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THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT
ANNUAL REPORT AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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A Brown - Resigned 31/12/2021
J E Hawdon - Resigned 31/12/2021
P Stewart - Resigned 31/12/2021
K I McKenzie - Resigned 31/10/2021
A P Mason - Retired 19/05/2022
V Choi
D W Thornton
G L Wilkinson
J C Kelsall
K A Brindley
P H Martin
Rev J M Thornton
T F Rogers
W F Filmer
A Ilderton
W Ho
R E Bourne
T Yip
Mr E Leung
A Lambert
J Keltie
Deacon A Carter
Deacon T Hume
Mr A Nicholson
Ms R Taglione
R G Hamil
Mrs R Wilkinson
Mr A Wilkinson
Mr L Lawson
Ms J Shuen
Mrs J Atherton
Mr D Lowry
M S Ball
R Ward
R Wylie - Resigned 01/04/22
E Fellows
Rev A F Moorhouse
D Pigeon
N Pigeon
A Weightman
K Stewart
P Newman
Rev G R Hume
Rev P D Cleever-Thorpe (Chair)
Revd Professor D A Wilkinson
M C Ward - Resigned 01/04/22
Rev J Mooney
Rev M A Newman
Revd A Wilkinson
R Pickard
Deacon G I Morgan

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M E Graham
C L Eke
D J Cowans
K I Gilfillan
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H J Chapman
L Morley
M E Goldfinch
Rev Dr G F Wilson
J G Patrick
Rev K M Reader
J Bell
C Brindley
S D Richardson
S Walker
A Barker
J Anderson
D A Stabler
C Hall
Dr L Graham
I Moore - resigned 01/04/22
S Hutchinson - appointed 01/03/22

Circuit Stewards

The Circuit Stewards, who are the treasurers of the Circuit fund, who served during the year and until the date of this report were as follows:

Mrs M Graham (Finance)

Mr K McKenzie (resigned 31/10/21)

Mrs Carolyn Hall (appointed 22/12/22)

Mr David Lowry (resigned 31/12/21)

Mr Keith Gilfillan J.P.

Miss Audrey Ilderton (Senior Circuit Steward)

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TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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) (effective 1 January 2019).

PREAMBLE

The Methodist Church is said to have been created after John Wesley's conversion on 24th May 1738; it is a Free Church. The Newcastle Central and East Circuit came into being on 1st September 2009 at the merger of the former Newcastle Heaton & Wallsend and Newcastle Brunswick Central Circuits. The latter was, in itself, formed from a merger in the early 1970's from the Brunswick and Central & Sandyford Circuits. The calling of The Methodist Church is:

Worship: to increase awareness of God's Presence and celebrate God's love.

Learning and caring: to help people to grow and learn as Christians.

Service: to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

Evangelism: we make more followers of Jesus Christ.

OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE

The Circuit is constituted to advance the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist Churches in the Circuit, the District and Connexion, to Churches of other denominations and to participation in the communities served by the Circuit and in ecumenical work in the area. The Constitution and Enumeration of Circuits is set out year by year in the Stations appointed by the Conference.

The public benefit can be clearly demonstrated by the Trustees as they have fulfilled the calling of the Methodist Church in maintaining the witness of the church throughout the area which the Circuit serves in parts of Newcastle and North Tyneside. The grants made have enabled the work to continue and people to develop themselves and grow in faith.

The Circuit has continued to fulfil its basic role of providing ministers to be in pastoral charge of the Societies (Local Churches) which make up the Circuit and support the churches in various ways including providing financial help for their work. We provide ministers with manses (two manses are owned by The United Reformed Church, Northern Synod) and see that, through the Methodist Church and United Reformed Church Central Services, they are paid their stipends and allowances. Those manses not immediately required have been let on assured short hold leases.

During the year under review, there has been a change to our team of Circuit Stewards with the number reducing to four, resulting in increased workload on the remaining members of this lay leadership group. The Circuit Leadership Team is comprised of all ministers in the Circuit and Stewards. The Superintendent Minister and the Stewards meet monthly and the Circuit Leadership Team meets bi-monthly.

The Circuit Stewards are the Lay Leaders of The Circuit. They are Managing Trustees, as are all members of The Circuit Meeting, and as Stewards they are responsible for managing the day-to-day operation of all Circuit affairs in consultation with the Superintendent Minister. The Circuit Meeting (Managing Trustees) meet three times in the year.

The life, work, and ministry of the Circuit is underpinned by prayer, public worship and personal commitment to follow Christ. We continue to base our Circuit's mission and our churches growth plans upon the four aspects of 'Our Calling' of The Methodist Church: 'Worship', 'Service', 'Learning & Caring' & 'Evangelism'.

The start of the year saw many of the restrictions brought on by the pandemic lessen. Our churches have continued to explore new ways of worship, learning and caring, often in an on-line context as well as face-to-face gatherings. Whilst this has been difficult for those who are less able to access on-line worship and other activities, churches who have been able to expand their on-line presence have continued to see significant numbers of new people engaging with their church's life. This has been very encouraging to witness.

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Sadly, another of our Societies, West Moor Methodist Church, requested to 'cease to meet' in September 2021. This request was granted and so the final service of the church was held in November 2021. Our hope at that point was that Christian worship and witness would continue on the site or that it could be used for community work. However, the highest offer received was from a building developer and in accordance with Charity Commission Rules and Regulations that offer had to be accepted.

There were a few changes to Circuit office holders, as noted in the minutes of our Circuit Meetings. The Circuit is also served by Ministers of other traditions. The Circuit now contributes an annual assessment to The United Reformed Church Northern Synod, to cover the stipends and other expenses of ministry of two URC ministers stationed in the Circuit.

The Circuit continues to be blessed with the continuing ministry of our Supernumeraries; thanks go to Revd Derek Aldridge and Revd Malcolm A. Newman. We are also grateful to Rev. Barrie Morris, a Minister without Appointment, who came to reside in our Circuit in mid- 2022 and kindly takes an occasional preaching appointment. Local Preachers and Worship Leaders continue to serve the Circuit in their calling. There were four preachers in training, at various stages, during the year. Two have now paused their training and two are currently on trial.

During the year the Superintendent and Circuit Leadership Team have not led a specific annual review of our Churches and projects, as required by the Annual Conference of The Methodist Church. Growth or end of life plans were still not feasible, as our churches recovered from the pandemic restrictions. It is planned that the programme of review commenced initially in 2018/2019 will be continued into the next year, with Vision as the theme of February 2023's Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT POLICIES

All policies conform as appropriate with guidance and principles as stipulated by the Methodist Church (<https://www.methodist.org.uk/>).

RISK POLICY

During the year under review the Circuit Stewards and Superintendent once again reviewed the 'Risk policy statement' which covers the following areas:

Financial Risk

The Circuit Meeting is faced with the following financial risks:

- dependency on limited income sources (assessments, investment income and donations);
- managing the capital resources;
- fluctuations in investment income and rental income;
- inability to attract additional donations from the general public and members;
- an unforeseen rise in demand for expenditure (for example on Manses and Chapels);
- an unforeseen increase in the actuarial shortfall on the pension funds for which the Circuit Meeting could be deemed responsible (the Circuit is already contributing to a shortfall);
- an unforeseen increase in the requirement for an additional manse or other property;
- a sustained fall in the value of investments and property held by the Circuit and appearing in the balance sheet.

Operation, Reputation and Strategy

In 2021/2022, we identified the most significant risks as follows:

- inability to create new Methodist disciples resulting in further decline, ultimately resulting in the Methodist Church ceasing to exist;
- failure to provide adequate resources that enable the Circuit Meeting to discharge its responsibilities;
- the experience of Our Calling fails to be integrated into the mission and ministry pathways of the Circuit;
- sudden change in policy or strategic direction enforced by The Circuit Meeting;
- dependency on limited income sources (Assessments, investment income and donations);
- the impact of economic fluctuations on our assets, liabilities and our ability to raise funds to enable us to continue our work.
- an unforeseen increase in the actuarial shortfall on the pension funds for which the Circuit Meeting could be deemed responsible;
- loss of key personnel;
- the effects of 'Brexit' and the coronavirus pandemic;
- we have a large number of lay employees but no Circuit HR Officer.

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Many of these risks are likely to remain equally relevant throughout 2022 and beyond.

Risk management

The Methodist Church in Great Britain has a risk management policy, which has been set by the Methodist Council for use both by the Trustees and by Circuits.

The risk management policy is designed to identify and analyse key strategic and operational risks facing the Methodist Church and, where at unacceptable levels, to take steps to mitigate the risks.

We define key strategic and operational risks as those that, without effective or appropriate mitigation, are highly likely to occur and would have a positive or negative impact on the Church's ability to fulfil its purpose of advancing the Christian faith in accordance with its doctrinal standards. These risks are reported to the Managing Trustees through a risk management process, which allows them both to challenge any assumptions the Circuit Leadership team has made about risks and also to understand the context in which decisions are taken. This helps to ensure that the most serious risks are being managed effectively.

The trustees recognise that it is neither possible nor appropriate to seek to eliminate risk entirely. We recognise that risk-taking is inherent within the task of communicating the Gospel; John Wesley himself took risks in establishing the Methodist communities.

Our task, therefore, is to embrace risks that aim to advance the Church's purposes while ensuring that we avoid or minimise those risks that might have a negative impact. Effective risk management processes will help to increase the likelihood of the Church fulfilling its mission. The risk management report is reviewed and revised annually.

INVESTMENT POLICY

Since 2019-2020, the Circuit had built up significant reserves, generated from the sale of Allen Memorial, Longbenton and Heaton Methodist Churches and the Burn Terrace flats. The capital will be increased further when the proceeds of the sale of West Moor Methodist Church are received (less 40% levy). The Circuit's free reserves in May 2022 were £1.4million.

The Circuit Meeting (Trustees) had discussed and considered the notion of investing a significant part of the free reserves over a couple of meetings. At the May meeting it was agreed to invest £750,000 in the Central Finance Board (CFB) Managed Mixed Fund which had shown a positive return over a long period. See <https://www.cfbmethodistchurch.org.uk/managedfunds/>.

The decision of the Trustees was based on the following considerations:

1. The Circuit Meeting has a responsibility, as far as is possible, to protect, manage and conserve the capital for future mission and ministry.
2. The Charities Commission has provided guidance to Charities, seeking to invest cash funds. See <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/charities-and-investment-matters-a-guide-for-trustees-cc14>
3. The proposed fund for our investment – The Managed Mixed Fund – is a medium risk investment (that is risk 5 on the scale 0-10).
4. There is much evidence to be confident that the CFB Managed Mixed Fund is both an ethical and a sound medium risk investment. See also the CFB ethics page: <https://www.cfbmethodistchurch.org.uk/ethics/> which indicates their ethical policy regarding investments.
5. The staff at the CFB are all salaried employees and are not paid on commission or performance.
6. If the Circuit Meeting wishes to draw from capital that is held in the CFB Managed Mixed Fund then it is possible to do this with about two weeks notice.
7. Interest received from the investments will be used to fund mission and ministry within the Circuit.
8. This will be an investment for the long term and will be reviewed regularly.

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PAYMENTS TO STAFF

Ministers

Stipends for Methodist Ministers are determined annually by the Methodist Conference. The Circuit, as the employing body, contributes to their pension fund. They are also given an annual computer allowance.

Lay employees

In 2010 the Methodist Conference agreed that the rates of the Living Wage, as published by the Living Wage Foundation, should form the minimum basic salary for people employed by a district, circuit or a local church. This policy also includes young people below the age of 18. In addition, a 9-point salary scale is applied to a person specification, which is based on qualifications, experience and responsibilities. The Circuit is scrupulous in following this policy. Guidelines are available on the Methodist Church web-site. See <https://www.methodist.org.uk/for-churches/employees-and-volunteers/lay-employment-resource/>

SAFEGUARDING POLICY

The circuit's safeguarding policy was reviewed in May 2022 and will next be reviewed at our February 2023 Circuit Meeting. All managing trustees are regularly reminded of their responsibilities. The circuit takes its safeguarding responsibilities very seriously, ensuring every church/project is aware of and adheres to its responsibilities such as displaying its policy, updating its safeguarding information, reviewing its safeguarding policy on an annual basis, and retaining its records in accordance with proper guidance. We appoint a Circuit Safeguarding Officer who works closely with the Circuit Superintendent, Circuit Administrator, and Circuit Stewards to ensure that our safeguarding responsibilities are reviewed on a regular basis.

VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT

In June 2022, safeguarding meetings were held with all Church Safeguarding Officers and the Senior Steward, to remind them of the forms/declarations which all volunteers need to sign, depending on their individual roles, together with the training which they need to undertake. DBS checks are required for any volunteer whose work brings them into contact with users of our services and projects and the general public.

COMPLAINTS HANDLING

It is hoped that any conflict situations will be dealt with sensitively by leaders of our local church groups. However, where this is not possible then the Methodist Complaints process will need to be invoked. This will require contact being made with the Local Complaints Officer who is our Circuit Superintendent Minister, Revd Paul Cleever-Thorpe. The process would then be put into effect with the appropriate support being given by our District Reconciliation group.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

To comply with Methodist Church guidance, Trustees are asked at the Circuit Meeting to declare any conflict of interest as soon as they are aware of any possibility that his or her personal or wider interests could influence decision-making within the Circuit. This is a standard agenda item at the beginning of each meeting to allow trustees to declare any actual or potential conflicts of interest.

GRANTMAKING POLICY

The Circuit meeting is minded to make occasional grants from one of the funds. These grants are discretionary and full details are given in the accounts. The funds are:

- The general fund, for example grants to the District Benevolence fund.
- The Model Trust [formerly the Circuit Advance Fund] is exhausted.
- The City Centre Fund, this is used in the same way as a Model Trust - it is controlled by the Managing Trustees of the District.
- The Susannah Gibson Memorial Fund – grants were awarded for "the sustenance of Wesleyan Methodist Ministers" - no grants have been awarded for a number of years.
- The Doris Nuttall bequest - funds may be used at the discretion of the Circuit Meeting, but in practice money is used at and on the former South Gosforth Methodist Church – now known as the Trinity Christian Community Centre - which Doris Nuttall attended.

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GRANTMAKING POLICY (Continued)

- The Elizabeth Ann Burton bequest - money was left to the former Willington Quay Methodist Church. The Circuit subsequently obtained a Charity Commission Order which allows it to control all the assets of the bequest, it should be noted that although Mrs Burton passed away in 1972 it was only in February 2011 that the Circuit became aware that there was a substantial sum of money and two Tyneside flats to be transferred to the Circuit. The flats were refurbished and were let to people in need, via the charity Oasis Aquila. Due to problems with the maintenance of the flats, it was decided to sell them in 2020. The proceeds of the sale (£110,028) were received in November 2021 and are to be used for mission in the Circuit.
- Bequest funds – these are various funds that may be used at the discretion of the Circuit meeting, for mission.
- The Deacons' Fund - this fund was created by a vote at the Spring Circuit Meeting 2019, by agreeing to bring together the three remaining small Model Trusts and the balance of the general fund of the former Allen Memorial Methodist Church. In order to achieve this, a Charity Commission Order has been obtained and in the case of trust 1486 the Methodist Council voted to approve the transfer of the W R Dixon gift to the Deacons' Fund. Trust 1486 is a permanent endowment; Trust 5377 capital and income can be used; and Trust 5377B income can be used and the capital with restrictions. In practice, it is the intention that a Deacon can use the income only, for work in the Wallsend area at their discretion.

There is a further fund which is held and used to maintain the manses and other property owned by the Circuit and two manses owned by the United Reformed Church.

ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Brunswick Methodist Church

Our church year has begun to see more face-to-face gatherings take place with a desire on the part of many to reconnect and to value social gatherings as well as those for the purpose of Christian worship.

Our weekly pattern of worship continues to focus upon a Sunday morning. Traditional forms of worship have been punctuated by more informal, all age worship services given the name of 'Brunch Church' which has reached over 130 people, the majority being from our Chinese Methodist congregation. A recent questionnaire was circulated to invite feedback upon this very different kind of worship and these responses have been overwhelmingly positive.

The fellowship life of our church has been maintained through our restarting again regular bible study and also through the continuation of our weekday morning prayers which have been held both face-to-face and also online. Both of these have been sustained through the work of our Lay Worker for Worship and Discipleship whose leadership has also been crucial in the 'Brunch Church' all age worship services mentioned above.

Our church membership has continued to see a gradual decline due to the deaths of some much loved and valued members over the past year. Our hope is that some of our new attenders will seek to make a commitment to the life of Brunswick Methodist Church through becoming church members. We recognise, like any organisation, how crucial it is to have succession planning in place for those times when key office holders will step down from their existing roles.

On a very positive note, Brunswick Methodist Church has recently been privileged to receive a visit by a member of the Royal family, HRH, The Earl of Wessex. This took place just after the year to which this achievement report relates but reaffirms the importance of our worshipping and witnessing presence in Newcastle city centre.

Over the course of the past year the community usage of our church building has grown significantly to continue the 'bounce back' from the Covid lockdowns which had such a huge impact upon our room usage and the associated loss in 'letting' income. New users of our premises now include Joseph Cowan Lifelong Learning who now have a paid worker based in one of our offices. We have given very positive feedback to our Centre Manager who has been instrumental in how our building has 'sprung back to life'.

The 'open door' policy which undergirds so much of Brunswick's mission has almost returned to the same place as pre-Covid with our Coffee Shop open on four days per week and our Listening Post, a non-appointment based one-to-one listening service, open on one day per week. These outreach forms of service are staffed solely by volunteers whom we meet with on a regular basis to provide them with the support which they need as well as giving them the opportunity to help to give input into how these services can operate more effectively.

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Brunswick Methodist Church (Continued)

Over the past year, one further lay employee has been appointed to work as part of our church's outreach to the vulnerable in our city. This Outreach Worker is employed for 15 hours per week and gives personalised support to those individuals, especially rough sleepers, who often require a multi-agency approach when it comes to meeting their needs. Our church therefore acts as one part of this coordinated support and liaises with other agencies to ensure that the best outcomes can be secured for the most vulnerable in our city centre.

Our city centre church building has continued to play host to two other congregations over the course of the year, although one of these, The Salvation Army, is shortly to move to a new building of their own after fourteen years of being based in our building. Our second congregation, the Chinese Methodist Church, has increased greatly in number following the arrival of many BNO's (British Nationals from Overseas) from Hong Kong. Our Methodist Circuit has begun to integrate this congregation more into our UK context and ways of working and this has given rise to many opportunities to share together ranging from united acts of worship to Brunswick's Minister and Lay Worker for Discipleship helping to lead baptismal and church membership groups.

Overall, we have had a positive year with many opportunities still to be grasped and many challenges which lie ahead.

Newcastle Chinese Methodist Church

The Sunday service of the Newcastle Chinese Methodist Church (NCMC) resumed in December 2021. Since then, our Church has received a large number of Hong Kong BNO migrants. Most of them are young families with children studying in primary or secondary schools. Some also emigrated to Newcastle with their elderly parents.

With the influx of BNO migrants, NCMC has experienced and faced challenges in providing support to the newcomers in different aspects:

- provision of pastoral care to and establishing a relationship with these families
- assisting to solve their immigration problems in settling down in Newcastle
- helping young children to assimilate into the UK's education system
- supporting and caring for the elderly to assist them in adapting to the UK's cultural environment.

NCMC has very limited pastoral manpower. Rev. Lawrence Law of NCMC retired in August 2021 and recruitment to fill the post was unsuccessful. The church is now left with only one full-time pastoral worker (Jacqueline Shuen) whose work is being overseen by Rev. Paul Cleever-Thorpe. The influx of BNO migrants has demanded a lot of additional work from the pastoral worker. These include pastoral care and visits, developing and overseeing the running of new worshipping services/activities, assisting the migrants to settle down in Newcastle etc. To alleviate her workload, NCMC has raised funds for one year to employ a part-time Pastoral worker (16 hours/week) from August 2021-July 2022. This has released some of her workloads but, with no additional funding, NCMC is now resuming its original minimal pastoral manpower establishment.

With God's blessing, during the year, the church has raised a lot of volunteers to help the pastoral worker cope with her heavy workload. The church has now set up:

- two Sunday school classes in Cantonese and one Sunday school class in English
- one youth fellowship group pastoring around 40 young people (numbers increasing on a weekly basis)
- adult (adults, postgraduate, young professionals, families) fellowship groups
- a caring team to provide support and pastoral care for NCMC members
- Bible study groups
- regular prayer meetings.

We have also seen the glory of our God in NCMC. In June 2022, fourteen members were baptised in NCMC and around 60 will formally join as members of NCMC in January 2023.

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Newcastle Chinese Methodist Church (Continued)

Notwithstanding the above, NCMC will definitely require at least one more full-time pastoral worker to cope with the need of the continuous incoming BNO migrants. With more manpower resources, we could step up the work in the fellowship of the Church and the Church's many contacts with people at important parts of their lives. Through more pastoral care, we could establish a relationship with BNO migrants, and encompass support in times of trouble and personal and/or spiritual growth. Through visiting the households or the sick, we could have a deeper understanding of the migrants, evangelise and instruct them in the Christian faith, and prepare them for the reception of the sacraments. Without additional manpower support, both Pastor Jacqueline and Rev Paul will be overstretched to a limit that they will be completely burnt out. In addition, the Church could not fulfil God's mission to serve the newly arrived migrants.

We know that the Church will face a lot of challenges. However, we have faith in our mighty God. We believe that He will always be with us, lead us and give us the strength to serve Him. With His guidance, we could fulfil his mission to serve the newly arrived immigrants and the local community of Newcastle.

The Church of the Good Shepherd, Battle Hill (Anglican and Methodist LEP)

Our focus on mission and outreach has strengthened well this year, enabled by some partnerships that we have established.

Little Shepherds Baby and Toddler Group reopened after Covid lockdown and in school term time continues to provide play, fellowship and Christian support to an average of 25 children and 25 adults each week. The 'bubble prayers' session were a highlight, and we gave each family the gift of a bottle of bubbles to encourage them to pray at home. Prayer requests are made often and this outreach has resulted in a number of baptisms.

Working around the lockdown restrictions we continued to stream services via Zoom which encouraged people to join church services for the first time and encouraged one person to become our Treasurer. We held an outdoor Christingle service and, in spite of Covid, 137 people attended to hear the good news of Jesus – many of these were not regular church attenders.

With four other churches in the area we formed a partnership called Rising Sun Neighbours, reaching out in mission to people in the community, in particular to those who live in the new housing estates around the Rising Sun Country Park. On 12th February we held a fun Valentine's Trail in the park called 'Love is in the air' which attracted 200 visitors and subsequently attracted over 1,000 people on our Facebook site - many of these for the first time. Feedback and engagement was extremely positive.

We worked with North Tyneside Council to help plan and launch Spaces of Reflection around The Wagonways. Our suggestion of including a Prayer Box at the Wallsend site was accepted and this has been put in place. To continue that partnership, we also held Death Cafés in church, which encouraged non-church attenders to attend, in particular those members of the Mindfulness Group – a group that we ran for a number of months.

Our partnership with a local dance group, and their dance performance, was a super addition to our Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebration. Many families came to support and share in the joy. We value making connections with families and young people and these connections are further strengthened with a presence at Hot Chocolate Youth Group and our assemblies work with schools.

In June and July we opened a free café space in church called 'Chill out with a cuppa' and on several days attracted up to a dozen people from the community, as well as residents from the local nursing home where we resumed church services and pastoral visits. This was a valuable time of fellowship which paved our way to open our new Warm Space, for which we received funding from North Tyneside Council.

The personal giving and fundraising in church has been very generous and, with some church bookings resuming, has enabled us to pay all our financial commitments. In line with making the best use of resources we have changed our lighting to save energy and costs, and have followed eco-church guidelines to help save our planet, achieving a Bronze Award for the changes we made.

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Coxlodge Methodist Church

Coxlodge has a small, welcoming congregation and a lively Messy Church which meets each month.

At the beginning of the year, we welcomed two new groups to use our premises, the regional recorder orchestra and also a recorder group. We said farewell to the Brownies who were able to return to their former meeting place. Closer links have been formed with the Caddyshacks, a group for adults with learning disabilities, who meet one day per week in our hall. Members of the church have helped provide one to one help in craft sessions and we have shared in some of their musical activities.

In June our church council made the difficult decision that Coxlodge Methodist Church should cease to meet. Our membership has declined and our congregation of mostly older people were less able to undertake the roles and responsibilities required of us. This is a sad time for us, but we have continued to provide support during the last months and are determined that we celebrate the worship and witness of 205 years of Methodism on this site. Our final Sunday service will be in December 2022 with a thanksgiving and celebration service in the Spring of 2023. Before then we are planning to do as much as we can to raise money to support local, national and international charities with a series of events and concerts.

Jesmond Methodist Church

After a year and a half of predominantly online Worship, we were pleased to come back into our church building officially, in September 2021, and to share with one another again. But we were aware of everything we had learnt during our time online and were committed to continuing to stream our services live from the building. With two separate and gracious legacies we were able to invest in cameras and streaming equipment with one with the other to invest heavily in sound equipment, giving us a new mixing desk, microphones and more. Now, our services each week are held in the building and streamed online and we are thankful that we are able to bring together these seemingly two separate groups into our whole congregation.

An exciting development in the last year has been the formation of a 'Community of Learning.' This is a group of 7-10 people of all ages who gather once a month to explore preaching & worship leading. These sessions have involved bible study, following different parts of the Methodist local preacher course, and interviews with current local preachers and ministers. The group has developed three new 'Host' team members who lead the prayers and parts of our Sunday services and two new preachers in training, in addition to those who are already serving in these capacities as part of the group. The team currently go once a quarter to the local Methodist care home to lead an evening service and the hope is that a new occasional evening service will start where more people can worship lead, host and preach for the first time.

Our Sunday morning congregation has gained much life through an increase in the number of children attending our worship. We set up a new team of volunteers who run Jesmond Methodist Kids (JMK), our Sunday School. The children are able to engage in our worship but also have a regular and consistent time to learn about God and the love He has for each of them. The leaders' feedback into our service what JMK have been doing each week, teaching us through this. We are thankful for those serving this new ministry and, as the children remind us regularly, "JMK is awesome."

We have also launched new cross-generational house groups. There are currently five house groups that meet across the city every two weeks and they are spaces where members can focus upon recent sermons and bible passages together. The meetings are led by group members, following a cell structure of looking at the four Ws: Welcome, Worship, Word and Witness.

We set up new task groups that meet to discuss different aspects of church governance. These are: Property & finance; Gathered worship; Evangelism, Justice and Outreach; Discipleship; and Safeguarding. Each of these task groups report back to Church Council and the Leadership Team. Any member of the congregation can get involved in these groups, helping to share jobs, responsibilities, and expertise.

Throughout this last year we have seen continued growth with new members, new people serving, new students and families becoming part of our community. We are thankful to God as we explore and discern his plans for our Church. We are spending some time exploring our future and our calling as a community to the people of Jesmond and beyond. We will continue to seek to be a community of faith that orientates itself on the worship of God and the sharing of God's love within the places we find ourselves to be.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

St. Andrew's Church, Benton

(Methodist and United Reformed LEP)

The church continues serving the communities of Benton and Forest Hall with regular public worship of a variety of styles to meet the needs of different people. Learning and Caring is expressed through Discipleship Groups and the Pastoral Team, as well as through groups and activities that serve the community. The church offers service to the community through raising money for many causes and contributions from the CARE fund (a percentage of our church giving), providing practical help to those in need, and hosting many community groups and activities. The church has been seeking to reach out to the community through things such as community activities at particular times of year - especially Easter and Christmas – through gifts, acts of kindness, prayers, and building relationships with those who use our building.

While many activities were put on hold, or moved online during Covid, the members have done all they can to continue worshipping, caring and serving their community in these difficult times. Membership has increased due to transfers from other churches in the circuit which have sadly ceased to meet, and the new members are integrating into the enlarged Church Family.

The church also continues to be a visible expression of Christian unity, with Methodist and URC traditions working in harmony.

St. Cuthbert's Church, Heaton

(Methodist and United Reformed LEP)

Like most congregations the past two years have been difficult. We are only now starting to get back to "normal". Most of our people have returned, although one or two are suffering from age and not being so mobile.

This has obviously had an impact on our finances as we have tried still to maintain the upkeep of the building. None of the people hiring our premises have returned.

However, we have recently agreed a hiring agreement with Newcastle Christian Tabernacle who started worshipping in our premises on Sunday afternoons and Tuesday and Thursday evenings in August. They started their meetings with a joint faith lunch with our congregation following our usual morning service. Everyone has spoken well of the fellowship between the two groups. With the fee they pay there will be quite an impact on our finances, even allowing for extra use of lighting and heating. This will obviously increase costs during the winter months. They have requested a Broadband facility which we don't have at present so we are looking into this. It has been agreed that the leasing time will be for an initial 3 months trial and if everything is agreeable then this will be increased to one year.

Church of St. John the Evangelist, Kingston Park

(Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and United Reformed LEP)

This has been a year of steady progress and emergence from the pandemic. Though recorded membership is slightly lower, actual attendance at services has increased through the year and we are hopeful of converting these to members over the coming years. Services are supported by a band and, occasionally, by the church choir and many are now lay-led. We have continued to deliver online versions of our worship services and Bible study by Zoom, both of which attracted interest from those beyond the immediate church. Junior Church has been growing slowly but steadily since the pandemic.

St John's hold regular Prayer meetings online and a prayer group prays for any concerns. The church also has an outdoor prayer space.

We have offered a range of outreach events to the community including a successful Easter egg hunt and Harvest activities, which were combined with Messy Church sessions. A smaller family sports day was a good opportunity to highlight the pending renovation of the local play area, which our members have been actively supporting. Our Holiday Club was held as a physical event. A celebration event for the Queen's Jubilee included live music, food trucks and fairground rides and there were church tents for prayer, Messy Church and refreshments. We plan to hold our community carol singing event at Tesco with the Newcastle Choral Society and the local primary school - last year's was very well attended – this year in aid of Action for Children and West End Refugee Services. Support is offered to asylum seekers in the nearby Novotel.

The weekly Beacon coffee drop-in attracts a wide range of people and the Tinytots group for babies up to 2 ½ years old is well attended too.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Church of St. John Evangelist, Kingston Park (continued)

(Anglican, Methodist, Baptist and United Reformed (LEP))

We have committed to becoming a net zero carbon church and, consequently, we have improved recycling facilities, installed a bike rack and created a 'bee friendly' wildflower garden. Later in 2022 we will have solar panels installed which will contribute to our aim and cut our energy costs. In May we were delighted to be given a Bronze Eco Church award and we are working towards the Silver award.

Our bookings have improved throughout the year – grants were obtained to help cover the shortfall during building closure. We are blessed to have been able to accommodate new groups, the activities for which have placed St John's at the centre of our community.

We are currently in the process of looking at our worship life and considering ways in which we can continue to deliver the Word to Kingston Park.

Trinity Methodist Church, Wallsend

Trinity Wallsend welcomed the return of most groups following the Covid restrictions - Scouts, Bloom Babies, Line Dance and Weightwatchers. Unfortunately, Little Learners could not continue. The Church groups, Girls Brigade and Youth Club returned face to face and numbers have grown.

Age UK were unable to continue with the Tea Dance so Trinity has taken over the running of it and it is doing quite well.

Messy Church opened in December with Christingle; however, numbers were low and the church is reflecting on the future. Mission may well go in a different direction.

For many different reasons - mainly a lack of volunteers – it has been decided that the Toddler Groups will remain closed. It is the end of an era but energies will go into something else.

Trinity has reopened its Saturday Coffee Morning, now titled the Blue Door Drop In and this is being advertised as a Warm Space.

The congregation has slowly returned but there are members who are now unable to worship face-to-face. Trinity Church is continuing to record worship which goes out on the YouTube channel and is watched regularly by a number of people.

The Wesley Orphan House Trust

The Trust derives most of its income from rent of the site of the former 'Orphan House' on Northumberland Street, plus a limited sum from investments. Annually, the trust budgets to have approximately £25,000 available for grants and favours work with children, vulnerable people, education and, occasionally, for property improvements where the outcome is mission based.

During the year we were pleased to respond to sixteen grant applications. This exactly matched the number of grants made the previous year. This also represented a welcome increase in our funding total back to our normal £25,000, compared with £17,000 in the previous period.

These figures include our rolling grants of between £1,000 to £5,000 per annum, usually committed over five years, made to Together Mission NE, The South Shields Bede Circuit Mission Outreach Shop and The Wesley Study Centre.

Other grant recipients have included: Marie Curie, Action for Children, Calvert Trust Northumberland, Trinity Church & Community Centre, West End Foodbank (for stock and Scotswood Garden Project), Cornerstone, Trinity Blaydon, Shieldfield Art Works, Hand in Hand, Blyth Methodist Church, Heaton Festival and the Peoples Kitchen. Each received a grant of between £500 and £2,000.

We are hoping that soon the Wesley Orphan House Trust will have a web site, accessible via the Circuit website. Meanwhile, a grant application form and written guidance can be obtained via the secretary, at woht@brunswickmethodist.org.uk

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Presence Project, Walker

This has been a year of significant change for the Presence Project, with a change in project personnel and the project itself becoming an ecumenical partnership with Mission Initiative Newcastle East (MINE). Initially the post was for eight hours a week, increasing to sixteen towards the end of the year. The priority has been for the me, as the new Project worker, to get to know Pottery Bank Community Centre staff and volunteers, some regular centre users and where possible, make connections with the wider community.

The steering group consists of Paul Cleever-Thorpe (Methodist Circuit), Audrey Ilderton (Methodist Circuit) and Phil Medley (Parish Priest and Chair of MINE) and we have met six times over the year. This group exists for accountability and for collaborative reflection on the role and its development.

The Presence Project does not have a formal relationship with Pottery Bank. For example, I do not have a voice to contribute to decision making, planning of events or response to community need from within the centre itself. I have been learning how to navigate the tension of being a guest in the space. I have explored what 'Presence' means, as a newcomer to the Centre and to the community, often through the lens of power and the many manifestations of the imbalance of it.

There is a Heritage Lottery funded project being run by the Community Centre, entitled 'In the Footsteps of Walker Women'. It includes supporting women through a 'writing for wellbeing' course, learning to share stories and producing a display of Walker Women stories. Through involvement in this project, which is resonant with the Presence Project, I have been able to develop relationships, work collaboratively and deepen my understanding of the community.

The increase in hours has opened opportunities for me to make links with other service providers in the area, finding out how people are working together for the flourishing of the community. I have been giving my time to the Neighbourhood Transformation Team by joining their door knocking programme which seeks to connect with every household in the area. This connection has led to some creative ideas for joint working.

Looking forward, there seems to be a need for a clearer articulation of the relationship between the Presence Project, Pottery Bank Community Centre, and the wider Walker community – underpinned by theological reflection and experiences of the last year? In addition, more resources may be needed to develop the role of being present in the community, increasing collaborative working among faith groups and other organisations for the flourishing of community?

Hand in Hand project

Hand in Hand has two clubs, one in Heaton and one in Wallsend.

Wallsend

The club re-opened in early September 2021 and numbers were quite low. We initially started with refreshments and cake. Then in early October members were asking when we were going to be doing lunch again, so we decided that was possible. However, numbers remained low until the Spring when we began to get a few more. The club has two-part members of staff and 3 regular volunteers with others being willing to fill in when needed. Members tell us they love coming and look forward to a quiz and conversation and a really good meal. We were very grateful for the grant we received helping towards costs.

Heaton

Following lockdown Heaton's club returned in early September. They meet in Christ Church who are very welcoming and do not want any rent. However, as a club we feel we should give a donation which will go towards heating. This makes a massive difference and the club continues to thrive. They enjoy quizzes, talks and photograph afternoons. Once a month they have a hot lunch.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Shieldfield Art Works @ The Holy Biscuit

Between September 2021-August 2022 we have achieved much at SAW. As part of Prospect Us we explored the social, emotional and political impact of commodification of land, rapid urban development and studentification in Newcastle. We collaborated with BxNU institute, Newcastle University, artists and researchers. We were also able to host two events at the renowned art space called the Baltic which attracted a wide range of people from diverse backgrounds. At our Harvest Festival we shared food, live music, crafts and a time of thanksgiving. We also launched our Shieldfield Seasonal Recipe Zine which encourages sustainable food practices and celebrates the diverse cultures of our area. We hosted two Painting for Fun exhibitions, one in December (which was the first one back after lockdown and celebrated their 10th birthday) and one in the summer. Both of these exhibitions boost the confidence and positive wellbeing of class members. In February and March we hosted Take Over where, over four exciting exhibitions, seven artists were supported to develop and curate their work. In the spring Bee Lines Through the City explored the importance and interconnectedness of bees to nature's diverse ecosystems. We investigated how humans can support bees in the city through sustainable, local food growing and better urban planning.

We co-designed and co-built our new garden space with community members and it is now a community asset in the area of Shieldfield where there are minimal green spaces. The garden was opened by community members, community supporters in our local Methodist Circuit and Mayor Jamie Driscoll, who financially supported the project. The garden is a further embodiment of our core values: a space for hospitality, art and activism, where we can continue to flourish our community together. Jamie Driscoll described SAW as 'one of those places and events which inspires and energises... a green, wildlife-friendly oasis in the heart of a busy urban area... space for gatherings and for contemplation...building a sense of community in the middle of a dense urban area.'

We started SAW Reflects, which are events where we think about the themes in our exhibition programme or the wider world, and explore how art and theology can speak to each other. We also started Craft Action Collective in the spring: a creative group which seeks to think deeply and respond to injustices in a gentle, careful way through craft and printmaking. We continued Painting for Fun where nearly all of our members have now returned in person after lockdown. Within our Shieldfield Grows group we had five adopt a plot growers where residents who don't have a garden cared for a plot. We also held many workshops in order to upskill local residents in growing and sustainability skills. We have also collaborated with Life Vineyard and City Church to begin a Pop up Pantry in our building every Wednesday which seeks to help tackle food poverty within the area. Finally, we have spoken at university conferences and invited university students to participate in our programme.

We have been successful in receiving funding from SHED, Sir James Knott Trust, All Churches Trust, Newcastle City Council and SpaceHive, as well as receiving some anonymous one-off donations. We have achieved a good increase in our personal givers. We have also increased our number of long term hirers and individual bookings. This all aids our financial security and sustainability. God has provided in incredibly generous ways, through individuals, small grants and bigger funders.

Trinity Church, Gosforth (Methodist and United Reformed LEP)

We have experienced significant challenges throughout the year. Whilst Sunday services recommenced in the building, offerings have been smaller than they were pre-Covid. We run a monthly Saturday coffee morning which is earmarked for the Church. It only re-started late in 2022 and it usually raises £500 per month, so we did not receive 12 months benefit.

A few members died during the financial year, which unfortunately contributed to less income.

The nature of Trinity Gosforth is that the Trinity Centre in pre-Covid times used to make a Charity donation in the region of £16,000 per annum to the church. Last year it only managed £8,000 and the difference had to come out of reserves.

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Trinity Church, Gosforth

(Methodist and United Reformed LEP) (continued)

Despite the above we managed to cover our Assessment month on month. We allocated from Church income financial support to the local Charities. Through collections in 2020-2021, we managed to send substantial donations to:

- Walker & District Foodbank
- UN Appeal for Ukraine
- Tear Fund Afghanistan Appeal
- Oprie (A Haiti Educational support scheme)
- Ebenezer (South African Church link)

Looking Forward, Trinity Centre is starting to get busier with hirers, so its income & possible Charitable donations will help.

The Same Sex marriage decision has had an impact and this will result in significant loss of income from those members who leave.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

Income for the year ended 31 August 2022 totalled £706,328 (2021: £1,808,740) resulting in a deficit for the year of £103,718 (2021: surplus £1,168,337). Funds totalled £1,827,319 at the year end, of which £1,317,673 are restricted funds, of which £11,200 are held for special purpose of The Holy Biscuit, and £2,475 are endowment funds. Unrestricted reserves total £401,277 which includes those held for special purpose of £55,049 The Holy Biscuit, £4,305 Hand in hand and £82 Methodist Women in Britain.

Reserves policy - general funds

The definition of reserves is: "income which becomes available to the charity and is to be expended at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of the charity's objects, but which is not yet spent, committed or designated." The free reserves of the charity therefore exclude endowments, restricted funds, designated funds and funds already invested in fixed assets. Free reserves of the charity at the year end amounted to £80,686.

The reserves policy for the general and manse funds of the Circuit agreed by the trustees is to hold the equivalent of the relevant annual expenditure, plus an estimate of any known fluctuations. These reserves are held in the Central Finance Board deposit account. The unrestricted funds are currently below the policy, the Circuit Managing Trustees are concerned about this and mindful to address the situation as soon as possible. There are plans to balance the budget over the following two or three years and then start to re-build reserves. Should there be a funding crisis then the Managing Trustees would make an appeal to the Local Churches.

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TRUSTEES' REPORT (CONTINUED)

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Structure, governance and management

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity. The charity's treasurers of the Circuit Fund are the lay Circuit Stewards, of the Managing Trustees listed previously all are lay people excepting the seventeen ministerial staff, four of whom are retired (Rev'd A Glynn Lister passed away on 7th April 2020, Rev'd John F Cook on 17th January 2020 and Rev'd Brian Dann, on 3rd June 2020 and they were promoted to glory) and one is Principal of St John's College Durham, one is chaplain at Pilgrims Court Methodist Homes Jesmond, and fourteen Lay workers all of whom are, or were, employed either by The Methodist Church, The United Reformed Church or The Church of England. Circuit meetings are generally held three times a year and include representatives of all the Societies (local churches) and projects in the Circuit. The Superintendent Minister (who supervises the work of the other Ministers in the Circuit) reports to this meeting as do the Circuit Stewards.

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of The Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which The Methodist Church acts. The constitution practice and discipline of The Methodist Church (2019 edition) together with The Deed of Union (Act of 1929 adopted 1932) govern the activities of the Circuit.

In general, The Methodist Church is excepted from the need to register as a charity by the combined effects of Section 46(4) (A) of the Charities Act 1993 and Paragraph 4(2) (C) of the Charities (exception from registration) Regulations 1996 as amended by Statutory Instrument 2014 No 242. The Circuit, however, is a separate Registered Charity, number 1134265, in England and Wales.

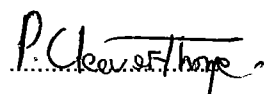
The Trustees who have served during the year and since the year-end are set out on the legal and administration pages. The treasurers (Circuit Stewards) are appointed annually by the Circuit Meeting annually and the Managing Trustees are appointed either by: (a) the Societies of which they are members; (b) the Preachers' Meeting; or (c) by being ex-officio (Ministers in good standing or holding a District or Connexional Office or duly appointed Lay Workers). In practice, up to seven Circuit Stewards are appointed who serve, generally, for a minimum of 3 years and a maximum of 6.

The principal address of the Circuit's auditors, bankers, solicitors and other advisors are given as part of the reference and administrative details.

The Treasurers are responsible for the detailed examination of the Financial Statements and for recommending their adoption by the Circuit Meeting, they do this in consultation with the Circuit Treasurers Meeting, in practice they have appointed a Circuit Services Manager to handle the day to day financial and property matters, he must refer for guidance and instruction to the Circuit Stewards and Superintendent Minister. The Circuit Services Manager gave notice, in April 2019, of his intention to retire at the end of October 2020 and the Circuit Stewards have prepared a succession plan having identified one person who will become the Treasurer.

The Circuit is one of 12 of the Newcastle District and has 12 Local Churches [14 premises], of which 5 are Local Ecumenical Partnerships, the Circuit also has one other preaching place and one other set of premises that are used for 'fresh expressions of Church' - Shieldfield Art Works @ The Holy Biscuit, and has a 'presence' in Walker at The Pottery Bank Community Centre. They are contactable via the principal address of the Circuit. Funds are transferred to the Circuit on a quarterly basis to meet the commitments to the District and the upkeep of the Circuit.

The trustees' report was approved by the Board of Trustees.



Rev P Cleever-Thorpe (chair) - Trustee

Dated: 9.3.23

THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Newcastle Central and East Circuit (the charity) for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of FCA, which is one of the listed bodies.

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the charity has prepared financial statements in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for financial statements to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

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

- 1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
- 2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
- 3 the financial statements 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.

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 financial statements to be reached.



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Dated: 14.3.2023

THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Current financial year

	Notes	Unrestricted funds 2022 £	Restricted funds 2022 £	Endowment funds 2022 £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Income and endowments from:						
Donations and legacies	2	501,989	39,674	-	541,663	1,746,035
Other trading activities	3	7,400	-	-	7,400	19,539
Investments	4	26,684	22,743	59	49,486	43,166
Other income	5	-	107,779	-	107,779	-
Total income and endowments		536,073	170,196	59	706,328	1,808,740
Expenditure on:						
Charitable activities	6	601,040	210,204	-	811,244	641,635
Other		16	12	90	118	4
Total resources expended		601,056	210,216	90	811,362	641,639
Net gains/(losses) on investments		(342)	1,828	(170)	1,316	1,236
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(65,325)	(38,192)	(201)	(103,718)	1,168,337
Gross transfers between funds		56,809	(56,809)	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(8,516)	(95,001)	(201)	(103,718)	1,168,337
Fund balances at 1 September 2021		461,888	1,466,674	2,475	1,931,037	762,700
Fund balances at 31 August 2022		453,372	1,371,673	2,274	1,827,319	1,931,037

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (CONTINUED) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Prior financial year

		Unrestricted funds 2021 £	Restricted funds 2021 £	Endowment funds 2021 £	Total 2021 £
	Notes				
<u>Income and endowments from:</u>					
Donations and legacies	2	521,838	1,224,197	-	1,746,035
Other trading activities	3	14,539	5,000	-	19,539
Investments	4	23,461	19,664	41	43,166
Total income and endowments		559,838	1,248,861	41	1,808,740
<u>Expenditure on:</u>					
Charitable activities	6	618,386	23,249	-	641,635
Other		-	-	4	4
Total resources expended		618,386	23,249	4	641,639
Net gains/(losses) on investments		845	-	391	1,236
Net (outgoing)/incoming resources before transfers		(57,703)	1,225,612	428	1,168,337
Gross transfers between funds		47,984	(47,984)	-	-
Net movement in funds		(9,719)	1,177,628	428	1,168,337
Fund balances at 1 September 2020		471,607	289,046	2,047	762,700
Fund balances at 31 August 2021		461,888	1,466,674	2,475	1,931,037

The statement of financial activities includes all gains and losses recognised in the year.

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Fixed assets					
Tangible assets	11		313,250		321,497
Current assets					
Debtors	12	25,638		33,470	
Investments	13	759,444		12,122	
Cash at bank and in hand		737,422		1,584,599	
		1,522,504		1,630,191	
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	14	(6,875)		(17,354)	
Net current assets			1,515,629		1,612,837
Total assets less current liabilities			1,828,879		1,934,334
Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year	15		(1,560)		(3,297)
Net assets			1,827,319		1,931,037
Capital funds					
Endowment funds - general	16		2,274		2,475
Income funds					
Restricted funds	17		1,371,673		1,466,674
Unrestricted funds			453,372		461,888
			1,827,319		1,931,037

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on 9/3/23

P. Cleever-Thorpe

Rev P Cleever-Thorpe (chair) - Trustee

THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	2022 £	£	2021 £	£
Cash flows from operating activities					
Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations	22		(259,273)		1,129,167
Investing activities					
Proceeds from disposal of tangible fixed assets		110,029		-	
Proceeds from disposal of investments		(746,006)		8,702	
Investment income received		49,486		43,166	
Net cash (used in)/generated from investing activities			(586,491)		51,868
Financing activities					
Payment of obligations under finance leases		(1,413)		(1,150)	
Net cash used in financing activities			(1,413)		(1,150)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents			(847,177)		1,179,885
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year			1,584,599		404,714
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year			737,422		1,584,599

THE NEWCASTLE CENTRAL AND EAST CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

1 Accounting policies

Charity information

The Newcastle Central and East Circuit is a unincorporated charity (charity number (1134265)).

1.1 Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the charity's governing document, the Charities Act 2011 and "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) (effective 1 January 2019)". The charity is a Public Benefit Entity as defined by FRS 102.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the charity. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. The principal accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1.2 Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the trustees have a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

1.3 Charitable funds

Unrestricted funds are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of their charitable objectives.

Restricted funds are subject to specific conditions by donors as to how they may be used. The purposes and uses of the restricted funds are set out in the notes to the financial statements.

Endowment funds are subject to specific conditions by donors that the capital must be maintained by the charity.

1.4 Income

Income is recognised when the charity is legally entitled to it after any performance conditions have been met, the amounts can be measured reliably, and it is probable that income will be received.

Cash donations are recognised on receipt. Other donations are recognised once the charity has been notified of the donation, unless performance conditions require deferral of the amount. Income tax recoverable in relation to donations received under Gift Aid or deeds of covenant is recognised at the time of the donation.

Legacies are recognised on receipt or otherwise if the charity has been notified of an impending distribution, the amount is known, and receipt is expected. If the amount is not known, the legacy is treated as a contingent asset.

1.5 Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

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1 Accounting policies

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1.6 Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are initially measured at cost and subsequently measured at cost or valuation, net of depreciation and any impairment losses.

Depreciation is recognised so as to write off the cost or valuation of assets less their residual values over their useful lives on the following bases:

Freehold land and buildings	straight line over 100 years
Computers	straight line over 3 years

The gain or loss arising on the disposal of an asset is determined as the difference between the sale proceeds and the carrying value of the asset, and is recognised in the statement of financial activities.

1.7 Impairment of fixed assets

At each reporting end date, the charity reviews the carrying amounts of its tangible assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any).

1.8 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in hand, deposits held at call with banks, other short-term liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less, and bank overdrafts. Bank overdrafts are shown within borrowings in current liabilities.

1.9 Leases

Leases are classified as finance leases whenever the terms of the lease transfer substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to the lessees. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Assets held under finance leases are recognised as assets at the lower of the assets fair value at the date of inception and the present value of the minimum lease payments. The related liability is included in the balance sheet as a finance lease obligation. Lease payments are treated as consisting of capital and interest elements. The interest is charged to net income/(expenditure) for the year so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

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2 Donations and legacies

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2021	2021	2021
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Donations and gifts	1,668	-	1,668	1,840	1,224,197	1,226,037
Assessments	393,086	-	393,086	428,397	-	428,397
Grants receivable	18,730	-	18,730	32,959	-	32,959
Administration	56,672	17,577	74,249	53,302	-	53,302
Other	31,833	22,097	53,930	5,340	-	5,340
	<u>501,989</u>	<u>39,674</u>	<u>541,663</u>	<u>521,838</u>	<u>1,224,197</u>	<u>1,746,035</u>

3 Other trading activities

	Other trading activities 2022 £	Other trading activities 2021 £
Books & telephone income	5,413	5,756
Sundry income	1,987	13,783
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>19,539</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	7,400	14,539
Restricted funds	-	5,000
	<u>7,400</u>	<u>19,539</u>

4 Investments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds general	Total	Total
	2022	2022	2022	2022	2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	22,328	21,525	-	43,853	42,078
Interest receivable	4,356	1,218	59	5,633	1,088
	<u>26,684</u>	<u>22,743</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>49,486</u>	<u>43,166</u>

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5 Other income

	Restricted funds	Total
	2022	2021
	£	£
Net gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets	107,779	-

6 Charitable activities

	Charitable activities 2022	Charitable activities 2021
	£	£
Staff costs	484,218	366,235
Depreciation and impairment	5,997	6,705
Gifts and donations	1,268	14,683
Assessments	103,524	98,159
Travel	10,548	4,863
Repairs and property costs	55,164	43,262
Pulpit supply	1,134	111
The Holy Biscuit costs	109,015	65,509
Hand in Hand costs	7,411	1,878
	<u>778,279</u>	<u>601,405</u>
Grant funding of activities (see note 7)	6,300	-
Share of support costs (see note 8)	15,323	28,160
Share of governance costs (see note 8)	11,342	12,070
	<u>811,244</u>	<u>641,635</u>
Analysis by fund		
Unrestricted funds	601,040	618,386
Restricted funds	210,204	23,249
	<u>811,244</u>	<u>641,635</u>

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7 Grants payable

	Charitable activities 2022 £	2021 £
Grants to institutions:		
SAW THB	2,500	-
Trinity Christian Community Centre	3,000	-
MINE	300	-
Newcastle City Centre Chaplaincy	500	-
	<u>6,300</u>	<u>-</u>

8 Support costs

	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2022 £	Support costs £	Governance costs £	2021 £
Telephone	10,357	-	10,357	14,039	-	14,039
Postage & stationery	3,378	-	3,378	3,951	-	3,951
Sundries	1,588	-	1,588	10,170	-	10,170
Audit fees	-	-	-	-	6,300	6,300
Independent examiner's fees	-	4,200	4,200	-	-	-
Professional fees	-	7,142	7,142	-	5,770	5,770
	<u>15,323</u>	<u>11,342</u>	<u>26,665</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>12,070</u>	<u>40,230</u>
Analysed between Charitable activities	<u>15,323</u>	<u>11,342</u>	<u>26,665</u>	<u>28,160</u>	<u>12,070</u>	<u>40,230</u>

9 Trustees

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 August 2022 nor for the year ended 31 August 2021.

Trustees expenses

The aggregate amount of travelling and subsistence expenses reimbursed to the trustees during the year was £12,238 (2021: £5,168). The number of persons reimbursed was 9 (2021: 12). During the year trustees' indemnity insurance was provided of £245 (2021: £245).

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10 Employees

The average monthly number of employees during the year was:

	2022 Number	2021 Number
Direct charitable expenditure	12	12
Management and admin of the charity	2	2
Total	14	14

Employment costs	2022 £	2021 £
Wages and salaries	233,319	287,966
Social security costs	17,402	21,091
Other pension costs	233,497	57,178
	484,218	366,235

The key management personnel of the charity include the circuit stewards, the superintendent, other ministers and the circuit services manager who are all managing trustees. Total employee benefits of the key management personnel for the year were £38,475 (2021: £34,798).

There were no employees whose annual remuneration was £60,000 or more.

11 Tangible fixed assets

	Freehold land and buildings £	Computers £	Total £
Cost			
At 1 September 2021	368,717	17,827	386,544
Disposals	(2,250)	-	(2,250)
At 31 August 2022	366,467	17,827	384,294
Depreciation and impairment			
At 1 September 2021	49,552	15,495	65,047
Depreciation charged in the year	3,665	2,332	5,997
At 31 August 2022	53,217	17,827	71,044
Carrying amount			
At 31 August 2022	313,250	-	313,250
At 31 August 2021	319,165	2,332	321,497

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12 Debtors

	2022 £	2021 £
Amounts falling due within one year:		
Other debtors	2,529	4,307
Prepayments and accrued income	23,109	29,163
	<u>25,638</u>	<u>33,470</u>

13 Current asset investments

	2022 £	2021 £
Unlisted investments	759,444	12,122

14 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Obligations under finance leases		1,737	1,413
Accruals and deferred income		5,138	15,941
		<u>6,875</u>	<u>17,354</u>

15 Creditors: amounts falling due after more than one year

	Notes	2022 £	2021 £
Obligations under finance leases		1,560	3,297

16 Endowment funds

Endowment funds represent assets which must be held permanently by the charity. Income arising on the endowment funds can be used in accordance with the objects of the charity and is included as unrestricted income. Any capital gains or losses arising on the assets form part of the fund.

	Balance at 1 September 2021 £	Incoming resources £	Movement in funds Resources expended £	Transfers £	Revaluations gains and losses £	Balance at 31 August 2022 £
Permanent endowments						
The Susannah Gibson memorial fund	624	16	(85)	-	(59)	496
WR Dixon gift	1,851	43	(5)	-	(111)	1,778
	<u>2,475</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>(90)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(170)</u>	<u>2,274</u>

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17 Restricted funds

The income funds of the charity include restricted funds comprising the following unexpended balances of donations and grants held on trust for specific purposes:

	Balance at 1 September 2021	Incoming resources	Movement in funds			Balance at 31 August 2022
	£	£	Resources expended	Transfers	Revaluations, gains and losses	£
Dorris Nuttal bequest	4,084	23	(4,102)	-	-	5
Property Fund	1,462,590	130,499	(182,010)	(52,439)	1,828	1,360,468
2C100 - CFB Managed Fixed Fund	-	39,674	(24,104)	(4,370)	-	11,200
	<u>1,466,674</u>	<u>170,196</u>	<u>(210,216)</u>	<u>(56,809)</u>	<u>1,828</u>	<u>1,371,673</u>

18 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted funds 2022	Restricted funds 2022	Endowment funds 2022	Total 2022	Total 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2022 are represented by:					
Tangible assets	313,250	-	-	313,250	321,497
Current assets/(liabilities)	141,682	1,371,673	2,274	1,515,629	1,612,837
Long term liabilities	(1,560)	-	-	(1,560)	(3,297)
	<u>453,372</u>	<u>1,371,673</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>1,827,319</u>	<u>1,931,037</u>

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19 Unrestricted funds

General Funds

These are funds that are available to be spent for any purpose by the charity.

Methodist Women in Britain

The Methodist Women in Britain, previously known as The Network Group and sometimes referred to as the Circuit Network, is a fellowship aimed at women of all ages within the church, who support each other and raise funds each year for 'the Easter offering', a Connexionally designated charity of the year. There are pastoral groups, fellowships and social activities. A small amount of the group's income is used for administrative costs, but most money is handed on to support the wider church.

Hand in Hand

A project was founded more than ten years ago by the former Heaton and Wallsend Circuit, based at Trinity Church Wallsend, serving the elderly and isolated in Wallsend. As time passed, the project expanded and provided lunch clubs, reminiscence and activity clubs as well as a befriending and visiting in homes service in Wallsend, Heaton, Longbenton and other places in North Tyneside. About seven years ago the project grew rapidly because of Lottery grant funding. Sadly when the grant finished in 2017, the management committee was unable to find a follow on funder and the project shrank significantly and now only operates from Trinity and Heaton Methodist Churches. Consequently, Hand in Hand has returned to be completely controlled by the Circuit with a small management group chaired by Rev'd Gavin Hume and legacy funds are being used to ensure that there are high quality lunch and activity clubs.

Shieldfield Art Works At The Holy Biscuit

Shieldfield Methodist Church closed as Local Church or Society, and in about 2006 the premises were rented to various organisations including a local radio station. By 2009 there was a proposal to sell the site but Rev'd Rob Hawkins in consultation with local businessman Ramy Zac, proposed a radical suggestion to develop and arts expression of Church, a form of Fresh Expressions of Church, using the premises. Mr Zac said that he would carry out, at his expense, a major refurbishment and Rob would set up the organisation of what quickly became known as The Holy Biscuit - it being opposite the Biscuit Factory art gallery. Until recently it has operated as a separate fund, but it is now felt that it should be an internal organisation of the Circuit, which 'owns' it.

The project has grown and now receives significant grants from the Methodist Connexional grants committee and is seen as an integral part of the arts scene in Newcastle. There are links to both universities in Newcastle and the one in Sunderland as well as the Ouseburn arts community. The Holy Biscuit is now reaching out to the local community, schools and other churches in Shieldfield. As well as providing gallery space, the premises are well used, for example, painting for fun (working with those who have health problems); schools work and church with a difference mid-week services.

The Walker Benevolent Fund

This fund represents funds that have been set aside for use at the discretion of the Deacon and had been exhausted during the year.

The Deacon Fund

This fund represents Model Trust funds transferred from the former Allen Memorial Methodist Church, the capital and income from which can be used at the discretion of the Deacon.

The Dixon bequests

This fund represents Model Trust funds transferred from the former Allen Memorial Methodist Church, the income from which can be used at the discretion of the Deacon and capital may be used with certain restrictions.

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20 Related party transactions

There were no disclosable related party transactions during the year (2021 - none).

21 Restricted and endowment funds

Restricted Funds

The Doris Nuttal bequest

This fund represents funds donated to the Circuit, in practice used to provide for the repair and refurbishment of the Trinity Christian Community Centre. The fund is held in cash.

The Property Fund

This fund represents funds relating to the sale, letting or other disposition of land which is Circuit property. The authority to sanction schemes for the application of capital money in the fund rests with the Circuit meeting, subject to approval by the Synod. The fund is represented by investments and or cash.

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The project has grown and now receives significant grants, some of which are restricted, from the Methodist Connexional grants committee and is seen as an integral part of the arts scene in Newcastle. There are links to both universities in Newcastle and the one in Sunderland as well as the Ouseburn arts community. The Holy Biscuit is now reaching out to the local community, schools and other churches in Shieldfield. As well as providing gallery space, the premises are well used, for example, painting for fun (working with those who have health problems), schools work and church with a difference mid-week services.

Endowment Funds

The Susannah Gibson Memorial Fund

This fund represents monies left to the church in 1880 by the late Susannah Gibson, the income from which can be used 'for the sustenance of Wesleyan Ministers'.

The WR Dixon Gift

This fund represents Model Trust funds transferred from the former Allen Memorial Methodist Church and is used at the discretion of the deacon.

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22	Cash generated from operations		2022	2021
			£	£
	(Deficit)/surplus for the year		(103,718)	1,168,337
	Adjustments for:			
	Investment income recognised in statement of financial activities		(49,486)	(43,166)
	Gain on disposal of tangible fixed assets		(107,779)	-
	Fair value gains and losses on investments		(1,316)	(1,236)
	Depreciation and impairment of tangible fixed assets		5,997	6,705
	Movements in working capital:			
	Decrease/(increase) in debtors		7,832	(6,421)
	(Decrease)/increase in creditors		(10,803)	4,948
	Cash (absorbed by)/generated from operations		(259,273)	1,129,167
23	Analysis of changes in net funds			
		At 1 September	Cash flows	At 31 August
		2021		2022
		£	£	£
	Cash at bank and in hand	1,584,599	(847,177)	737,422
	Obligations under finance leases	(4,710)	1,413	(3,297)
		<u>1,579,889</u>	<u>(845,764)</u>	<u>734,125</u>

