

WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT (THE METHODIST CHURCH)

England & Wales · Charity number 1134284

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-15

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: Promotion of the Christian Religion through the support of the six Churches making up the Wimbledon Circuit.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£197,466	£213,225	-	-
2023-08-31	£192,021	£183,671	-	-
2022-08-31	£183,895	£172,836	-	-
2021-08-31	£185,020	£169,948	-	-
2020-08-31	£192,454	£179,561	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REVEREND PAUL DOUGLAS TIMMIS	Chair	
ANGELA MARY LINTON-SMITH		
Alan Brown		2022-09-01
Alison Charlton		2016-09-13
Alison Morgan		2022-09-01
Anne Carol Maddocks		2025-09-01
Brenda Cannon		2012-09-12
Caroline Johnson		2022-09-01
Catherine Draper		2020-09-01
Chris Meineck		2019-09-01
Christopher John Peaker		2025-09-01
DAVID JAMES PICKETT		
DAWN DOWNES		
DENISE GOULD		2014-09-15
Deacon Dawn Nicola Canham		2018-09-01
Gwenda Carpenter		2019-09-01
JACQUELINE PANTER		2017-05-11
Juliette Kathleen Rosemary Jaegar		2025-09-01
Lorna Giraud		2022-09-01
MARGARET ELIZABETH JOYCE REDWAY		
Marion Baker		2013-11-04
Pam Slater		2013-11-04
Pat Petley		2013-11-04
Paula Bridger		2022-09-01
REVEREND EMMA CUSACK		2016-09-01
Richard Charlton		2013-02-12
Roy Newitt		2017-09-12

Name	Role	Appointed
Susan Grasby		2020-09-01
Tim Johnson		2018-06-21
Tony Loft		2019-09-01
Valerie Ashcroft		2020-09-01
Vivienne Ridgway		2025-09-01
WENDY MARGARET SIEMASZKO		

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Annual Charity Commission report of the Wimbledon Circuit for the Year ending 31st August 2024

Introduction

Following conversations within the Circuit Leadership Team and subsequently with the Learning Network and Evangelism and Growth Teams of the Methodist Church, the churches in the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit agreed to embark upon a Circuit Review. This process will see the Circuit work to produce a Circuit Mission Plan. The first stage will be for each local church to conduct a community audit during the summer of 2024.

Taking seriously our desire to be as welcoming and as inclusive a Circuit as possible, we have continued to take seriously the Justice, Dignity & Solidarity Strategy of the Methodist Church. Across the year a high number of our Managing Trustees underwent and completed Unconscious Bias and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training. Each local church continued to encourage its trustees to complete this training so that we will, as a Circuit and as local churches, be better placed to hold informed conversations around these matters and to work to embed this strategy in the life and structures of the church.

Last year we reported that all three of our Methodist-only churches – Lantern, Martin Way and Stoneleigh – had successfully registered their premises for same-sex marriages. We can now add that Christ Church with St Philip, Worcester Park (An Anglican-Methodist Local Ecumenical Partnership) is at an advanced stage in its conversations with the Church of England which we hope will enable that church to register its premises for same-sex marriages according to the rites of the Methodist Church

Earlier this year a number of our members successfully completed a Mental Health First Aid training course.

As ever, whilst we continue to seek to discern God's hopes and dreams for us, so too do we continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with — people, property and money — are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read focuses on these aspects of our life together as Wimbledon Circuit. I thank those who have shaped it and commend it to you.

Revd Paul Timmis

Aims and organisation

Our objective as a Circuit is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Wimbledon for the Methodist Church:

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"The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

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Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Our aims and objectives are perhaps best expressed by our Circuit Mission Statement:

The Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church exists to advance the work of God and to foster the growth of its constituent churches by:

1. Supporting and encouraging the local churches in their ministry and mission
2. Deploying and sharing the varied human and material resources of the Circuit, particularly in areas of growth and special need
3. Facilitating and encouraging training and development within the Circuit, including training available from the District and elsewhere
4. Enabling issues of mutual concern to be shared and explored,

Brief financial review of the year

The major expenditure of the Circuit is the payroll of Ministers and costs associated with the upkeep of the Manses. The main work carried out was the external redecoration of one manse. Other work included replacement / replacement of boundary fences at two manses.

The manse quinquennial inspections in 2024 identified significant expenditure required on the manses and these works are continuing to be addressed by receiving plans and quotations from contractors and scheduling the works when they have been agreed.

A delay in the collection of one church's August circuit assessment increased the amount of circuits deficit by £6,397.

The 2023/2024 accounts were in deficit by £15,759

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This was increased by £9,000. This increase was constrained by the impact of Cost-of-Living increases on the income and expenditure of churches within the circuit.

The rental income relates to the rental of the Poplar Road manse and interest from money deposited with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved ` increases and is 60.4% of the Circuit Expenditure. 12.5% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the London District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church

The other expenditure of approximately £57.8k in this year included £43k on expenditure relating to the manses and £4.7k on administration. Two £1k grants were made to two churches in support of Mission Enabling projects, The circuit also funded Energy Audits on all church buildings at a cost of £5.2k. The residual impacts COVID pandemic continued to affect the circuits pattern of expenditure.

Fund balances

As of 31 August 2024, the net current assets of the Circuit were £81.6k, giving approximately 4.5 months cover for expenditure. The fund balances are below required by the reserves policy.

Plans for 2024/25

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that circuit staffing level remains at 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. Changes in the way the assessment paid to the district is calculated has resulted in a £7k increase. The Circuit Assessment paid by the Churches in the Circuit will be increased by £16k to £190k.

Analysis of the Quinquennial inspections carried out on all the circuit manses during summer 2024 has identified about £100k of work required to be implemented over the next 5 years. £30k of the work has been identified as being required in 2024/25. A review of the budget has been carried out to maximise the funds available for work on the manses. The Circuit reserves will be reduced further on a temporary basis to reduce the impact on the finances of the Churches in the Circuit who have been impacted by Cost of Living increases. This will see the Circuit Reserves drop to 3 months cover of expenditure. The rental income from one manse is planned to be increased.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with The Charities SORP: Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full Name of Charity: Wimbledon Circuit (The Methodist Church)

Registration Charity Number: 1134284

Date of registration 15 February 2010

Main communication address: The Wimbledon Circuit,
c/o Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park
Surrey
KT4 8LG

The members of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Paul Timmis
	Rev Emma Cusack
	Deacon Dawn Canham
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Wendy Siemaszko
	Mr Chris Meineck
	Mr Richard Charlton
	Mrs Denise Gould
Administrator:	Mr Richard Charlton

Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr Roy Newitt

Independent examiner Mr G Knapper A.C.I.I
105 Sandringham Road
Worcester Park
Surrey
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Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

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Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

"The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:-

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (Worcester Park)
Martin Way Methodist Church
The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon & Raynes Park
Stoneleigh Methodist Church
Ruxley Church (LEP)

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership team takes reports at its meetings on the state of all property for which the circuit acts as managing trustees and reviews the financial report provided by the Circuit Treasurer. The quarterly circuit meeting also receives reports from the Circuit Property Secretary. If major risks have been identified, they are recorded by the in the Circuit Leadership team notes and the Circuit Meeting Minutes. Professional advice is taken as required.

The Methodist online reporting schedules are completed to record the state of the property and financial returns.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored at the quarterly Circuit Meeting where progress against the approved annual budget is reviewed. The treasurer provides a report along which includes details of any anticipated deviation from the budget.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Wimbledon 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 Wimbledon Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Appendix – A

Membership of the Circuit Meeting at 31st August 2023

Circuit Staff

Rev Paul Timmis

Rev Emma Cusack

Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Meeting Secretary Dawn Downes

Circuit Stewards

Richard Charlton

Denise Gould

Caroline Johnson

Chris Meineck

Wendy Siemaszko

Circuit Treasurer Roy Newitt

Circuit Property Secretary

David Pickett

Local Preachers' Meeting

Vacancy (secretary)

Valerie Ashcroft

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Brenda Cannon.

Angela Linton-Smith

Connexional Funds Treasurer

Barbara Meineck

Christ Church with St Philip

Steve Carpenter (steward)

Chris Peaker (treasurer)

Gwenda Carpenter (elected rep)

Pam Slater (elected rep)

Alison Charlton (elected rep)

Stoneleigh

Vivienne Ridgway (steward)

Denise Gould (treasurer)

Marion Baker (elected rep)

Catherine Draper (elected rep)

Pat Petley (elected rep)

Ruxley

Sue Grasby (steward)

Julia Searle (steward)

Chris Meineck (treasurer)

Jacky Panter (elected rep)

Paula Bridger (elected rep)

Martin Way

Tony Loft (steward)

Tim Johnson (treasurer)

Alison Morgan (elected rep)

Vacancy (elected rep)

Vacancy (elected rep)

Lantern

Margaret Redway (steward)

Alan Brown (treasurer)

Vacancy (elected rep)

Vacancy (elected rep)

Lorna Giraud (elected rep)

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Wimbledon	Circuit
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1134284

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Treasurer:

Roy Newitt

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		171,170			171,170	167,250
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,027	69		4,096	2,478
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		22,200			22,200	22,293
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		197,397	69		197,466 (a8)	192,021

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		128,837			128,837	119,648
b3	Manse Costs		42,986			42,986	31,813
b4	Administration etc		4,732	37		4,769	4,405
b5	District Assessment		26,604			26,604	25,828
b6	Grants & donations		2,000			2,000	
b7							
b8	Other payments		8,029			8,029	1,977
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		213,188	37		213,225 (b9)	183,671

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(15,791)	32		(15,759)	8,350
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		96,034	1,308		97,342 (c6)	88,992
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	80,243	1,340		81,583	97,342
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	80,243	1,340		81,583 (c8)	97,342 (c6)

SECTION D							
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						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations						
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						
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

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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)	197,466 (a8)	213,225 (b9)	(15,759)	(c7)	97,342 (c6)	81,583 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	197,466	213,225	(15,759)		97,342 (x)	81,583 (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	1,992	7,439
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	94,042	72,804
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,308	1,340
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	97,342 (c6)	81,583 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	97,342 (x)	81,583 (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)	2,103,971	2,160,783
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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)

Name of Circuit Wimbledon..... No...35/26.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer Signed Date.....13/9/24.....

Name and address of treasurer Roy Newitt.....

21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey Post Code...KT4 8XW.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 3rd December 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Signed

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Paul Timmis..... Date ...3/12/24.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Wimbledon..... Circuit

Charity Number ...35/26.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Wimbledon Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. 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

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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*Signed*

Name of independent examiner Mr J, G. Knapper.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...A. C. I. I.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 105 Sandringham Road.....

Worcester Park, Surrey Post Code KT4 8UH

Date 14/11/24.....

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e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	197,466 (a8)	213,225 (b9)	(15,759)	(c7)	97,342 (c6)	81,583 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	197,466	213,225	(15,759)		97,342 (x)	81,583 (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	1,992	7,439
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	94,042	72,804
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,308	1,340
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	97,342 (c6)	81,583 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	97,342 (x)	81,583 (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)	2,103,971	2,160,783
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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)

Name of Circuit Wimbledon..... No...35/26.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer*Signed* Date.....13/9/24.....

Name and address of treasurer Roy Newitt.....

21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey Post Code...KT4 8XW.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 3rd December 2024.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting*Signed*

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev Paul Timmis..... Date ...3/12/24.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Wimbledon..... Circuit

Charity Number ...35/26.....

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Name of independent examiner Mr J, G. Knapper.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...A. C. I. I.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 105 Sandringham Road.....

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Date 14/11/24.....

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WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT (THE METHODIST CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1134284

Accounts

Annual Charity Commission report of the Wimbledon Circuit for the Year ending 31st August 2023

Introduction

The past twelve months have seen the churches in the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit continue to engage with the *Everyone an Evangelist* course produced by the Methodist Church. Circuit-wide gatherings were held in November 2022 and February 2023, with each church working through material and on projects in between these sessions. As well as equipping us to share our faith with others more intentionally, the course has enabled us to come together as a Circuit. Our next steps will be to move towards doing some Mission Action Planning work across the next connexional year.

Taking seriously our desire to be as welcoming and as inclusive a Circuit as possible, we have taken seriously the *Justice, Dignity & Solidarity Strategy* of the Methodist Church. In December 2022 we agreed that our Managing Trustees should embark upon and completing Unconscious Bias and Equality, Diversity and Inclusion training within a year. Each local church is similarly invited to encourage its trustees to complete this training so that we will, as a Circuit and as local churches, be better placed to hold informed conversations around these matters and to work to embed this strategy in the life and structures of the church.

We are delighted to report that all three of our Methodist-only churches – Lantern, Martin Way and Stoneleigh – have now successfully registered their premises for same-sex marriages.

We are looking to arrange a Mental Health First Aid training course in the coming year.

As ever, whilst we continue to seek to discern God's hopes and dreams for us, so too do we continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with —people, property and money — are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read focusses on these aspects of our life together as Wimbledon Circuit. I thank those who have shaped it and commend it to you.

Revd Paul Timmis

Aims and organisation

Our objective as a Circuit is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Wimbledon for the Methodist Church:

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Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Our aims and objectives are perhaps best expressed by our Circuit Mission Statement:

The Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church exists to advance the work of God and to foster the growth of its constituent churches by:

1. Supporting and encouraging the local churches in their ministry and mission
2. Deploying and sharing the varied human and material resources of the Circuit, particularly in areas of growth and special need
3. Facilitating and encouraging training and development within the Circuit, including training available from the District and elsewhere
4. Enabling issues of mutual concern to be shared and explored,

Brief financial review of the year

The major expenditure of the Circuit is the payroll of Ministers and costs associated with the upkeep of the Manses. The main work carried out was replacement of a front door and replacement of a gas boiler at different manses.

The manse quinquennial inspections in 2019 had identified significant expenditure required on the manses, unfortunately availability of contractors to perform the repairs continues to delay expenditure.

The 2022/2023 accounts were in surplus by £8,350

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This was increased by £6,000. This increase was constrained by the impact of Cost-of-Living increases on the income and expenditure of churches within the circuit.

The rental income relates to the rental of the Poplar Road manse and interest from money deposited with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases and is 65% of the Circuit Expenditure. 14% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the London District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church

The other expenditure of approximately £38.2k in this year included £31.8k on expenditure relating to the manses and £4.4k on administration. The residual impacts COVID pandemic continued to affect the circuits pattern of expenditure.

Fund balances

As of 31 August 2023, the net current assets of the Circuit were £97k, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure. The fund balances are that required by the reserves policy.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that circuit staffing level remains at 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. Only small changes in the assessment paid to the district. The Circuit Assessment paid by the Churches in the Circuit will be increased by £9k to £174k.

Analysis of the Quinquennial inspections carried out on all the circuit manses during July 2019 has identified about £100k of work required to be implemented over the next 5 years. A review of the budget has been carried out to maximise the funds available for work on the manses. Work on the manses will wipe out the surpluses of the previous two years. The reserves will be reduced to minimise the impact on the finances of the Churches in the Circuit who have been impacted by Cost of Living increases.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with The Charities SORP: Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full Name of Charity: Wimbledon Circuit (The Methodist Church)

Registration Charity Number: 1134284

Date of registration 15 February 2010

Main communication address: The Wimbledon Circuit,
c/o Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park
Surrey
KT4 8LG

The members of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Paul Timmis
	Rev Emma Cusack
	Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Stewards	Mrs Wendy Siemaszko
	Mr Richard Charlton
	Mrs Denise Gould
	Mr Chris Meineck

Administrator:	Mr Richard Charlton
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Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr Roy Newitt

Independent examiner	Mr G Knapper A.C.I.I 105 Sandringham Road Worcester Park Surrey KT4 8UH
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Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church purposes
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Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

"The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:-

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (Worcester Park)
Martin Way Methodist Church
The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon & Raynes Park
Stoneleigh Methodist Church
Ruxley Church (LEP)

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership team takes reports at its meetings on the state of all property for which the circuit acts as managing trustees and reviews the financial report provided by the Circuit Treasurer. The quarterly circuit meeting also receives reports from the Circuit Property Secretary. If major risks have been identified, they are recorded by the in the Circuit Leadership team notes and the Circuit Meeting Minutes. Professional advice is taken as required.

The Methodist online reporting schedules are completed to record the state of the property and financial returns.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored at the quarterly Circuit Meeting where progress against the approved annual budget is reviewed. The treasurer provides a report along which includes details of any anticipated deviation from the budget.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Wimbledon 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 Wimbledon Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Appendix – A

Membership of the Circuit Meeting at 31st August 2022

Circuit Staff

Rev Paul Timmis

Rev Emma Cusack

Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Dawn Downes

Circuit Stewards

Richard Charlton

Denise Gould

Chris Meineck

Wendy Siemaszko

Circuit Treasurer

Roy Newitt

Circuit Property Secretary

David Pickett

Local Preachers' Meeting Secretary

Valerie Ashcroft

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Brenda Cannon.

Angela Linton-Smith

Connexional Funds Treasurer

Barbara Meineck

Christ Church with St Philip

Steve Carpenter (steward)

Alison Charlton (treasurer)

Gwenda Carpenter (elected rep)

Pam Slater (elected rep)

Stoneleigh

Vivienne Ridgway (steward)

Denise Gould (treasurer)

Marion Baker (elected rep)

Catherine Draper (elected rep)

Pat Petley (elected rep)

Ruxley

Val Proctor (steward)

Chris Meineck (treasurer)

Jacky Panter (steward)

Paula Bridger (elected rep)

Sue Grasby (elected rep)

Martin Way

Tony Loft (steward)

Tim Johnson (treasurer)

Moira Bailey (elected rep)

Mike Mortley (elected rep)

Lantern

Margaret Redway (steward)

Alan Brown (treasurer)

Rosemary Evans (elected rep)

Lorna Giraud (elected rep)

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wimbledon	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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London	District	Circuit no	35/26
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1134284

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Denise Gould
Caroline Johnson

Treasurer:

Roy Newitt

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		167,250			167,250	161,250
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,437	41		2,478	275
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		22,293			22,293	22,370
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		191,980	41		192,021 (a8)	183,895

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		119,648			119,648	114,160
b3	Manse Costs		31,813			31,813	27,539
b4	Administration etc		4,369	36		4,405	3,838
b5	District Assessment		25,828			25,828	24,724
b6	Grants & donations						
b7							
b8	Other payments		1,977			1,977	2,575
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		183,635	36		183,671 (b9)	172,836

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	8,345	5		8,350	11,059
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		87,689	1,303		88,992 (c6)	77,933
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	96,034	1,308		97,342	88,992
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	96,034	1,308		97,342 (c8)	88,992 (c6)

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

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e3						
e4						
e5						
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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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	4,322	1,992
f3		
f4	83,367	94,042
f5	1,303	1,308
f6		
f7	88,992 (c6)	97,342 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	88,992 (x)	97,342 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1		
g2	1,762,112	2,103,991
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer Signed Date.....13/10/23.

Name and address of treasurer Mr R C Newitt

.....21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey

Post Code.....KT4 8XW.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7th December 2023

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis..... Date 7th December 202

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May-23

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f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	83,367	94,042
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,303	1,308
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	88,992 (c6)	97,342 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	88,992 (x)	97,342 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,762,112	2,103,991
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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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 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 Signed Date.....13/10/23.

Name and address of treasurer Mr R C Newitt

.....21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey

Post Code.....KT4 8XW.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7th December 2023

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

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis..... Date 7th December 202

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Wimbledon Circuit

Charity Number . 1134284

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 2023 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.

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Name of Circuit Wimbledon..... No ...35/26.....

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Name of independent examiner Mr J. G. Knapper.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A.C.I.I.....

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 105 Sandringham Road.....

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Date 22/11/2023.....

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Form reviewed

May-23

WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT (THE METHODIST CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1134284

Accounts

Annual Charity Commission report of the Wimbledon Circuit for the Year ending 31st August 2022

Introduction

The past twelve months have seen the churches in the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit seek to engage in the work of recovery and reconstruction made necessary by the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. If progress has felt slow at times, it's because it has been. The periods of lockdown impacted hugely on communal life and individual patterns of living, and the combined effect of this has been detrimental to church life. In short, and in addition to those taken from us by Covid, not everyone who could come back to worship in church has done so. This has led to difficulties in filling key roles and positions. It has also limited what we can offer to the wider communities of which our churches are a part. There are signs of hope and life, and, as time passes, life does seem to be returning to something like the normal we knew pre-March 2020, but it would be wrong to gloss over the very real challenges that the Circuit and its churches are facing. For all this, we continue to strive to be the best followers of Jesus Christ that we can be.

The outbreak of war in Ukraine saw the Circuit respond prayerfully and practically – and that will continue to be our response as we begin to feel the ongoing effects of this conflict in our own lives – including the predicted energy crisis with its inevitable price rises.

During the year, each church in the Circuit embarked upon the *Everyone an Evangelist* course produced by the Methodist Church. As well as aiming to equip us to share our faith with others more intentionally, this has enabled us to come together as a Circuit – and that has felt both necessary and positive. The course will run into next year.

As ever, whilst we continue to seek to discern God's hopes and dreams for us, so too do we continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with —people, property and money — are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read focusses on these aspects of our life together as Wimbledon Circuit. I thank those who have shaped it and commend it to you.

Revd Paul Timmis

Aims and organisation

Our objective as a Circuit is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Wimbledon for the Methodist Church:

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Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Our aims and objectives are perhaps best expressed by our Circuit Mission Statement:

The Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church exists to advance the work of God and to foster the growth of its constituent churches by:

1. Supporting and encouraging the local churches in their ministry and mission
2. Deploying and sharing the varied human and material resources of the Circuit, particularly in areas of growth and special need
3. Facilitating and encouraging training and development within the Circuit, including training available from the District and elsewhere
4. Enabling issues of mutual concern to be shared and explored,

Brief financial review of the year

The major expenditure of the Circuit is the payroll of Ministers and costs associated with the upkeep of the Manses. The main work carried out was replacement of the front door and replacement shower at one of the manses.

The manse quinquennial inspections in 2019 had identified significant expenditure required on the manses, unfortunately due to COVID availability of contractors to perform the repairs continues to delay expenditure.

The 2021/2022 accounts were in surplus by £11,090

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This was returned to 2018 / 2019 levels. This increase was constrained by the impact of COVID on the income of churches within the circuit.

The rental income relates to the rental of the Poplar Road manse and a small amount of interest from money deposited with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases and is 66% of the Circuit Expenditure. 14.3% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the London District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church

The other expenditure of approximately £33.8k in this year included £27.5k on expenditure relating to the manses and £3.8k on administration. The residual impacts COVID pandemic continued to affect the circuits pattern of expenditure.

Fund balances

As of 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £89k, giving approximately 6 months cover for expenditure. The fund balances are that required by the reserves policy.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that circuit staffing level remains at 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. Only small changes in the assessment paid to the district. The Circuit Assessment paid by the Churches in the Circuit will be increased by £5k to £165k.

Analysis of the Quinquennial inspections carried out on all the circuit manses during July 2019 has identified about £100k of work required to be implemented over the next 5 years. A review of the budget has been carried out to maximise the funds available for work on the manses without reducing the current reserves of the circuit or impacting finances of the Churches in the Circuit who have been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with The Charities SORP: Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full Name of Charity: Wimbledon Circuit (The Methodist Church)

Registration Charity Number: 1134284

Date of registration 15 February 2010

Main communication address: The Wimbledon Circuit,
c/o Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park
Surrey

The members of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev Paul Timmis

 Rev Emma Cusack

 Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Stewards Mrs Wendy Siemaszko

 Mr Richard Charlton

 Mrs Denise Gould

Administrator: Mr Richard Charlton

Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr Roy Newitt

Independent examiner Mr G Knapper A.C.I.I
 105 Sandringham Road
 Worcester Park
 Surrey
 KT4 8UH

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

 Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

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Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

"The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:-

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (Worcester Park)
Martin Way Methodist Church
The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon & Raynes Park
Stoneleigh Methodist Church
Ruxley Church (LEP)

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership team takes reports at its meetings on the state of all property for which the circuit acts as managing trustees and reviews the financial report provided by the Circuit Treasurer. The quarterly circuit meeting also receives reports from the Circuit Property Secretary. If major risks have been identified, they are recorded by the in the Circuit Leadership team notes and the Circuit Meeting Minutes. Professional advice is taken as required.

The Methodist online reporting schedules are completed to record the state of the property and financial returns.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored at the quarterly Circuit Meeting where progress against the approved annual budget is reviewed. The treasurer provides a report along which includes details of any anticipated deviation from the budget.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Wimbledon 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 Wimbledon Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Appendix – A

Membership of the Circuit Meeting at 31st August 2022

Circuit Staff

Rev Paul Timmis

Rev Emma Cusack

Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Dawn Downes

Circuit Stewards

Valerie Ashcroft

Richard Charlton

Chris Meineck

Wendy Siemaszko

Tom Turner

Circuit Treasurer

Roy Newitt

Circuit Property Secretary

David Pickett

Local Preachers' Meeting representatives

Valerie Ashcroft

Tony Loft

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Brenda Cannon.

Angela Linton-Smith

Connexional Funds Treasurer

Barbara Meineck

Christ Church with St Philip

Steve Carpenter (steward)

Alison Charlton (treasurer)

Gwenda Carpenter (elected rep)

Pam Slater (elected rep)

Stoneleigh

Marion Baker

Catherine Draper

Denise Gould (treasurer)

Vivienne Ridgeway

Pat Petley

Ruxley

Val Proctor (steward)

Jacky Panter (steward)

Steve Kendall (treasurer)

Paula Bridger (elected rep)

Sue Grasby (elected rep)

Martin Way

(steward)

Tim Johnson (treasurer)

Moir Bailey (elected rep)

Mike Mortley (elected rep)

Lantern

Margaret Redway (steward)

Alan Brown (treasurer)

Rosemary Evans (elected rep)

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wimbledon	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

London	District	Circuit no	35/26
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134284

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

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Ministers:

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Deacon Dawn Canham

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Richard Charlton
Chris Meineck
Wendy Siemaszko
Denise Gould

Treasurer:

Roy Newitt

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		161,250			161,250	157,747
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		268	7		275	73
a5	Grants						5,000
a6	Other receipts		22,370			22,370	22,200
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		183,888	7		183,895 (a8)	185,020

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		114,160			114,160	110,591
b3	Manse Costs		27,539			27,539	27,588
b4	Administration etc		3,838			3,838	4,517
b5	District Assessment		24,724			24,724	24,724
b6	Grants & donations						5,000
b7							
b8	Other payments		2,537	38		2,575	1,714
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		172,798	38		172,836 (b9)	174,134

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	11,090	(31)		11,059	10,886
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		76,599	1,334		77,933 (c6)	67,047
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	87,689	1,303		88,992	77,933
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	87,689	1,303		88,992 (c8)	77,933 (c6)

SECTION D							
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						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations						
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						
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 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 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	183,895 (a8)	172,836 (b9)	11,059	(c7)	77,933 (c6)	88,992 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	183,895	172,836	11,059		77,933 (x)	88,992 (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 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	3,247	4,322
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	73,352	83,367
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,334	1,303
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	77,933 (c6)	88,992 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer*Signed* Date 20th October 20

Name and address of treasurer Mr Roy Newitt

21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey Post Code KT4 8XW

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 7th December 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting*Signed*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis Date 7th December 2022

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e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	183,895	172,836	11,059	77,933 (x)	88,992 (y)
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f3		
f4	73,352	83,367
f5	1,334	1,303
f6		
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g4		
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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*Signed* Date 20th October 20

Name and address of treasurer Mr Roy Newitt

21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey Post Code KT4 8XW

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 7th December 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting*Signed*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis Date 7th December 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Wimbledon Circuit

Charity Number 1134284

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Wimbledon Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages1 to 4 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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Name of independent examiner Mr J. G. Knapper

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A. C. I. I.

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Address 105 Sandringham Road.....

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WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT (THE METHODIST CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1134284

Accounts

Annual Charity Commission report of the Wimbledon Circuit for the Year ending 31st August 2021

Introduction

Circuit life over the past year has continued to be dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic in much the same way that it was across the twelve months before it. As such, many of the challenges and opportunities have remained the same as well.

With church premises once again being closed for months on end, our congregations have continued to focus on worship and people; building on the online presence created in the early days of the pandemic and broadening the ways through which people are cared for. With the gradual easing of restrictions, life in the churches across our Circuit began to bounce back during the summer months but it will take some time to come to terms both with the loss of some of our people and to calculate the scale to which of our financial situation has been impacted.

As I wrote in this report last year, the road ahead will see us need to recover and reconstruct. It will be challenging, of course, but it could yet prove to be exciting. We have reflected before that, at any time of change, we have an opportunity to pause, reflect and ask some questions about who we are and what we are being called by God to be and do. We have slowly begun to do this recognising that, as and when circumstances allow, the work will become even more pressing.

As ever, whilst we continue to seek to discern God's hopes and dreams for us, so too do we continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with —people, property and money — are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read focusses on these aspects of our life together as Wimbledon Circuit. I thank those who have shaped it and commend it to you.

Revd Paul Timmis

Aims and organisation

Our objective as a Circuit is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Wimbledon for the Methodist Church:

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Our aims and objectives are perhaps best expressed by our Circuit Mission Statement:

The Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church exists to advance the work of God and to foster the growth of its constituent churches by:

1. Supporting and encouraging the local churches in their ministry and mission
2. Deploying and sharing the varied human and material resources of the Circuit, particularly in areas of growth and special need
3. Facilitating and encouraging training and development within the Circuit, including training available from the District and elsewhere
4. Enabling issues of mutual concern to be shared and explored,

Brief financial review of the year

The major expenditure of the Circuit is the payroll of Ministers and costs associated with the upkeep of the Manses. Tree work and electrical upgrades have been necessary at two of the manses. Redecoration of one manse following electrical re-wiring. Another required replacement of a toilet Macerator.

The manse quinquennial inspections in 2019 had identified significant expenditure required on the manses, unfortunately due to COVID availability of contractors to perform the repairs has delayed the expenditure.

The 2020/2021 accounts were in surplus by £10,920

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This was returned to 2018 / 2019 levels. This increase was constrained by the impact of COVID on the income of churches within the circuit. A grant of £5k for work in the churches to broadcast services and prepare for face to face meetings as a result COVID was received from the London District.

The rental income relates to the rental of the Poplar Road manse and a small amount of interest from money deposited with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases.

14.6% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the London District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The £5k grant was distributed to 3 churches in the circuit.

The other expenditure of approximately £33.8k in this year included £27.6k on expenditure relating to the manses and £4.6k on administration and insurance. Restrictions as the result of the COVID pandemic has affected the circuits pattern of expenditure.

Fund balances

As of 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £77k, giving approximately 5 months cover for expenditure. Due to the exceptional expenditure on the manses in a previous year and ongoing Manse expenditure this year the fund balances are below that required by the reserves policy.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that circuit staffing level remains at 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. Only small changes in the assessment paid to the district. The Circuit Assessment paid by the Churches in the Circuit will be returned to 2019 levels of £160k

Analysis of the Quinquennial inspections carried out on all the circuit manses during July 2019 has identified about £100k of work required to be implemented over the next 5 years. A review of the budget has been carried out to maximise the funds available for work on the manses without reducing the current reserves of the circuit or impacting finances of the Churches in the Circuit who have been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with The Charities SORP: Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full Name of Charity: Wimbledon Circuit (The Methodist Church)

Registration Charity Number: 1134284

Date of registration 15 February 2010

Main communication address: The Wimbledon Circuit,
c/o Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park
Surrey
KT4 8LG

The members of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Fully membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Paul Timmis
	Rev Emma Cusack (formerly Aikins)
	Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Stewards	Mrs Wendy Siemaszko
	Mr Tom Turner
	Mrs Valarie Ashcroft
	Mr Richard Charlton

Administrator:	Mr Richard Charlton
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Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr Roy Newitt

Independent examiner	Mr G Knapper A.C.I.I
	105 Sandringham Road
	Worcester Park
	Surrey
	KT4 8UH

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	Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

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Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

"The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:-

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (Worcester Park)
Martin Way Methodist Church
The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon & Raynes Park
Stoneleigh Methodist Church
Ruxley Church (LEP)

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership team takes reports at its meetings on the state of all property for which the circuit acts as managing trustees and reviews the financial report provided by the Circuit Treasurer. The quarterly circuit meeting also receives reports from the Circuit Property Secretary. If major risks have been identified, they are recorded by the in the Circuit Leadership team notes and the Circuit Meeting Minutes. Professional advice is taken as required.

The Methodist online reporting schedules are completed to record the state of the property and financial returns.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored at the quarterly Circuit Meeting where progress against the approved annual budget is reviewed. The treasurer provides a report along which includes details of any anticipated deviation from the budget.

Safeguarding

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

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.

- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Wimbledon 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 Wimbledon Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Appendix – A

Membership of the Circuit Meeting at 31st August 2021

Circuit Staff

Rev Paul Timmis

Rev Emma Cusack

Deacon Dawn Canham

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Dawn Downes

Circuit Stewards

Valerie Ashcroft

Richard Charlton

Chris Meineck

Wendy Siemaszko

Tom Turner

Circuit Treasurer

Roy Newitt

Circuit Property Secretary

David Pickett

Local Preachers' Meeting representatives

Valerie Ashcroft

Tony Loft

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Brenda Cannon.

Angela Linton-Smith

Connexional Funds Treasurer

Barbara Meineck

Christ Church with St Philip

Steve Carpenter (steward)

Alison Charlton (treasurer)

Gwenda Carpenter (elected rep)

Pam Slater (elected rep)

Stoneleigh

Marion Baker

Catherine Draper

Denise Gould (treasurer)

Jeananne Holtorp

Pat Petley

Ruxley

Val Proctor (steward)

Jacky Panter (steward)

Steve Kendall (treasurer)

Paula Bridger (elected rep)

Sue Grasby (elected rep)

Martin Way

(steward)

Tim Johnson (treasurer)

Moir Bailey (elected rep)

Mike Mortley (elected rep)

Lantern

Margaret Redway (steward)

Alan Brown (treasurer)

Rosemary Evans (elected rep)

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wimbledon	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

London	District	Circuit no	35/26
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1134284

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Treasurer:

Roy Newitt

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		157,747			157,747	165,235
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		69	4		73	361
a5	Grants				5,000	5,000	
a6	Other receipts		22,200			22,200	26,858
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		180,016	4	5,000	185,020 (a8)	192,454

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		110,591			110,591	110,118
b3	Manse Costs		27,586			27,586	35,506
b4	Administration etc		333			333	6,325
b5	District Assessment		24,724			24,724	24,884
b6	Grants & donations				5,000	5,000	
b7							
b8	Other payments		1,677	37		1,714	2,728
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		164,911	37	5,000	169,948 (b9)	179,561

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	15,105	(33)		15,072	12,893
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,047			67,047 (c6)	54,154
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	82,152	(33)		82,119	67,047
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	82,152	(33)		82,119 (c8)	67,047 (c6)

SECTION D							
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						
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e2						
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	185,020	169,948	15,072		67,047 (x)	82,119 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,477	3,249
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	63,203	73,352
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,367	1,334
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	67,047 (c6)	77,935 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
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Signature of treasurer Signed Date 12/09/2021

Name and address of treasurer Roy Newitt.....

21 Sandringham Road, Worcester Park, Surrey..... Post Code...KT4 8XW

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 ...16 September 2021.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Signed

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis..... Date 16/09/2021

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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 ...16 September 2021.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Signed

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Paul Timmis..... Date 16/09/2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....Wimbledon Circuit

Charity Number 1134284

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Name of independent examiner J. G. Knapper.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A. C. I. I.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 105 Sandringham Road.....

Worceter Park, Surrey..... Post Code ...KT4 8UH.....

Date 17/11/2021

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WIMBLEDON CIRCUIT (THE METHODIST CHURCH)

England & Wales - Charity number 1134284

Accounts

Annual Charity Commission report of the Wimbledon Circuit for the Year ending 31st August 2020

Introduction

Circuit life has, like everything else in recent months, been dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic. Prior to (what would prove to be) the first national lockdown in March 2020, we thought we had understood what the pattern of life was going to look like for some time to come. We had moved to a model of four Circuit meetings per year, each taking one of the aspects of *Our Calling*¹ as a focus, hoping that this would lead to a renewed energy for this work within the lives of our local churches. With lockdown and the instruction to close our premises, our churches had to respond quickly – identifying priorities for the journey ahead. They did so by focusing on worship and people; exploring new ways of facilitating the former and caring for the latter. The road ahead will see us need to recover and reconstruct. It will be challenging, of course, but it could also be exciting.

We have stated before that, at any time of change, we have an opportunity to pause, reflect and ask some questions about who we are and what we are being called by God to be and do. We now need to do this with an even greater sense of urgency. As ever, whilst we continue to seek to discern God's hopes and dreams for us, so too do we continue to ensure that those resources that we have been blessed with —people, property and money — are well cared for and utilised for the building up of the body of Christ and for the furtherance of God's kingdom. The report that you are about to read focusses on these aspects of our life together as Wimbledon Circuit. I thank those who have shaped it and commend it to you.

Revd Paul Timmis

Aims and organisation

Our objective as a Circuit is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Wimbledon for the Methodist Church:

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¹ <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/the-methodist-church/our-calling/>

"The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

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Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Our aims and objectives are perhaps best expressed by our Circuit Mission Statement:

The Wimbledon Circuit of the Methodist Church exists to advance the work of God and to foster the growth of its constituent churches by:

1. Supporting and encouraging the local churches in their ministry and mission
2. Deploying and sharing the varied human and material resources of the Circuit, particularly in areas of growth and special need
3. Facilitating and encouraging training and development within the Circuit, including training available from the District and elsewhere
4. Enabling issues of mutual concern to be shared and explored,

Brief financial review of the year

The year has seen major work to one of the manses within the circuit.

53 Chestnut Avenue after an electrical inspection required rewiring, repairs to the roof and an upgrade to the shower room.

Martin Way Methodist Church was forced to defer their August 2019 assessment payment which was paid during this year. This accounts for the surplus in this year's Circuit Accounts.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. Due to financial problems in some of the churches in the circuit, the amount of the assessments paid were reduced.

The rental income relates to the rental of the Poplar Road manse and a small amount of interest from money deposited with the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. 14% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The other expenditure of approximately £44.6k in this year included £35.5k on expenditure relating to the manses and £6.3k on administration and insurance,

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets of the Circuit were £57k, giving approximately 3.8 months cover for expenditure. Due to the exceptional expenditure on the manses in a previous year and ongoing Manse expenditure this year the fund balances are below that required by the reserves policy.

Plans for 2020/21

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that circuit staffing level remains at 3 full time ordained staff with anticipated cost of living stipend increases. Only small changes in the assessment paid to the district. When the budget was set no significant expenditure had been identified on the manses so the assessment to be paid by the churches was reduced to £156k. £4k of the reduction was specifically to assist Martin Way Church.

Analysis of the Quinquennial inspections carried out on all the circuit manses during July 2019 has identified about £100k of work required to be implemented over the next 5 years. A review of the budget has been carried out to maximise the funds available for work on the manses without reducing the current reserves of the circuit or impacting finances of the Churches in the Circuit who have been impacted by the COVID19 pandemic.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 have been prepared in accordance with The Charities SORP: Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities (the FRSSE) (effective 1 January 2015).

Full Name of Charity: Wimbledon Circuit (The Methodist Church)

Registration Charity Number: 1134284

Date of registration 15 February 2010

Main communication address: The Wimbledon Circuit,
c/o Christ Church with St Philip
Ruskin Drive
Worcester Park
Surrey
KT4 8LG

The members of the Wimbledon Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Paul Timmis
	Rev Emma Cusack (formerly Aikins)
	Deacon Dawn Canham
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Wendy Siemaszko
	Mr Tom Turner
	Mrs Valerie Ashcroft
	Mr Richard Charlton
Administrator:	N/A

Name of treasurer acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Mr Roy Newitt

Independent examiner Mr G Knapper A.C.I.I
105 Sandringham Road
Worcester Park
Surrey
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Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

A full list of trustees is attached.

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Public Benefit

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

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

"The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:-

Christ Church with St Philip LEP (Worcester Park)

Martin Way Methodist Church

The Lantern Methodist Church of Wimbledon & Raynes Park

Stoneleigh Methodist Church

Ruxley Church (LEP)

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership team takes reports at its meetings on the state of all property for which the circuit acts as managing trustees and also reviews the financial report provided by the Circuit

Treasurer. The quarterly circuit meeting also receives reports from the Circuit Property Secretary. If major risks have been identified they are recorded by the in the Circuit Leadership team notes and the Circuit Meeting Minutes. Professional advice is taken as required.

The Methodist online reporting schedules are completed to record the state of the property and financial returns.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored at the quarterly Circuit Meeting where progress against the approved annual budget is reviewed. The treasurer provides a report along which includes details of any anticipated deviation from the budget.

Safeguarding

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

"Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Wimbledon 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 Wimbledon Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Wimbledon	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020**

London	District	Circuit no	35/26
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1134284

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Valerie Ashcroft

Treasurer:

Roy Newitt

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		165,235	✓		165,235	157,518
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		349	✓	12	361	294
a5	Grants						23,048
a6	Other receipts		26,858	✓		26,858	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		192,442	✓	12	192,454 (a8)	180,860

SECTION B							
	PAYMENTS						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		110,118	✓		110,118	107,735
b3	Manse Costs		35,506	✓		35,506	43,865
b4	Administration etc		6,325	✓		6,325	7,509
b5	District Assessment		24,884	?		24,884	25,659
b6	Grants & donations						
b7							
b8	Other payments		2,690	✓	38	2,728	2,203
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		179,523	✓	38	179,561 (b9)	186,971

SECTION C							
	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	12,919	✓	(26)	12,893	(6,111)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		54,154	✓		54,154 (c6)	60,265
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	67,073	✓	(26)	67,047	54,154
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	67,073	✓	(26)	67,047 (c8)	54,154 (c6)

SECTION 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						
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e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	192,454	179,561	12,893		54,154 (x)	67,047 (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 2020

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f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	2,095	✓	2,477	✓
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	50,667	✓	63,203	✓
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,392	✓	1,367	✓
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL	54,154	(c6)	67,047	(c8)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

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g5	Other Liabilities		

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

Name of Circuit WIMBLEDON No. 35/26

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer Date 1/11/2020

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A.C.I.I.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 105 Sandingham Road
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Date 25/11/20

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner J. G. KNAPPER

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