches to offer meetings for prayer and Bible study and to find suitable ways to engage with their local communities in service and evangelism while recognising that the pattern of such activities will differ from church to church. Since March 2020, due to COVID-19, these activities have taken place via Zoom.

b) The Circuit continues to offer events which supplement what each local church is able to do by seeking to ensure that there are reasonably frequent opportunities for the churches to come together, for worship, for joint study and for social contact.

c) In addition to the usual pattern of meeting twice a year in September and March, other meetings have been held by individual churches to reflect on the effect of COVID-19 in terms of outreach, worship, fellowship and finances.

d) The Circuit continues to encourage the local churches reach out to the missing generation of children and young people. Two churches employ Family Workers and one church also employs two Youth Workers. Two churches hold Messy Church events for children.

e) The Circuit seeks to ensure that young people are encouraged to meet with other young people from around the Circuit.

f) The Circuit encourages the spiritual development of church members by encouraging the churches to seek vocations to the roles of Local Preacher and Worship Leader, and offering appropriate training to those who come forward and making best use of the talents of members doing local arrangement services. During this period, one Local Preacher was accredited, another was placed on Trial and a further Local Preacher was transferred to the Circuit.

g) The Circuit supports and encourages the local churches in their ministry and mission. A minister was deployed with specific gifts/experience of Fresh Expressions/church planting to strengthen two of the churches in the Circuit.

h) The Circuit has continued to ensure that each church has a recognised person as chief person giving pastoral care, and that that person is enabled to have sufficient time available to support that church.

i) The Circuit has continued to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

j) The Circuit has begun conversations with a neighbouring Circuit with a view to work collaboratively, creatively and strategically together.

Financial review

The Circuit's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102.

Financial position at the end of the reporting period

As at 31 August 2020, the net current assets of the Circuit were £92,627 (2019: £69,194) of which £38,758 (2019: £41,753) was held as a General Fund reserve, £20,144 (2019: £982) was held as a designated Manse Maintenance Fund reserve, £450 (2019: £450) was held as a designated Benevolence Fund, £20,675 (2019: £26,009) was held in a Circuit Model Trust Fund and £12,600 (2019: nil) was held in a Restricted Fund. In addition, investments of £4,237 (2019: £4,313) were held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives its income from sales of chapels and manses, and the application of the fund is restricted by the Methodist Conference. However, this restriction is an internal regulation, and the fund can be used for a variety of purposes, subject to approval from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

In the year ended 31 August 2020, one grant of £5,000 was made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to a church in the Circuit (2019: nil).

Statement of the Circuit's policy on reserves
The Circuit holds reserves in order to secure the viability of its future mission. The reserves policy takes into account the Circuit's mission policy, and likely levels of future income and expenditure, based on planned activity. The reserves policy is reviewed annually by the Circuit Meeting.

The reserves policy of the Purley Circuit is to hold a General Fund reserve equivalent to 3 months normal expenditure, excluding expenditure on manses, and in addition a Manse Maintenance Fund reserve to allow for the fluctuation in manse expenditure from year to year.

The General Fund reserve at 31 August 2020 was in line with this policy. The Manse Maintenance Fund reserve at 31 August 2020 was considered appropriate in view of likely manse expenditure in the coming years.

The Benevolence Fund is applied at the discretion of the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Leadership Team and is designated for the relief of poverty and distress.

The Circuit Model Trust Funds are applied to support the mission and development of the Circuit and its individual churches.

The Restricted Fund derives from emergency funding from the London District for accommodation and removal costs.

Details of any funds materially in deficit
As at 31 August 2020, no funds were in deficit.

Information on income and expenditure
In the year ended 31 August 2020, 72% (£125,256) of the Circuit's income was derived from assessments paid by each of the individual churches in the Circuit, and 19% (£32,350) was rental income from the letting of manses. (The corresponding figures for the year ending 31 August 2019 were 87% (£142,444) and 11% (£17,740) respectively.)

In the year ended 31 August 2020, 54% (£80,775) of expenditure was on pay and related costs, 3% (£4,714) was on the maintenance of property, 6% (£8,407) was on other property costs, and 17% (£26,162) was the Circuit's contribution to the District and Connexion to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church, including a levy on the Circuit Model Trust Fund. (The corresponding figures for 2019 were 60% (£112,392) on pay and related costs, 14% (£25,440) on the maintenance of property, 5% (£9,744) on other property costs, and 14% (£26,114) contribution to the District and Connexion.)

Structure, governance and management

Purley Methodist Circuit is part of the London Methodist District and is accountable to the annual Methodist Conference.

The charity is constituted by an Act of Parliament. The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.

Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.

The District passes the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, ministerial staff, Circuit Stewards and Circuit Treasurer (Circuit Leadership Team) via the medium of the Circuit Meeting. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team who oversee the day to day running of the charity and report to the full meeting of trustees.

The membership of the Circuit Meeting is laid down in the Constitutional Practices and Discipline of the Methodist Church.

The managing trustees normally meet twice a year, in September and March. The trustees consist of Circuit office holders (appointed by the existing trustees), Ministers (appointed by the Methodist Conference) and representatives appointed by the local Methodist churches.

Trustee training
A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit. In particular, the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to each trustee.

Risk Management
Major risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. A regular review process is carried out by the Leadership Team to ensure that the Charity is fulfilling its objectives.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Purley Methodist Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Purley Methodist Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reference and administrative details

Charity Name	The Purley Circuit of the Methodist Church
Registered Charity Number	1134261
Charity's Principal Address	Sanderstead Methodist Church, Limpsfield Road, Sanderstead, South Croydon, CR2 9EF

The Charity Trustees are the members of the Purley Circuit Meeting. This comprised during the year of this report:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
Rev. Faith Nyota *	Chair and Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
Rev. Kathy Flynn *			Methodist Conference
Rev. Martin Knight *			Methodist Conference/Southern Synod of the United Reformed Church
Mr David Akuffo	Local Preacher representative		Purley Circuit Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Margaret Bamford			Hurst Green Methodist Church
Mr Rod Bavin			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Brian Brooks	Secretary of Local Preachers' Meeting		Local Preachers' Meeting
Mrs Elaine Burrows			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Maureen Cebreiro		From 05/03/20	Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mrs Marilyn Compton			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Rev. Wesley Cooke		To 15/11/19	Methodist Conference
Rev. Nigel Cowgill			Methodist Conference

Mrs Eleanor Day *	Circuit Steward Methodist Homes for the Aged Circuit Officer Church representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting South Croydon United Church Council
Mrs Marjorie Dear *	Circuit Steward and Synod Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Christina Dench			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mr Nicholas Foster *	Circuit Treasurer Circuit Steward Church representative	 To 31/07/20 To 05/03/20	Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr Peter Gammie			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Gwenda Hand			Hurst Green Methodist Church Council
Miss Wendy Heslop	Circuit Safeguarding Officer and Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Mrs M Isted-Osborn			South Croydon United Church Council
Mrs Heather Juman			Warlingham Methodist Church Council
Rev. Ermal Kirby		From 05/03/20	Methodist Conference
Rev. Stephen Mares *			Methodist Conference
Miss Doris Nicholls			Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mr Enock Nyongesa			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Pamela Osborne			Coulsdon Methodist Church Council
Mr John Pendleton			Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mr David Poore	Circuit Property Secretary Church representative	To 05/03/20	Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Caterham Methodist Church Council
Mrs Helen Rankin	Secretary of the Circuit Meeting		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting
Mrs Jeanne Revnell	Methodist Women in Britain Circuit representative		Purley Circuit Methodist Women in Britain Meeting
Mr M Risby			Caterham Methodist Church Council

Miss Susan Stevens		From 05/03/20	Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church
Mr Eddie Taylor			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Christina Thomas			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Ann Wagstaff			South Croydon United Church Council
Mr A B Wallbank			Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs T E Wallbank	Synod Representative Church Representative		Trustees of the Purley Circuit Meeting Sanderstead Methodist Church Council
Mrs Margaret Westcott		To 05/03/20	Whitethorn Avenue Methodist Church Council
Mrs Doreen Wright		From 05/03/20	South Croydon United Church Council

*= Member of the Circuit Leadership Team

Custodian trustees

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Manchester are custodian trustees holding title to property belonging to the Circuit.

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

No funds are held by the Circuit as custodian trustees on behalf of others.

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)	Revd Faith M. Nyota	Mr Nicholas Foster
Position	Chair Superintendent Minister	Trustee
Date	18/3/21	11/3/21

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2019-20	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£	£	£
Income						
Donations and legacies					**0**	0
Income from monetary investments		348	244		**592**	669
Income from investment properties					**0**	0
Assessments on churches		125,256			**125,256**	142,444
Capital receipts					**0**	0
Grants received				14,465	**14,465**	0
Rental income		32,350			**32,350**	17,740
Other charitable income		1,376			**1,376**	3,463
Total income		**159,330**	**244**	**14,465**	**174,039**	164,316
Expenditure						
Grants and donations			5,000	1,865	**6,865**	0
Salaries and associated costs	7	80,775			**80,775**	112,392
Ministers' expenses		5,103			**5,103**	7,646
Insurance, utilities etc		8,407			**8,407**	9,744
Property maintenance		4,714			**4,714**	25,440
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy		20,966			**20,966**	21,130
District assessment & levy		4,618	578		**5,196**	4,984
Depreciation	12				**0**	0
Office expenses		1,791			**1,791**	1,509
Other outgoings		16,789			**16,789**	4,389
Total charitable expenditure		**143,163**	**5,578**	**1,865**	**150,606**	187,234
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments			-76		**-76**	53
Gains/(losses) on investment properties					**0**	0
Net income/(expenditure)		**16,167**	**-5,410**	**12,600**	**23,357**	-22,865
Transfers between funds					**0**	0
Other gains/(losses)					**0**	0
Net movement in funds		**16,167**	**-5,410**	**12,600**	**23,357**	-22,865
Total funds brought forward		1,823,185	30,322	0	**1,853,507**	1,876,372
Total funds carried forward		**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**	1,853,507

Purley Circuit

Circuit No 35/40

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2020	Totals at 31 August 2019
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Circuit manses & equipment	12	1,780,000			**1,780,000**	1,780,000
Investment properties					**0**	0
Investments	13		4,237		**4,237**	4,313
Total fixed assets		**1,780,000**	**4,237**	**0**	**1,784,237**	1,784,313
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	8	6,154			**6,154**	6,359
Loans by the Circuit					**0**	0
Investments with TMCP			20,675		**20,675**	26,009
Central Finance Board deposits		63,275			**63,275**	42,615
Other deposits					**0**	0
Cash at bank and in hand		8,334		12,600	**20,934**	6,015
Total current assets		**77,763**	**20,675**	**12,600**	**111,038**	80,998
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under one year)	9	18,411			**18,411**	11,804
Grants payable within one year					**0**	0
Total current liabilities		**18,411**	**0**	**0**	**18,411**	11,804
Net current assets/liabilities		**59,352**	**20,675**	**12,600**	**92,627**	69,194
Total assets less current liabilities		**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**	1,853,507
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after one year					**0**	0
Other long-term liabilities					**0**	0
Total long-term liabilities		**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	0
					0	
Net assets		**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**	1,853,507
Funds of the Circuit						
General Funds (Unrestricted)		1,839,352			**1,839,352**	1,823,185
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)			24,912		**24,912**	30,322
Total Unrestricted Funds					**1,864,264**	1,853,507
Restricted Funds				12,600	**12,600**	0
Total Funds		**1,839,352**	**24,912**	**12,600**	**1,876,864**	1,853,507

Signed by:

N J Foster
Circuit treasurer

Date 11/3/21

Signed by:

Rev F Nyota
Chair of Circuit Meeting

Date 18/3/21

Purley Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 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) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: a General Expenditure Fund held for any purpose of the Circuit and a number of Designated Funds held for specific purposes determined by the Circuit, all of 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. The Circuit has no Endowment Funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market 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.

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 the payment.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £1,000.
The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £600,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors and prepayments include the payment of the September stipend in August and other sundry debtors and prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August for the following month, rental income received in advance and sundry accrued expenses.

4 Comparative figures for the previous year

4.1 Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2019

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Total 2018-19
	£	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies				**0**
Income from monetary investments	383	286		**669**
Income from investment properties				**0**
Assessments on churches	142,444			**142,444**
Capital receipts				**0**
Grants received				**0**
Rental income	17,740			**17,740**
Other charitable income	3,463			**3,463**
Total income	**164,030**	**286**	**0**	**164,316**
Expenditure				
Grants and donations				**0**
Salaries and associated costs	112,392			**112,392**
Ministers' expenses	7,646			**7,646**
Insurance, utilities etc	9,744			**9,744**
Property maintenance	25,440			**25,440**
Connex'l assessment & model trust levy	21,130			**21,130**
District assessment & levy	4,399	585		**4,984**
Depreciation				**0**
Office expenses	1,509			**1,509**
Other outgoings	4,389			**4,389**
Total charitable expenditure	**186,649**	**585**	**0**	**187,234**
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		53		**53**
Gains/(losses) on investment properties				**0**
Net income/(expenditure)	**-22,619**	**-246**	**0**	**-22,865**
Transfers between funds				**0**
Other gains/(losses)				**0**
Net movement in funds	**-22,619**	**-246**	**0**	**-22,865**
Total funds brought forward	1,845,804	30,568	0	**1,876,372**
Total funds carried forward	**1,823,185**	**30,322**	**0**	**1,853,507**

4.2 Balance sheet as at 31 August 2019

	General Funds (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Totals at 31 August 2019
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets				
Circuit manses & equipment	1,780,000			**1,780,000**
Investment properties				**0**
Investments		4,313		**4,313**
Total fixed assets	**1,780,000**	**4,313**	**0**	**1,784,313**
Current Assets				
Debtors and prepayments	6,359			**6,359**
Loans by the Circuit				**0**
Investments with TMCP		26,009		**26,009**
Central Finance Board deposits	42,615			**42,615**
Other deposits				**0**
Cash at bank and in hand	6,015			**6,015**
Total current assets	**54,989**	**26,009**	**0**	**80,998**
Current liabilities				
Creditors (due in under one year)	11,804			**11,804**
Grants payable within one year				**0**
Total current liabilities	**11,804**	**0**	**0**	**11,804**
Net current assets/liabilities	**43,185**	**26,009**	**0**	**69,194**
Total assets less current liabilities	**1,823,185**	**30,322**	**0**	**1,853,507**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)				
Grants payable after one year				**0**
Other long-term liabilities				**0**
Total long-term liabilities	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**
Net assets	**1,823,185**	**30,322**	**0**	**1,853,507**
Funds of the Circuit				
General Funds (Unrestricted)	1,823,185			**1,823,185**
Circuit Model Trust Funds (Unrestricted)		30,322		**30,322**
Total Unrestricted Funds				**1,853,507**
Restricted Funds			0	**0**
Total Funds	**1,823,185**	**30,322**	**0**	**1,853,507**

5 Payments to trustees

		2019/20	2018/19
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£	1,250	704

	2019/20	2018/19
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	7	7
Total amount of expenses paid to trustees	£ 6,210	£ 7,742

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and other costs

6 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

		2019/20	2018/19
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£	0	0

7 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:		2019/20	2018/19
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	61,764	85,242
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	5,332	7,140
Pension costs	£	13,370	19,504
Apprenticeship levy	£	309	506
Total staff costs	**£**	**80,775**	**112,392**

	2019/20	2018/19
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year:	2	3

8 Analysis of debtors and prepayments

		2020	2019
Stipends and associated costs paid in advance	£	6,025	5,939
Other debtors and prepayments	£	129	420
Total debtors and prepayments	**£**	**6,154**	**6,359**

9 Analysis of creditors (due in under one year)

		2020	2019
Assessments received in advance	£	10,543	10,438
Rental payments received in advance	£	2,521	1,166
Accrued costs	£	5,347	200
Total creditors (due in under one year)	**£**	**18,411**	**11,804**

10 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans.

11 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31 August 2020 there were no capital commitments (2019: nil).
No contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2020 (2019: nil).

12 Tangible Fixed Assets

Current valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		1,780,000				1,780,000

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward		0				0
Depreciation charge for year (-)						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward		0				0

Net book value

Brought forward		1,780,000				1,780,000
Carried forward		1,780,000				1,780,000

13 Investment assets

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP, mainly in the Trustees Interest Fund, on which interest is credited each month, with a smaller amount held in CFB Managed Mixed Fund units, as analysed below. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investments		2020	2019
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Investments held in common investment funds	£	4,237	4,313
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	£		
Other investments	£		
Total investments	**£**	**4,237**	**4,313**

Change in investment values		2019/20	2018/19
Carrying (market) value at start of year	£	4,313	4,260
Plus: additions to investments at cost	£		
Less: disposals at carrying value	£		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	£	-76	53
Carrying (market) value at end of year	**£**	**4,237**	**4,313**

14 Summary of fund movements

14.1 Summary of fund movements for the year ended 31 August 2020

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	41,753	157,954	138,449	-22,500		38,758
Manse Maintenance Fund	982	1,376	4,714	22,500		20,144
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	30,322	244	5,578		-76	24,912
Total Unrestricted Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**73,507**	**159,574**	**148,741**	**0**	**-76**	**84,264**
Restricted Funds						
Covid-19 Grants for Churches Fund	0	1,865	1,865			0
Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund	0	12,600				12,600
Total Restricted Funds	**0**	**14,465**	**1,865**	**0**	**0**	**12,600**

There were no endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2020.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

The Covid-19 Grants for Churches Fund consists of District grants for Covid-19 costs arising in individual churches. The Covid-19 Grants for Circuit Fund consists of a District grant for temporary accommodation and removal costs.

During the year £22,500 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

14.2 Comparative figures for the year ended 31 August 2019

Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Gains/ (losses)	Closing Balance
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted Funds						
General Expenditure Fund	52,432	164,030	161,209	-13,500		41,753
Manse Maintenance Fund	12,922		25,440	13,500		982
Benevolence Fund	450					450
Circuit Model Trust Fund	30,568	286	585		53	30,322
Total Funds (excluding land and buildings)	**96,372**	**164,316**	**187,234**	**0**	**53**	**73,507**

There were no restricted or endowment funds in the year ending 31 August 2019.

The Manse Maintenance Fund is designated by the Circuit for repairs to and maintenance of manses. The Benevolence Fund is designated by the Circuit for financial support for those in poverty or distress.

During the year £13,500 was transferred from the General Expenditure Fund to the Manse Maintenance Fund for repairs and maintenance.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 9/11/20

Name and address of treasurer: N J Foster

21, Warwick Road, Coulsdon CR5 2EF

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 11/3/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Faith Nyota Date 18/3/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Purley Circuit

Charity Number 1134261

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Purley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 9. As the Circuit's 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 Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 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.

Name of Circuit **Purley** Circuit No **35/40**

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 which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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

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.

I have/have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner R J E Bamford

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ICAEW

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/a

Address 9 Peter Avenue, Oxted RH8 9LG

Date 28/12/20