

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134276

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-12

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: To raise money for running local churches and provide funds for outreach.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- India
- Malawi
- Lincolnshire
- Nottinghamshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£658,097	£392,276	£506,404	6
2024-08-31	£470,926	£343,251	-	-
2023-08-31	£162,872	£267,264	-	-
2022-08-31	£173,303	£208,633	-	-
2021-08-31	£316,038	£254,330	-	-
2020-08-31	£210,170	£217,020	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev DAVE BONNY	Chair	2023-09-01
Andrew Derek Trowbridge		2022-05-01
CAROL STROWGER		
CATHERINE ANNE PIKE		
Carolyn Jill Suter		2020-09-01
Catherine Bates		2019-09-01
Colin William Jackson		2021-01-25
DAVID CLIFFORD WATSON		
David Swift		2019-09-01
EDWARD CHARLES ADAMS		2020-11-01
Elizabeth Patricia Boneham		2019-09-01
GEOFFREY KENNETH AYERS		
Gwendoline Mary Blundy Lyn		2019-09-01
IAN GODFREY PETER MATTHEWS		
JANICE WALTERS		
JEAN ALISON DANDO		
JENNIFER ROSEMARY HARDY		2019-09-01
JOHN WILLIAM WALTERS		
Janice Carol Wright		2022-09-12
Janice Linda Swinney		2020-09-01
Jennifer Louise Everett		2019-09-01
Jennifer Winnington		2020-09-01
Kathryn Mary Wood		2020-09-01
Lucy Silver		2019-09-01
Marcus James Silver		2019-09-01
Melanie Ward		2020-09-01
Nicholas Paul James Fairfax		2020-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
ROSALYN ANN BEASLEY		
Rachel Margaret Dalby		2019-09-01
Raymond George Atkinson		2019-09-01
Rev Barrie Morley		2019-09-01
Rev David Harry Bonny		2023-09-01
Rev Peter Bates		2019-09-01
Rev Peter Hibberts		2019-09-01
Ruby Beech		2019-09-01
Stephen Haydn Dando		2020-12-03
Susan Watson		2019-09-01

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Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY	District	Circuit no	22/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134276

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Dr Langley Mackrell-Hey (appointed 1 September 2025)
Rev David Bonny (retired 31 August 2025)
Rev Peter Hibberts

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Stephen Dando
Mr Andrew Trowbridge
Miss Jan Wright

Treasurer:

Mr Andrew Trowbridge

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit present their report for the year ended 31 August 2025.

Introduction

The Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit covers Newark, Southwell, Collingham and surrounding villages. The circuit comprises 9 Methodist churches and provides staff support and leadership.

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the Methodist church as, through worship, we seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

Following the adoption of the Circuit Mission Statement in September 2023 **'In God's strength, as a family of churches in Newark and Southwell, our circuit encourages, excites and enables people to deepen their faith in Christ, to offer it to all and to work with communities for transformation'** and developing strategies covering eight areas of development the following have been rolled out in in the past twelve months:

- A Worship and Preaching Academy has been formed and as a result the Worship Leaders and Local Preachers' Meetings have become more relevant and dynamic.
- Local Lay Pastors have started new groups and have sought ways of building connections with the community including a safe meeting place for refugee mothers and their families.
- The Circuit has agreed to invest time, finance and prayer to enable one of the two presbyters to engage in Pioneer Ministry from January 2026 after which fifty percent of his time will be spent exploring and introducing new ways of being church and encouraging those on the margins.
- Memory Worship, a short service designed to engage carers and those experiencing memory problems has been taken monthly to a local residential home for the elderly.
- Several Kintsugi courses have been well supported looking at a range of issues such as mental health, finance and relationships, thus considering contemporary issues within a broad Christian framework.
- One church has its premises up for sale and is heavily invested in seeking a new way forward to honour its purpose statement, which includes a strong leaning towards inclusivity.
- All of the above are in addition to the ongoing activities reported previously such as prayer walks, seeker courses, Open the Book, Alpha Courses, school work at the two Anglican-Methodist schools, Messy Church, pastoral care, Warm Welcome spaces, regular village social gatherings and the like.

Financial

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the constituent churches.

During the year the unrestricted funds of the circuit increased by £265,861. The sales of Elston Methodist Church and the manse at Balderton realised a net sum of £328,110. Against this there have been additional costs including:

- Financial support for a church to carry out essential repairs.
- Financial support to assist churches in meeting their assessments
- The employment of local lay pastors to work in the circuit which was funded partly by the circuit and partly by a grant of £15,023 from the District.

The unrestricted Model Trust Fund of the circuit includes £141,032 being the amount left from the sale of the premises of Hawtonville Methodist Church and, by a decision of Circuit Meeting, this sum is designated for the acquisition of new premises for Hope Community Methodist Church.

The circuit and its churches continue to face financial challenges but remain committed to a strategy for growth.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1134276

Main communication address:

Circuit Administrator

c/o Hope Community Methodist Church, Barnby Gate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1PX

Trustees: the members of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit Meeting are the charities trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A full list of the membership is shown below:

List of Trustees who served in the year to 30 September 2025

Ministers in the Active Work:

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|-----------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| 1. Revd Dave Bonny
(Superintendent and Chair of the meeting) | 17. Rachel Dalby | Local preacher |
| 2. Revd Peter Hibberts | 18. Melanie Ward | Local preacher |
| | 19. Cathy Bates | |
| | 20. Sue Watson | |

Local Lay Pastors

- | | |
|-------------------|---------------------|
| 3. Tracey West | 21. Dave Watson |
| 4. Duncan Smith | 22. Ian Mathews |
| 5. Rosalind Smith | 23. Jonathan Pepper |
| | 24. Mel Watson |
| | 25. Lyn Blundy |

Circuit Stewards:

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| 6. Stephen Dando (Senior) | 26. Carol Strowger |
| 7. Andrew Trowbridge (Finance) | 27. Jackie Yeomans |
| 8. Jan Wright | 28. Owen Yeomans |
| | 29. Ray Atkinson |
| | 30. Colin Jackson |

Circuit Meeting Secretary

- | | |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| 9. Nick Fairfax | 31. Ted Gascoyne |
| | 32. Kathryn Wood |
| | 33. Rosalyn Beasley |

Other trustees

- | | | |
|-------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 10. Jennifer Winnington | Safeguarding | 34. Janice Walters |
| 11. Revd Barrie Morley | | 35. John Walters |
| 12. Rev Peter Bates | | 36. David Swift |
| 13. Jan Swinney | Church & Society | 37. Eddie Adams |
| 14. Jenny Hardy | MWIB Secretary | 38. Jean Dando |
| 15. Carolyn Suter | World Church | 39. Liz Boneham |
| 16. Ruby Beech | Local preacher | 40. Jenny Everett |
| | | 41. Kate Pike |
| | | 42. Geoff Ayers |

- 43. Anne Lyne
- 44. Lesley Kulmbacher
- 45. Lucy Silver

46. Rosemary Fletcher

Trustees who have retired, or otherwise ceased to be trustees, since 1 October 2025.

Rev Dave Bonny
Mel Watson
Owen Yeomans
Jackie Yeomans
Eddie Adams
Jonathan Pepper
Jean Dando

People who have been appointed as trustees since 31 August 2025

Rev Dr Langley Mackrell-Hey (Superintendent and Chair of the meeting)

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2025 is Mr Robert Evans BA FCA.

Banking arrangements

The Circuit banker during the year was CAF (Charities Aid Foundation).

The Circuit also has deposits with Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and objectives

The charity's objectives are to act as a resource provider within the area around Newark and Southwell and Eastern Nottinghamshire generally for the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and have 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 the connexion, district, circuit, local church or
- c) Other organizations of the Methodist Church
- d) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or
- e) ancillary to the Methodist Church
- f) Any purpose for the time being of the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to
- g) the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:

- i. The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike
- ii. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups and other events
- iii. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- iv. Taking acts of collective worship in local schools
- v. Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners' guidance on public benefit.

Structure governance and management

The governing documents for the circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers Meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist Church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Balderton, Charles Street, Collingham, Hope Community, Long Bennington, North End, North Muskham, Southwell and Sutton-on-Trent

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.

Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

The policy of the circuit is to hold at least 6 months of average annual expenditure in reserves. At 31 August 2025 the uncommitted circuit reserves were in excess of this due to the recent sale of a chapel and a manse. The money generated from the sale of the Balderton manse is being used to partly fund three local lay pastors.

The Circuit trustees believe that overall there are sufficient funds to secure the short to mid term ability to meet the liabilities of the Circuit. The long term financial viability of the circuit is less clear. In the circumstances the Circuit trustees further believe that, given the current general economic outlook and the additional challenges that may give to churches to meet their assessments, the funds that the Circuit holds in reserves is not excessive.

The Circuit continues to employ 3 Local Lay Pastors and the cost is being met by a grant from the Methodist District Advance Fund and the proceeds from the sale of the manse at Balderton. That funding is due to expire at the end of 2026 and applications have been submitted for grants to allow the employments to continue.

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:

- a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.
- b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- c) Establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice. The Newark and Southwell 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 Newark and Southwell Circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Future developments

The next five years continue to be shaped by the further implementation of the Circuit Strategy, building on the areas which have already commenced and taking further steps in the areas which are still to be developed:

- Permitting one of the circuit's two presbyters to pursue a pioneering role.
- Connecting with District and Connexional stated aims, grants are being sought to enhance the pioneering work we have committed to and to allow our three Local Lay Pastors' contracts to be extended beyond December 2026 so that we may continue to be a growing, inclusive, evangelistic and justice-seeking presence in our communities.
- Following the appointment of a new Superintendent in September 2025 there will be a refocusing of communication strategies.

This report was approved by the Circuit Meeting of Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit on 4 March 2026 and is signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Rev Dr Langley Mackrell-Hey

Chair of the meeting

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share	2	164,876			164,876	161,671
a3	Capital receipts	3	243,232	223,618		466,850	272,301
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		732	9,176		9,908	12,210
a5	Grants	4			15,023	15,023	9,744
a6	Other receipts	5		1,440		1,440	15,000
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		408,840	234,234	15,023	658,097 (a8)	470,926

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	6	138,420		15,023	153,443	121,951
b3	Manse Costs	7	18,328			18,328	22,444
b4	Administration etc	8	4,903		40	4,943	6,852
b5	District Assessment		44,840			44,840	46,228
b6	Grants & donations	9	2,000			2,000	13,500
b7	Other worship costs	10	5,390			5,390	4,799
b8	Other payments	11	81,268	82,064		163,332	127,477
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		295,149	82,064	15,063	392,276 (b9)	343,251

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	113,691	152,170	(40)	265,821	127,675
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		62,585	177,244	754	240,583 (c6)	112,908
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	176,276	329,414	714	506,404	240,583
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	176,276	329,414	714	506,404 (c8)	240,583 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS - Note 15 (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			3,175	2,950
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,175	2,950
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	658,097 (a8)	392,276 (b9)	265,821	(c7)	240,583 (c6)	506,404 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	658,097	392,276	265,821		240,583 (x)	506,404 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	14,395	17,467
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	164	60,759
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	226,024	428,178
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	240,583 (c6)	506,404 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	240,583 (x)	506,404 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,034,978	998,496
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	10,000	
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 Basis of accounting

The method of accounting used is receipts and payments. Receipts and payments are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year, the one exception being that assessment payments by churches in August 2025 totalling £11,533, which relate to the 2025/26 year, have been carried forward to that year. Cash includes cash equivalents, for example bank current accounts, deposits with CFB and deposits with TMCP.

	2025 £	2024 £
2 Assessments received		
Balderton	19,440	17,440
Charles Street	32,616	31,116
Collingham	21,500	18,964
Hope Community	31,226	39,249
Long Bennington	6,081	5,681
North End	8,883	8,225
North Muskham	4,300	7,640
Southwell	32,626	26,576
Sutton-on-Trent	8,204	6,780
	<u>164,876</u>	<u>161,671</u>

The assessment received from Hope Community Church in the year to 31 August 2024 includes £14,023 relating to previous years.

3 Capital receipts

Designated Fund

Sale proceeds of Balderton manse designated to fund Local Lay Pastors	<u>243,232</u>	<u>0</u>
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Model Trust Fund

Sale proceeds of Elston Chapel	223,618	0
Sale proceeds of Hawtonville Chapel	0	272,301
	<u>223,618</u>	<u>272,301</u>
	<u>466,850</u>	<u>272,301</u>

4 Grants

Restricted

Nottingham and Derby Methodist District for Local Lay Pastors	<u>15,023</u>	<u>9,744</u>
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5 Other receipts

Model Trust Fund

Fees reimbursed	1,440	0
Donation to Pension Reserve Fund refunded	0	5,000
	<u>1,440</u>	<u>5,000</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2025	2024
	£	£
6 Stipends, salaries NIC, pension conts. and other payroll expenses		
Presbyters		
Stipends	65,556	61,372
Employer's NIC	7,464	5,959
Employer's pension contributions	12,408	15,624
Presbyters' travel costs	4,456	3,840
Telephone and broadband	943	912
Other expenses	285	235
Removal costs	7,380	0
	<u>98,492</u>	<u>87,942</u>
Local Lay Pastors		
Salaries	44,330	28,600
Employer's NIC	3,208	1,436
Employer's pension contributions	3,364	1,033
Telephone	194	150
Travel costs	2,455	1,075
Course fees and sundries	1,400	1,715
	<u>54,951</u>	<u>34,009</u>
Total	<u>153,443</u>	<u>121,951</u>
Restricted	15,023	9,744
Unrestricted	<u>138,420</u>	<u>112,207</u>
	<u>153,443</u>	<u>121,951</u>
7 Manse Costs		
Council tax	5,466	5,585
Water	1,211	1,531
Insurance	1,548	2,029
Repairs and maintenance	10,103	13,299
	<u>18,328</u>	<u>22,444</u>
8 Administration		
Unrestricted Funds		
Salary	3,444	3,047
Copier	140	0
Rent of circuit office (2 years)	0	1,760
Office telephone and broadband	0	115
Printing, postage and stationery	839	856
Equipment	0	594
Payroll bureau charges	480	480
	<u>4,903</u>	<u>6,852</u>
Restricted Fund - LWPT sec exps	40	0
	<u>4,943</u>	<u>6,852</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2025 £	2024 £
9 Grants and donations		
North End - roof repairs	2,000	0
Charles St - Warm Space	0	500
Southwell - replacement of lift	0	8,000
Southwell - family worker	0	5,000
	<u>2,000</u>	<u>13,500</u>
10 Other worship costs		
Supernumeraries preaching fees and travel costs	4,237	3,546
Worship and resources	1,153	1,253
	<u>5,390</u>	<u>4,799</u>
11 Other payments		
General Fund		
Quinquennial inspection fees	5,580	2,520
Apprentice levy	599	513
Bank charges	77	62
TMCP administration charge	45	228
Miscellaneous	328	251
Elston Chapel costs	0	3,218
Expenses of property sold (net)	1,346	602
Paid for Collingham - refunded 2023/24	0	-286
	<u>7,975</u>	<u>7,108</u>
Designated Fund		
Connexional Priority Fund levy on: sale of Balderton manse	<u>73,293</u>	<u>0</u>
Total unrestricted funds	<u>81,268</u>	<u>7,108</u>
Model Trust Fund		
TMCP levy	2,172	514
TMCP administration charge	185	59
Hope expenses less interest received	14,260	0
Connexional Priority Fund levy on: sale of Elston chapel	65,447	0
sale of Hawtonville chapel	0	84,920
Due to Circuit from sale proceeds of Hawtonville chapel	0	34,876
	<u>82,064</u>	<u>120,369</u>
	<u>163,332</u>	<u>127,477</u>

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

12 Money received for and paid to external organisations

Methodist Church World Mission Fund including JMA	1,841	1,635
Methodist Women in Britain	220	200
LWPT	55	55
Support of Presbyters and Deacons	310	195
Methodist Training Fund	60	60
Methodist Ministers Housing Society	260	205
Methodist Property Fund	429	600
	<u>3,175</u>	<u>2,950</u>

13 Fund movements

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	62,585	165,608	181,928	24,266	70,531
Designated Funds					
Local lay pastors	0	243,232	113,221	-24,266	105,745
	<u>62,585</u>	<u>408,840</u>	<u>295,149</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>176,276</u>
Unrestricted Model Trust Fund	177,244	234,234	82,064		329,414
Restricted Funds					
LWPT	754		40		714
Local lay pastors		15,023	15,023		0
	<u>754</u>	<u>15,023</u>	<u>15,063</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>714</u>
Total Funds	<u>240,583</u>	<u>658,097</u>	<u>392,276</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>506,404</u>

14 Analysis of funds between bank accounts


	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total
	General £	Designated £	Model Trust £	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation	16,753			714	17,467
Central Finance Board	164	60,595			60,759
TMCP - Model Trust		45,150	368,505		413,655
TMCP - Holland (bequests)	14,523				14,523
	<u>31,440</u>	<u>105,745</u>	<u>368,505</u>	<u>714</u>	<u>506,404</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
 YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025
 NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2,025	2024
	£	£
15 Commitments		
<p>The following grants, support payments and loans had been approved at Circuit Meeting but had not been expended at the balance sheet date.</p>		
Hope Community Church - net proceeds from sale of Hawtonville chapel plus interest received	141,032	155,292
Southwell family worker	15,000	5,000
	<u>156,032</u>	<u>160,292</u>

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipts and Payments 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  4 March 2026

Name and address of treasurer - Andrew Trowbridge FCA
58 Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 3LY

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025, set out on pages 6 to 11, were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 4 March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting - Rev Dr Langley Mackrell Hey

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134276

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 6 to 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

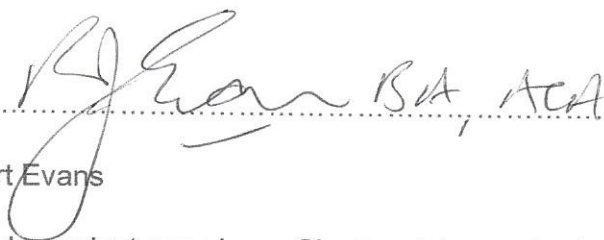
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 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



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Name of independent examiner - Robert Evans

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - Chartered Accountant.

Name of firm (where appropriate) - N/A

Address - 4 Home Farm, Corkhill Lane, Normanton,
Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0PR

Date 20 February 2026

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134276

Accounts

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	2	161,671			156,916
a3	Capital receipts	3		272,301		
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,135	10,075		4,574
a5	Grants	4			9,744	
a6	Other receipts	5	10,000	5,000		1,382
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		173,806	287,376	9,744	162,872

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	6	112,207		9,744	121,111
b3	Manse Costs	7	22,444			26,571
b4	Administration etc	8	6,852			5,783
b5	District Assessment		46,228			50,552
b6	Grants & donations	9	13,500			51,800
b7	Other worship costs	10	4,799			3,304
b8	Other payments	11	7,108	120,369		8,143
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		213,138	120,369	9,744	267,264

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(39,332)	167,007		(104,392)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		91,578	20,576	754	217,300
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	52,246	187,583	754	112,908
c4	Transfers and adjustments		10,339	(10,339)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	62,585	177,244	754	112,908

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS - Note 15 (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		2,950	3,341
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,950	3,341
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	470,926 (a8)	343,251 (b9)	127,675	(c7)	112,908 (c6)	240,583 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	470,926	343,251	127,675		112,908 (x)	240,583 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward					
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	12,072	14,395
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	156	164
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	100,680	226,024
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	112,908 (c6)	240,583 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	112,908 (x)	240,583 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,034,978
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	10,000
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 Basis of accounting

The method of accounting used is receipts and payments. Receipts and payments are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year, the one exception being that assessment payments by churches in August 2024 totalling £10,207, which relate to the 2024/25 year, have been carried forward to that year.

Cash includes cash equivalents, for example bank current accounts, deposits with CFB and deposits with TMCP.

	2024 £	2023 £
2 Assessments received		
Balderton	17,440	22,613
Charles Street	31,116	35,092
Collingham	18,964	20,616
Elston	0	774
Hope Community	39,249	17,311
Long Bennington	5,681	5,681
North End	8,225	8,225
North Muskham	7,640	7,640
Southwell	26,576	32,796
Sutton-on-Trent	6,780	6,168
	<u>161,671</u>	<u>156,916</u>

The assessment received from Hope Community Church includes £14,023 relating to previous years.

3 Capital receipts

Model Trust Fund

Sale proceeds of Hawtonville Chapel	<u>272,301</u>	<u>0</u>
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4 Grants

Restricted

Nottingham and Derby Methodist District for lay workers	<u>9,744</u>	<u>0</u>
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5 Other receipts

Model Trust Fund

Donation to Pension Reserve Fund refunded	<u>5,000</u>	<u>0</u>
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General Fund

Repayment of loan to Hope Community Church	10,000	0
Elston Chapel surplus funds	0	1,133
	<u>10,000</u>	<u>1,133</u>
	<u>25,000</u>	<u>1,133</u>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2024	2023
	£	£
6 Stipends, salaries NIC, pension conts. and other payroll expenses		
Presbyters		
Stipends	61,372	84,005
Employer's NIC	5,959	8,051
Employer's pension contributions	15,624	21,731
Training	0	465
Presbyters' travel costs	3,840	4,970
Telephone and broadband	912	1,477
Other expenses	235	0
	<u>87,942</u>	<u>120,699</u>
Local Lay Pastors		
Salaries	28,600	0
Employer's NIC	1,436	0
Employer's pension contributions	1,033	0
Telephone	150	0
Travel costs	1,075	0
Course fees and sundries	1,715	0
	<u>34,009</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>121,951</u>	<u>120,699</u>
Restricted	9,744	0
Unrestricted	<u>112,207</u>	<u>120,699</u>
	<u>121,951</u>	<u>120,699</u>
7 Manse Costs		
Council tax	5,585	6,800
Water	1,531	1,314
Insurance	2,029	1,974
Security	0	18
Repairs and maintenance	13,299	16,465
	<u>22,444</u>	<u>26,571</u>
8 Administration		
Unrestricted Funds		
Salary	3,047	2,973
Rent of circuit office (2 years)	1,760	220
Office telephone and broadband	115	484
Printing, postage and stationery	856	923
Equipment	594	91
Payroll bureau charges	480	480
	<u>6,852</u>	<u>5,171</u>
Restricted Fund - LWPT sec exps	<u>0</u>	<u>44</u>
	<u>6,852</u>	<u>5,215</u>

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

	2024	2023
	£	£
9 Grants and donations		
Charles St - Warm Space	500	500
Southwell - replacement of lift	8,000	0
Southwell - family worker	5,000	5,000
Sutton on Trent - AV equipment	0	1,000
Southwell - lighting and heating imps	0	1,000
Balderton - building project	0	40,000
Balderton - family worker	0	3,300
Benevolent Fund payments	0	1,000
	<u>13,500</u>	<u>51,800</u>
10 Other worship costs		
Supernumeraries preaching fees and travel costs	3,546	2,711
Worship and resources	1,253	912
	<u>4,799</u>	<u>3,623</u>
11 Other payments		
Unrestricted Funds		
Quinquennial inspection fees	2,520	2,310
Apprentice levy	513	412
Bank charges	62	140
TMCP administration charge	228	460
Miscellaneous	251	694
Elston Chapel costs	3,218	3,726
Balderton manse costs	602	0
Paid for Collingham - refunded 2023/24	-286	286
	<u>7,108</u>	<u>8,028</u>
Model Trust Fund		
TMCP levy	514	473
TMCP administration charge	59	54
Connexional Priority Fund levy on sale of Hawtonville chapel	84,920	0
Due to Circuit from sale proceeds of Hawtonville chapel	34,876	0
	<u>120,369</u>	<u>527</u>
	<u>127,477</u>	<u>8,555</u>
12 Money received for and paid to external organisations		
Circuit charity - Afghan Welcome	0	100
Methodist Church World Mission Fund including JMA	1,635	1,956
Methodist Women in Britain	200	230
LWPT	55	45
Support of Presbyters and Deacons	195	295
Methodist Training Fund	60	160
Methodist Ministers Housing Society	205	145
Methodist Property Fund	600	410
	<u>2,950</u>	<u>3,341</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

13 Fund movements

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds					
General Fund	4,309	171,716	183,643	70,203	62,585
Designated Funds					
Local lay pastors	0	0	24,266	24,266	0
Circuit mission	20,392	715	38	-21,069	0
Youth and family work	66,877	1,375	5,191	-63,061	0
	<u>91,578</u>	<u>173,806</u>	<u>213,138</u>	<u>10,339</u>	<u>62,585</u>
Unrestricted Model Trust Fund	20,576	287,376	120,369	-10,339	177,244
Restricted Funds					
LWPT	754				754
Local lay pastors		9,744	9,744		0
	<u>754</u>	<u>9,744</u>	<u>9,744</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>754</u>
Total Funds	<u>112,908</u>	<u>470,926</u>	<u>343,251</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>240,583</u>

14 Analysis of funds between bank accounts

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total
	General £	Designated £	Model Trust £	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation	13,641			754	14,395
Central Finance Board	164				164
TMCP 9197 - Model Trust	34,875		177,244		212,119
TMCP 22098 - Holland (beque	13,905				13,905
	<u>62,585</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>177,244</u>	<u>754</u>	<u>240,583</u>
			2,024		2023
			£		£

15 Commitments

The following grants, support payments and loans had been approved at Circuit Meeting but had not been expended at the balance sheet date.

Hope Community Church - net proceeds from sale of Hawtonville chapel plus interest received	155,292	0
Southwell family worker	5,000	5,000
Barnbygate loan to be repaid from property sale	0	-10,000
	<u>160,292</u>	<u>-5,000</u>

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134276

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY	District	Circuit no	22/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134276

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Nathan Falla (until 31.8.23)
Rev Dave Bonny (from 1 September 2023)
Rev Peter Bates (retired 31.8.23)
Rev Peter Hibberts

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Stephen Dando
Mrs Jill Meakin
Mr Andrew Trowbridge
Miss Jan Wright (appointed from 1 September 2022)
Mr Geoffrey Ayers (retired 21 February 2023)

Treasurer:

Mr Andrew Trowbridge

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit present their report for the year ended 31 August 2023.

Introduction

The Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit covers Newark, Southwell, Collingham and surrounding villages. It is now made up of 9 Methodist churches following the decision of Elston Methodist Church to cease to meet which was accepted by Circuit Meeting in June 2022. The circuit provides staff support and leadership to the churches that make up the circuit.

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the message church, as we through worship, seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

Circuit vision, strategy and implementation

A team of people have spent a significant amount of time over the last couple of years looking first at a vision for the Circuit and then at a strategy for implementing that vision. As a result, the Circuit now has an ambitious strategy for its future with a number of strategic intentions. This included adopting a new Mission Statement:

'In God's strength, as a family of churches in Newark and Southwell, our circuit encourages, excites and enables people to deepen their faith in Christ, to offer it to all and to work with communities for transformation.'

This statement and strategy was formally adopted at the Circuit meeting on 12 June 2023. The strategic intentions are:

- Transforming our existing Circuit Preaching Plan into one focussed on fewer, well-resourced worship hubs.
- Creating a culture of outward-facing, good news sharing invitation across the circuit.
- Developing a circuit-wide network of small groups fellowshiping and missioning in their locality.
- Releasing Preachers and Worship Leaders (and others?) to lead worship in worship opportunities and contexts best suited to their gifts.
- Creating a space for development of Preachers and Worship Leaders across the circuit.
- Developing smooth communication channels for activities, news and prayer across the circuit ensuring that folk feel united and equipped to mission across the circuit.
- Developing a sustainable online presence for communication, outreach and worship.
- Release church members and ministers from the unnecessary burdens of trusteeship to focus on our core mission.

The Circuit Leadership Team have begun its implementation which is likely to be our focus for the next 2-3 years.

Financial

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. The ministerial staff reduced from 3 to 2 on 31 August 2023.

The total funds of the circuit fell by just over £104k in the year. The reasons for this have been:

- Financial support for two churches to enable them to employ lay family workers
- Financial support for churches engaged in mission
- Financial support for one church in developing and updating its premises
- Financial support to assist churches in meeting their assessments

Financial impact of recent events

The effects of COVID continue to have a negative impact on the life of the churches in the Circuit and recovery in most cases is slow. Congregations have reduced and, as a consequence, collections have also fallen. At the same time there have been large increases in utility charges which appear unlikely to reduce in the short term at least. Letting income has generally not recovered to pre-COVID levels and churches continue to face a challenging time financially.

God in love unites us

The Methodist Church at its conference in June 2021 agreed to allow Methodist churches to register for same sex marriages. This has been a matter for local church councils to decide.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1134276

Main communication address:

Circuit Administrator

c/o Hope Community Methodist Church, Barnby Gate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1PX

The members of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit Meeting are the charities trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A full list of the membership is shown below:

List of Trustees who were in office on 1 September 2023

Ministers in the Active Work:

1. Revd Dave Bonny (appointed 01.09.23)
(Superintendent and Chair of the meeting)
2. Revd Peter Hibberts

Circuit Stewards:

3. Stephen Dando (Senior)
4. Jill Meakin
5. Andrew Trowbridge (Finance)
6. Jan Wright

Circuit Meeting Secretary

7. Nick Fairfax

Other trustees

8. Jennifer Winnington Safeguarding
9. Revd Barrie Morley
10. Rev Peter Bates
11. Jan Swinney Church & Society
12. Jenny Hardy MWIB Secretary
13. Carolyn Suter World Church
14. Ruby Beech Local preacher
15. Rachel Dalby Local preacher
16. Melanie Ward Local preacher
17. Cathy Bates

18. Sue Watson
19. Dave Watson
20. Ian Mathews
21. Jonathan Pepper
22. Mel Watson
23. Lyn Blundy
24. Carol Strowger
25. Jackie Yeomans
26. Owen Yeomans
27. Ray Atkinson
28. Colin Jackson
29. Ted Gascoyne
30. Kathryn Wood
31. Rosalyn Beasley
32. Janice Walters
33. John Walters
34. David Swift
35. Eddie Adams
36. Jean Dando
37. Liz Boneham
38. Jenny Everett
39. Kate Pike
40. Geoff Ayers

Trustees who retired in the year to 31 August 2023

Rev Nathan Falla (31.08.23)

Gill Peterson

Lucy Silver

Marcus Silver

Ian Walker

Janet Walker

Independent Examiner

The independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2023 is Mr Robert Evans

Banking arrangements

The Circuit bankers were changed during the year from HSBC to CAF (Charities Aid Foundation). The main reason for doing this was to be able to use internet banking which has proved very successful.

The Circuit also has deposits with Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and objectives

The charity's objectives are to act as a resource provider within the area around Newark and Southwell and Eastern Nottinghamshire generally for the Methodist church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and have 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 the connexion, district, circuit, local church or
- c) other organization of the Methodist Church
- d) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or
- e) ancillary to the Methodist Church
- f) Any purpose for the time being of the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to
- g) the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:

- i. The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike
- ii. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups and other events
- iii. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- iv. Taking acts of collective worship in local schools
- v. Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Structure governance and management

The governing documents for the circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and the 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).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers Meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist Church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Balderton, Charles Street, Collingham, Hope Community, Long Bennington, North End, North Muskham, Southwell and Sutton-on-Trent

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.

Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

In unrestricted funds and the Model Trust Fund the circuit holds between 6 and 12 months of average expenditure. The Circuit trustees intend to continue to provide financial support to churches for mission projects and also, where necessary, to provide support for churches which have difficulty in meeting their assessments. The Circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the Circuit. The Circuit trustees further believe that, given the current general economic outlook and the additional challenges that may give to churches to meet their assessments, the funds that the Circuit holds in reserves is not excessive.

The Circuit is committed to the employment of 3 Local Lay Pastors from 1 January 2024. That cost will be met from grants and proceeds from the sale of Elston chapel and the manse at Balderton.

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:

- a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.
- b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- c) Establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.

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

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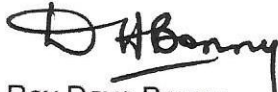
The Newark and Southwell Circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Future developments

As part of the strategy for the future of the Circuit a decision was taken by Circuit Meeting on 21 February 2023 to recruit lay pastors to work alongside the ministerial staff. As a result, three lay pastors will be working in the Circuit from 1 January 2023 in specific locations where it was felt they

are most needed. The appointments are for a three-year term and will be funded partly by the sale of Elston chapel and the manse at Balderton. A grant from the District Advance Fund to meet part of the cost has been approved and it is intended to make applications to other bodies.

This report was approved by the Circuit Meeting of Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit on 30 November 2023 and is signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Rev Dave Bonny
Chair of the meeting

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	2	156,916		156,916	172,322
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,941	633	4,574	981
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	3	1,382		1,382	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		162,239	633	162,872 (a8)	173,303

SECTION B			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	4	121,111			121,111	113,504
b3	Manse Costs	5	26,571			26,571	18,725
b4	Administration etc	6	5,739		44	5,783	7,830
b5	District Assessment		50,552			50,552	47,504
b6	Grants & donations	7	51,800			51,800	13,150
b7	Other worship costs	8	3,304			3,304	3,307
b8	Other payments	9	7,616	527		8,143	4,613
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		266,693	527	44	267,264 (b9)	208,633

SECTION C			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(104,454)	106	(44)	(104,392)	(35,330)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		196,032	20,470	798	217,300 (c6)	252,630
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	91,578	20,576	754	112,908	217,300
c4	Transfers and adjustments						
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	91,578	20,576	754	112,908 (c8)	217,300 (c6)

SECTION D			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS - NOTE 10 (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						1,990
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					3,341	3,306
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					3,341	5,296
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	162,872 (a8)	267,264 (b9)	(104,392)	(c7)	217,300 (c6)	112,908 (c8)
e10	162,872	267,264	(104,392)		217,300 (x)	112,908 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	32,552	12,072
f3		
f4	4,317	156
f5	180,431	100,680
f6		
f7	217,300 (c6)	112,908 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	217,300 (x)	112,908 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1		
g2	843,875	1,007,591
g3		
g4	10,000	10,000
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 Basis of accounting

The method of accounting used is receipts and payments. Receipts and payments are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year, the one exception being that assessment payments by churches in August 2023 totalling £15,744, which relate to the 2023/24 year, have been carried forward to that year. Cash includes cash equivalents, for example bank current accounts, deposits with CFB and deposits with TMCP.

	2023 £	2022 £
2 Assessments received		
Balderton	22,613	22,613
Charles Street	35,092	35,092
Collingham	20,616	20,616
Elston	774	3,096
Hope Community	17,311	28,395
Long Bennington	5,681	5,681
North End	8,225	8,225
North Muskham	7,640	8,640
Southwell	32,796	33,796
Sutton-on-Trent	6,168	6,168
	<u>156,916</u>	<u>172,322</u>
3 Other receipts		
Elston Chapel surplus funds	1,133	0
Prayer handbooks	249	0
	<u>1,382</u>	<u>0</u>
4 Stipends, NIC, Pension and other expenses		
Presbyters' stipends	84,005	80,567
Employer's NIC	8,051	7,642
Employer's pension contributions	21,731	20,840
Training	465	0
Presbyters' travel costs	4,970	2,506
Telephone and broadband	1,477	1,521
Apprentice levy	412	428
	<u>121,111</u>	<u>113,504</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2023 £	2022 £
5 Manse Costs		
Council tax	6,800	7,237
Water	1,314	1,362
Insurance	1,974	1,692
Security	18	180
Repairs and maintenance	16,465	8,254
	<u>26,571</u>	<u>18,725</u>
6 Administration		
Unrestricted Funds		
Salary	2,973	2,650
Rent of circuit office	220	880
Office telephone and broadband	484	515
Printing, postage and stationery	923	2,719
Website maintenance	568	586
Equipment	91	0
Payroll bureau charges	480	480
	<u>5,739</u>	<u>7,830</u>
Restricted Fund - LWPT sec exps	44	0
	<u>5,783</u>	<u>7,830</u>
7 Grants and donations		
Model Trust Fund		
Pension Reserve Fund	0	5,000
Other general Funds		
Charles St - Warm Space	500	0
Sutton on Trent - AV equipment	1,000	0
Southwell - lighting and heating imp	1,000	0
Balderton - building project	40,000	0
Balderton - family worker	3,300	3,300
Southwell - family worker	5,000	3,300
Benevolent Fund payments	1,000	0
Balderton - sound & display system	0	1,000
Balderton - play equipment	0	550
	<u>51,800</u>	<u>13,150</u>
8 Other worship costs		
Supernumeraries preaching fees and travel costs	2,711	3,032
Sundry worship and resources costs	593	275
	<u>3,304</u>	<u>3,307</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2023	2022
	£	£
9 Other payments		
Unrestricted Funds		
Quinquennial inspection fees	2,310	1,500
Bank charges	140	95
TMCP administration charge	460	685
Miscellaneous	694	320
Elston Chapel costs	3,726	0
Paid for Collingham - refunded 2023/24	286	0
	<u>7,616</u>	<u>2,600</u>
Model Trust Fund		
TMCP levy	473	1,807
TMCP administration charge	54	206
	<u>527</u>	<u>2,013</u>
	<u>8,143</u>	<u>4,613</u>
10 Money received for external organisations		
Circuit charity - Afghan Welcome	100	677
Meth. Church World Mission Fund	1,956	1,499
Methodist Women in Britain	230	190
LWPT	45	0
Support of Presbyters and Deacons	295	225
Methodist Training Fund	160	50
Methodist Ministers Housing Society	145	235
Methodist Property Fund	410	430
	<u>3,341</u>	<u>3,306</u>
11 Loan		
On 1 July 2023 the Circuit made an interest free loan to Balderton Methodist Church of £10,000 which was repaid on 29 August 2023.		

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

11 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Opening balance	Transfers	Excess receipts / - payments	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	99,881	0	-95,572	4,309
Designated Funds				
Circuit mission	22,892	0	-2,500	20,392
Youth and family work	73,259	0	-6,382	66,877
	196,032	0	-104,454	91,578
Unrestricted Model Trust Fund	20,470		106	20,576
Restricted Fund - LWPT	798	0	-44	754
Total Funds	217,300	0	-104,392	112,908

12 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS BETWEEN BANK ACCOUNTS


	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total
	General £	Designated £	Model Trust £	£	£
Charities Aid Foundation	4,153	7,165		754	12,072
Central Finance Board	156				156
TMCP 9197 - Model Trust			20,576		20,576
TMCP 21818 - Farndon		13,227			13,227
TMCP 22098 - Holland (bequests)		66,877			66,877
	4,309	87,269	20,576	754	112,908

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2022	2022
	£	£
13 Commitments		
The following grants, support payments and loans had been approved at Circuit Meeting but had not been expended at the balance sheet date.		
Balderton family worker	3,400	6,600
Southwell family worker	5,000	10,000
Assessment support 2023/24	9,595	0
Assessment support 2022/23	0	35,608
Balderton redevelopment project	0	40,000
Barnbygate loan to be repaid from property sale	-10,000	-10,000
	<u>7,995</u>	<u>82,208</u>

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 30.11.23

Name and address of treasurer - Mr Andrew Trowbridge.....

58 Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark, Nottinghamshire NG24 3LY

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 30 November 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting - Rev Dave Bonny - Date 30 November 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Newark and Southwell Circuit

Charity Number 1134276

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 6 to 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

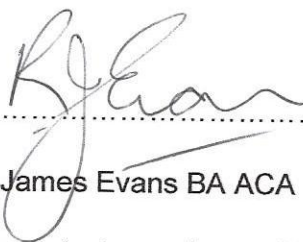
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 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 - Robert James Evans BA ACA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner - Chartered Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate) - N/A

Address 4 Home Farm, Corkhill Lane, Normanton

Southwell, Nottinghamshire NG25 0PR

Date 1/12/23

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134276

Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

NOTTINGHAM AND DERBY	District	Circuit no	22/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134276

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Nathan Falla
Rev Peter Bates
Rev Peter Hibberts

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Ann Lyne (retires 31.8.22)
Mrs Jill Meakin
Mr Stephen Dando
Mr Geoffrey Ayers (treasurer until 30.4.22)

Treasurer:

Mr Andrew Trowbridge (from 01.5.22)

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022 TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

The trustees of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit present their report for the year ended 31 August 2022.

Introduction

The Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit covers Newark, Southwell, Collingham and surrounding villages. It is now made up of 10 Methodist churches following the merger effective from 1st November 2021 of two churches Barnbygate and Hawtonville to become Hope Community Methodist Church. The circuit provides staff support and leadership to the churches that make up the circuit.

Aims and organisation

As Methodists, we seek to enact the calling of the message church, as we through worship, seek to increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love. We share together to help people to grow and learn as Christians through mutual support and care as we strive to be good neighbours to people in need and to challenge injustice and we witness eagerly to make more followers of Jesus Christ.

Review of the year

The circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. It is intended that the circuit ministerial team will decrease to two members from 1 September 2023 in which case it is likely that one of the three manses will be sold.

The total funds of the circuit fell by just over £35k in the year. The main reason for this has been the provision of support for the churches which would otherwise have faced substantial increases in assessments. The circuit has also made a contribution of £5k to the pension reserve fund (see below) and has provided financial support for two churches to enable them to employ lay family workers.

Pension Contribution

The Methodist Church at its conference in June 2021 agreed to request voluntary donations to cover the shortfall on pension funds which in turn cover a shortfall on the Ministers final salary pension scheme.

The circuit made a contribution of £5k to this fund in the year.

COVID impact

The churches of the circuit have been impacted by the inability to have corporate worship for long periods with some loss of collections, a reduction of congregation and loss of income from lettings. Although, overall giving by members was impacted, the widespread use of giving direct from bank accounts that has become part of church life ensured this was moderated.

Churches met their assessments for the year using their reserves where needed.

The Methodist Church policy is to use church reserves for this purpose before recourse to using circuit reserves.

God in love unites us

The Methodist Church at its conference in June 2021 agreed to allow Methodist churches to register for same sex marriages. This has been a matter for local church councils to decide.

Trustees annual report on finance and governance

Legal framework

Name of the charity: Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1134276

Main communication address:

Circuit Administrator

c/o Hope Community Methodist Church, Barnby Gate, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 1PX

The members of the Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit Meeting are the charities trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A full list of the membership is shown below:

List of Trustees

Ministers in the Active Work:

1. Revd Nathan Falla
(Superintendent and Chair of the meeting)
2. Revd Peter Bates
3. Revd Peter Hibberts

Circuit Stewards:

4. Geoff Ayers
5. Stephen Dando
6. Muriel Lyne (resigned 31.8.22)
7. Jill Meakin
8. Andrew Trowbridge (appointed 1.5.22)

Circuit Meeting Secretary

9. Nick Fairfax

Other trustees

10. Jennifer Winnington Safeguarding
11. Revd Barrie Morley
12. Jan Swinney Church & Society
13. Jenny Hardy MWIB Secretary
14. Carolyn Suter World Church
15. Ruby Beech Local preacher
16. Rachel Dalby Local preacher
17. Melanie Ward Local preacher
18. Cathy Bates
19. Gill Peterson

20. Sue Watson
21. Dave Watson
22. Ian Mathews
23. Jonathan Pepper
24. Mel Watson
25. Lyn Blundy
26. Carol Strowger
27. Jackie Yeomans
28. Owen Yeomans
29. Lucy Silver
30. Marcus Silver
31. Ray Atkinson
32. Colin Jackson
33. Ted Gascoyne
34. Kathryn Wood
35. Rosalyn Beasley
36. Janice Walters
37. John Walters
38. David Swift
39. Eddie Adams
40. Jean Dando
41. Ian Walker
42. Janet Walker
43. Liz Boneham
44. Jenny Everett
45. Kate Pike

Geoff Ayers acted as Circuit treasurer until 30 April 2022 and was succeeded by Andrew Trowbridge from 1 May 2022.

Independent Examiner

Independent examiner for year ended 31st August 2022 is Mr Robert Evans

Banking arrangements

The Circuit bankers are HSBC. Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Aims and organisation

The charities objectives to act as a resource provider within the area around Newark and Southwell and Eastern Nottinghamshire generally for the Methodist church.

The purposes of the Methodist church are and have 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 the connexion, district, circuit, local church or
- c) other organization of the Methodist Church
- d) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or
- e) ancillary to the Methodist Church
- f) Any purpose for the time being of the charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to
- g) the Methodist church

This is achieved through the following:

- i. The resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike
- ii. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, small groups and other events
- iii. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved
- iv. Taking acts of collective worship in local schools
- v. Promotion of Christianity through staging of events and services

Public benefit

We confirm the trustees have regard to the charity commissioners guidance on public benefit.

Structure governance and management

The governing documents for the circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and the 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).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team, the Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers Meeting.

Trustee training

A range of guidance is produced by the Methodist connexion to support the effective running of the circuit specifically the leaflet the role of the trustee in the Methodist Church which is available to all new circuit meeting members as part of their induction as trustees.

Related parties

The circuit is part of the Nottingham and Derby District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference

The circuit consists of the following churches:

Balderton, Charles Street, Collingham, Elston, Hope Community, Long Bennington, North End, North Muskham, Southwell and Sutton-on-Trent

Risk management

Major risks are identified by the circuit leadership team who take professional advice where necessary.

Income and expenditure are reviewed regularly at circuit leadership meetings and circuit meetings where annual budgets are agreed and a review of activities undertaken.

Reserves policy

In unrestricted funds and the Model Trust Fund the circuit holds approximately one year of average expenditure. The Circuit trustees intend to continue to provide financial support to churches for mission projects and also, where necessary, to provide support for churches which have difficulty in meeting their assessments. The Circuit trustees believe there are sufficient funds, likely to be increased in 2022/23 due to the sale of Elston chapel, to secure the mid to long term ability to meet the liabilities of the Circuit. The Circuit trustees further believe that, given the current general economic outlook and the additional challenges that may give to churches to meet their assessments, the funds that the Circuit holds in reserves is not excessive.

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:

- a) The care and nurture and respectful ministry with all children and young people and adults.
- b) The safeguarding and protection of all children and young people and adults when they are vulnerable.
- c) Establishing of safe caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.

- d) We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in love with safer recruitment principles including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- e) We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed by co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- f) We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- g) We will seek to challenge any abuse of power especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- h) We will seek to offer pastoral care and support including supervision and refer to the proper authorities any member of our church community known to have offended against a child or young person or vulnerable adult.

In all these principles will follow legislation guidance and recognised good practice. The Newark and Southwell 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 Newark and Southwell Circuit commits itself to a vision of support advice and training for lay and ordained people that ensures people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Future developments

In May 2022 Elston Methodist Church Council agreed to apply to the circuit to be closed. Elston has been vulnerable for many years with a declining membership currently of 7 and the decision of Methodist Conference to increase the minimum number of members for a church to twelve, meant that continuation was no longer viable. This was accepted at the Circuit Meeting on 13th June 2022.

As a Circuit we are very aware that the status quo is no longer an option and at the June Circuit Meeting it was agreed to form a Circuit Strategy Team whose remit is to develop the proposals brought forward by the Circuit Vision Team to present a viable plan for the future shape and direction of the Circuit.

This report was approved by the Circuit Meeting of Newark and Southwell Methodist Circuit on 24 November 2022 and is signed on behalf of the trustees by:



Rev Nathan Falla
Chair of the meeting

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	
a2	Assessment/Share	2	172,322			172,322	161,507
a3	Capital receipts	3					132,941
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		777	204		981	826
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts						764
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		173,099	204		173,303 (a8)	296,038

SECTION B			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	4	113,504			113,504	111,925
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b4	Administration etc	6	7,830			7,830	10,706
b5	District Assessment		47,504			47,504	39,377
b6	Grants & donations	7	8,150	5,000		13,150	13,986
b7	Other worship costs	8	3,307			3,307	1,036
b8	Other payments	9	2,600	2,013		4,613	41,403
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		201,620	7,013		208,633 (b9)	234,328

SECTION C			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(28,521)	(6,809)		(35,330)	61,710
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		179,553	72,279	798	252,630 (c6)	192,343
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	151,032	65,470	798	217,300	254,053
c4	Transfers and adjustments		45,000	(45,000)			(1,423)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	196,032	20,470	798	217,300 (c8)	252,630 (c6)

SECTION D			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1						1,990	1,990
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					3,306	3,495
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					5,296	3,495
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						1,990

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	173,303 (a8)	208,633 (b9)	(35,330)	(c7)	252,630 (c6)	217,300 (c8)
e10	173,303	208,633	(35,330)		252,630 (x)	217,300 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	8,222	32,552
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	4,299	4,317
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	240,109	180,431
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	252,630 (c6)	217,300 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	252,630 (x)	217,300 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	750,000
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	10,000
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

1 Basis of accounting

The method of accounting used is receipts and payments. Receipts and payments are statements that summarise the movement of cash into and out of the charity during the financial year, the one exception being that assessment payments by churches in August 2022 totalling £28,907, which relate to the 2022/23 year, have been carried forward to that year. Cash includes cash equivalents, for example bank current accounts, deposits with CFB and deposits with TMCP.

	2022 £	2021 £
2 Assessments		
Balderton	22,613	25,904
Charles Street	35,092	32,332
Collingham	20,616	20,760
Elston	3,096	3,564
Hope Community	28,395	26,227
Long Bennington	5,681	4,912
North End	8,225	6,642
North Muskham	8,640	4,622
Southwell	33,796	32,136
Sutton-on-Trent	6,168	4,408
	<u>172,322</u>	<u>161,507</u>
3 Capital receipts		
Sale of Brough chapel building	<u>0</u>	<u>132,941</u>
	<u>0</u>	<u>132,941</u>
4 Stipends, NIC, Pension and other expenses		
Presbyters stipends	80,567	79,915
Employer's NIC	7,642	7,391
Employer's pension contributions	20,840	20,598
Presbyters travel costs	2,506	2,094
Telephone and broadband	1,521	1,484
Apprentice levy	428	443
	<u>113,504</u>	<u>111,925</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2022 £	2021 £
5 Manse Costs		
Council tax	7,237	6,945
Water	1,362	1,770
Insurance	1,692	1,387
Security	180	240
Repairs and maintenance	8,254	5,553
	<u>18,725</u>	<u>15,895</u>
6 Administration		
Salary	2,650	2,062
Rent of circuit office	880	1,056
Office telephone and broadband	515	699
Printing, postage and stationery	2,719	5,083
Website maintenance	586	636
Payroll bureau charges	480	480
Computer	0	690
	<u>7,830</u>	<u>10,706</u>
7 Grants and donations		
Model Trust Fund		
Pension Reserve Fund	5,000	0
Other general Funds		
Balderton - sound & display system	1,000	0
Balderton - play equipment	550	0
Balderton - family worker	3,300	0
Southwell - family worker	3,300	2,200
Sutton on Trent	0	1,000
Loan to Barnbygate	0	10,000
Other donations	0	786
	<u>13,150</u>	<u>13,986</u>
8 Other worship costs		
Supernumeraries preaching fees and travel costs	3,032	773
Sundry worship and resources costs	275	265
	<u>3,307</u>	<u>1,038</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2022	2021
	£	£
9 Other payments		
Quinquennial inspection fees	1,500	7,080
Bank charges	95	
TMCP levy	1,807	0
TMCP administration charge	684	346
Miscellaneous	526	1,065
Connexional levy - Brough	0	32,912
	<u>4,612</u>	<u>41,403</u>
10 Money received for external organisations		
Circuit charity - Afghan Welcome	677	0
Meth. Church World Mission Fund	1,499	1,365
Methodist Women in Britain	190	340
Support of Presbyters and Deacons	225	0
Methodist Training Fund	50	0
Methodist Ministers Housing Society	235	0
Methodist Property Fund	430	1,790
	<u>3,306</u>	<u>3,495</u>

11 Restatement of opening balances

Fund balances at 1 September 2021 have been re-stated to exclude money which does not belong to the circuit and also, following advice from TMCP, to amend the designation of circuit funds.

	Unrestric- ted Funds	Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Total
	£	£	£	£
Op'ing balances as previously stated	14,510	72,279	167,831	254,620
Deduct sum due to circuit charity	1,990	0	0	1,990
	<u>12,520</u>	<u>72,279</u>	<u>167,831</u>	<u>252,630</u>
Re-designation	167,033	0	-167,033	0
Opening balances as re-stated	<u>179,553</u>	<u>72,279</u>	<u>798</u>	<u>252,630</u>

**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

12 FUND MOVEMENTS

	Opening balance	Transfers	Excess of payments over receipts	Closing balance
	£	£	£	£
Unrestricted funds				
General Fund	75,370	45,000	-20,489	99,881
Designated Funds				
Circuit mission	24,442	0	-1,550	22,892
Youth and family work	79,741	0	-6,482	73,259
	179,553	45,000	-28,521	196,032
Unrestricted Model Trust Fund	72,279	-45,000	-6,809	20,470
Restricted Fund - LWPT	798	0	0	798
Total Funds	252,630	0	-35,330	217,300

13 ANALYSIS OF FUNDS BETWEEN BANK ACCOUNTS

	Unrestricted Funds			Restricted Funds	Total
	General £	Designated £	Model Trust £	£	£
HSBC	31,754	0	0	798	32,552
Central Finance Board	4,317	0	0	0	4,317
TMCP - Model Trust	0	0	18,920	0	18,920
TMCP - Farndon	0	73,259	0	0	73,259
TMCP - Holland (bequests)	63,810	22,892	1,550	0	88,252
	99,881	96,151	20,470	798	217,300


**NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)**

	2022	2021
	£	£
14 Commitments		
The following grants, support payments and loans had been approved at Circuit Meeting but had not been expended at the balance sheet date.		
Balderton redevelopment project	40,000	40,000
Balderton family worker (2 years)	6,600	9,900
Southwell family worker (2 years)	10,000	9,900
Assessment support 2022/23	35,608	0
Assessment support 2021/22	0	20,000
Barnbygate loan to be repaid from property sale	-10,000	-10,000
	<u>82,208</u>	<u>69,800</u>

Name of Circuit NEWARK & SOUTHWELL No. 22/26

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 24.11.22

Name and address of treasurer Andrew Trowbridge

58 Bullpit Road, Balderton, Newark, Nottinghamshire, NG24 3LY

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 24 NOVEMBER 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Nathan Falla

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

Charity Number .. 1134276

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NEWARK & SOUTHWELL Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 3 to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

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 (~~other than that disclosed below~~) 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.

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~~ I 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

ROBERT JAMES EVANS BA, ACA

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

CHARGED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

N/A

Address

4 HOME FARM, CORKHILL LANE, NORMANTON

SOUTHWELL

Post Code

NG25 0PL

Date

16 December 2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134276

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWARK & SOUTHWELL Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

NOTTS to DERBY		22-26
District	Circuit no	

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134276

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

REV N. FALLA
REV P BATES
REV P HIBBERTS

Circuit Stewards:

MRS A. LYNE
MRS J. MEAKIN
MR S. JANDO
MR G. AYERS

Treasurer:

MR. G. AYERS

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	161507			161507	171719
a3	Capital receipts		132941		132941	-
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6	256	564	826	1930
a5	Grants				-	-
a6	Other receipts	20764			20764	36521
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	182277	133197	564	316038	210170

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	109998			109998	117470
b3	Manse Costs	15895			15895	12183
b4	Administration etc	10168	11	335	10514	4527
b5	District Assessment	39244	133		39377	38482
b6	Grants & donations	786	33200		33986	34020
b7	TMCP LEVY		32912		32912	5232
b8	Other payments	11648			11648	5105
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	187739	66236	335	254330	217020

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(5462)	66941	229	61708	(6850)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	21395	5338	167602	194331	
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	15933	72279	167831	256039	194331
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(1423)				
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	14510	72279	167831	254620	194331

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)	£	£	£	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				NIL	NIL
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				3495	NIL
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				3495	NIL
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				NIL	NIL

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
c9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a8)	(b9)		(c7)	(c6)	(c8)
c10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					NIL (x)	NIL (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	NIL	NIL
f2 Bank Current Account	17096	10211
f3 Bank Deposit Account	-	-
f4 Central Finance Board	4294	4299
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	172941	240110
f6 Other funds	-	-
f7 SUB TOTAL	194331 (c6)	254620 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	194331 (x)	254620 (y)

SECTION G OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	NIL	NIL
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	750K	750K
g3 Other Assets	NIL	NIL
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	NIL	10,000
g5 Other Liabilities	NIL	NIL

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 [Signature] Date 14-11-21

Name and address of treasurer E. K. AYERS

SPRINGFIELD CROSBY LANE MORION Post Code NE25 0XH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 ~~were~~ will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 22-11-21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting NATHAN SMART FALLA Date 22-11-2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

Charity Number 1134276

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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').

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Signature of independent examiner J Pearce

Name of independent examiner MR. T. G. PEARCE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 28 MARLOCK CLOSE FISKERTON

SOUTHWELL NOTTS Post Code NG25 0UB

Date 14.11.21

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NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134276

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

NEWARK & SOUTHWELL Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020

NOTTM & DERBY 22 26
District Circuit no

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MR GEOFFREY AYERS

MR G. AYERS

Treasurer:

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

Circuit
NEWARK SOUTHWELL

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		171719		171719	163888
a3	Capital receipts				-	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		232	765	1433	2076
a5	Grants					16000
a6	Other receipts		36521		36521	58262
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		208472	265	1433	210170 (a8)

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	Note	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		117470		117470	138381
b3	Manse Costs		12183		12183	24748
b4	Administration etc		4117	77	333	4629
b5	District Assessment		37524	958		36363
b6	Grants & donations		1820	32200		65714
b7	EXTENSION		5232			20144
b8	Other payments		5105			13154
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		193452	33235	333	217020 (b9)

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	25020	(32970)	1100	(6830)	(64907)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(7924)	38308	170797	(c6)	266057
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	17096	5338	171897		201150
c4	Transfers and adjustments		NIL	NIL	NIL	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	17096	5338	171897	(c8)	201150 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				NIL	NIL
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				NIL	9499
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				NIL	9499
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				NIL	NIL

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 NORWICH Church	4985	4985	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
e2 MNIB	250	250	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
e3 CHARLES FUND	2365	2365	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
e4 HOME MISS						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	7600	7600	-	-	-	-
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	(a8)	(b9)	(c7)	(c6)	(c8)	(e12)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	7600	7600	-	-	-	-
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			(x)	(y)

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	NIL	NIL
f2 Bank Current Account		17096
f3 Bank Deposit Account		-
f4 Central Finance Board		4294
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		172941
f6 Other funds		-
f7 SUB TOTAL	(c8)	194331 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	NIL (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	(x)	194331 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	1 September 2019	31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		NIL
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	725k	NIL 750k
g3 Other Assets		NIL
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		NIL
g5 Other Liabilities		NIL

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit NEWARK & SOUTHELL No. 22/26

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 [Signature] Date 21/10/20

Name and address of treasurer SPRINGTYME GORBY LANE
MORTON Notts Post Code NG250XH

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 ~~were~~ will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 3/12/20

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Circuit

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit NEWARK & SOUTHWELL No 22/26


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 (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

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 MR TERENCE GRAHAM PEARCE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 28 MARLOCK CLOSE, FISKERTON

SOUTHWELL, NOTTS Post Code NG25 0UB

Date 21-10-20

* delete or circle as appropriate

NEWARK & SOUTHWELL CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 (22/26)
CIRCUIT RECONCILIATION

CHARITY No: 1134276

CLOSE 44,451.33
 ASSESS' (26,992.94)
 O/S CHEQ (361.94)
BALANCE 17,096.45

INCOME

ASSESS 171,718.64
 TRANSFERS 34,810.99*
 MISC 1,350.90*
 ADMIN 506.68
 TEL 85.00
TOTAL 208,472.21

*CAF 20,000
 Brough Sale 13,403.22
 Circ Charity 1,990.30
 >Solar Payments 313.95
 Coun Tax 177.76
 Tmcp 231.66
 Lwpt 45.00
 B/F (7923.95)
 BAL' 25,020.40
CLOSE 17,096.45

EXPENSES

STIPENDS 112,893.92
 DIST ASSESS 37,524.00
 POST/STAT 303.00
 TRAVEL 4,577.71
 TEL 1,446.44
 MANSES 12,182.57
 SUPERS 1,798.90
 ADMIN 2,367.39
 WORSHIP 76.05
 MISC 10,274.50*
 BALANCE 7.33
TOTAL 183,451.81

*App' Levy 380.44
 Website Setup 720.00
 Website Rental 441.00
 Insurance 76.67
 Local Preachers 24.36
 Long Bennington 300.00
 Balderton 1,000.00
 North Muskham 557.75
 Easter Offering 25.00
 Ministers Exp' 719.97
 Comm 495.00
 Supers Lunch 301.00

BROUGH COSTS

Insurance 1038.84 Survey 125.00
 NSDC 462.00 Architect 3,500
 Electricity 107.47

J Peire
 21-10-20

CHARITY COMMISSION
FIRST CONTACT

- 9 DEC 2021

ACCOUNTS
RECEIVED

NEWARK & SOUTHWELL CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 (22/26)

CHARITY NO: 1134276

HSBC		17,096.45
CFB		4,293.48
HOLLAND	87,392.75 INT 751.85 ADMIN (174.79)	87,969.81
FARNDON	79,110.27 INT 680.59 ADMIN (158.22)	79,632.64
CAF	38,307.80	
ASSESSMENT SUPPORT	(20,000)	
WALDERTON ARCHITECT	(10,000)	
SOUTHWELL FAMILY WORKER	(2,200)	
DISTRICT ASSESS'	(957.70)	
ADMIN	(76.62)	
INTEREST	264.96	5,338.44
TOTAL FUNDS		194,330.82

J.P. Pearce
21-10-20

NEWARK & SOUTHWELL CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS 2019/2020 (22/26)

CHARITY NO: 1134276

HSBC BANK STATEMENT

£44,451.33 at 2/9/20

PAID IN EARLY

1328.44. 1000. 8083. 594. 6476. 1155.50. 1228. 1102. 6025.50

£26,992.94

OUTSTANDING CHEQUES

104759 66.70*

* Outstanding as at 1/9/19

104768 26.80*

104898 60.00

104899/104904 122.00

104901 82.75

104906 3.69

TOTAL £361.94

BALANCE OF £17,096.45

J.P. Peave
21-10-20