

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 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:

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

17. Rachel Dalby Local preacher
18. Melanie Ward Local preacher

Local Lay Pastors

3. Tracey West
4. Duncan Smith
5. Rosalind Smith

19. Cathy Bates
20. Sue Watson
21. Dave Watson
22. Ian Mathews
23. Jonathan Pepper
24. Mel Watson
25. Lyn Blundy

Circuit Stewards:

6. Stephen Dando (Senior)
7. Andrew Trowbridge (Finance)
8. Jan Wright

26. Carol Strowger
27. Jackie Yeomans
28. Owen Yeomans
29. Ray Atkinson
30. Colin Jackson
31. Ted Gascoyne
32. Kathryn Wood
33. Rosalyn Beasley

Circuit Meeting Secretary

9. Nick Fairfax

Other trustees

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

34. Janice Walters
35. John Walters
36. David Swift
37. Eddie Adams
38. Jean Dando
39. Liz Boneham
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 line 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
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
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)					
c1		(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)					
e10	658,097 (a8)	392,276 (b9)	265,821	(c7)	240,583 (c6)	506,404 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT						
658,097		392,276	265,821		240,583 (x)	506,404 (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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	14,395	17,467
f3		
f4	164	60,759
f5	226,024	428,178
f6		
f7	240,583 (c6)	506,404 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	240,583 (x)	506,404 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2	1,034,978	998,496
g3		
g4	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 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>

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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	<u>40</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>4,943</u>	<u>6,852</u>

NEWARK AND SOUTHWELL METHODIST CIRCUIT
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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	73,293	0
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
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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>

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NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS (continued)

	2,025 £	2024 £
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	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

 B.A., A.C.A.

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