

**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022-23**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1134354

MANCHESTER AND STOCKPORT

District/Circuit 19/15

Ministers

Rev Ian Smart (Superintendent)
Rev Louise Gough
Rev Sarah Parkin
Rev Dave Warnock

Circuit Stewards

Mr Nigel Day (Senior)
Mr Michael Cowling (to January 2023)
Mrs Pam Howie
Miss Margaret Lloyd (from March 2023)

Circuit Treasurer

Mr David James

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		24,000					24,000
2 Income from monetary investments		3,503	4,866				8,369
3 Income from investment properties		42,227					42,227
4 Assessments on Churches		321,867	6,500				328,367
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		95,716					
8 Total income		487,313	11,366	-	-	-	498,679
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations				12,445			12,445
10 Salaries and associated costs		219,690					219,690
11 Property maintenance		30,598					30,598
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			5,159				5,159
13 District Assessment & Levy		88,637					88,637
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,466					4,466
16 Other outgoings		103,760					103,760
17 Total charitable expenditure		447,151	5,159	12,445	0	0	464,754
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		40,162	6,208	-12,445	0	0	33,924
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		40,162	6,208	-12,445	0	0	33,924
24 Total funds brought forward		2,316,646	77,913	147,271			2,541,830
25 Total funds carried forward		2,356,808	84,121	134,826	-	-	2,575,754

Name of Circuit

Bramhall & Wythenshawe

Circuit No 19/15

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		960					960
2 Income from monetary investments		384	455				839
3 Income from investment properties		26,266					26,266
4 Assessments on Churches		362,956					362,956
5 Capital Receipts			90,342				90,342
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		80,454					
8 Total income		471,020	90,797	-	-	-	561,817
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		34,350		20,500			54,850
10 Salaries and associated costs		224,692					224,692
11 Property maintenance		39,181					39,181
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			1,787				1,787
13 District Assessment & Levy		88,070					88,070
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,981					4,981
16 Other outgoings		84,365					84,365
17 Total charitable expenditure		475,639	1,787	20,500	0	0	497,926
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-4,618	89,010	-20,500	0	0	63,892
21 Transfers between funds			90,342	90,342			0
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds		-4,618	-1,332	69,842	0	0	63,892
24 Total funds brought forward		2,321,264	79,245	77,429			2,477,938
25 Total funds carried forward		2,316,646	77,913	147,271	-	-	2,541,830

Name of Circuit

Bramhall and Wythenshawe

Circuit No 19/15

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022/23	Totals 2021/22	GN
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
							As restated	
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	2,250,203					2,250,203	2,250,203	R
Investment properties						0		R
Investments						0		
Total fixed assets	2,250,203	0	0	0	0	2,250,203	2,250,203	
Current Assets								
Debtors	18,992					18,992	34,957	S
Loans by the Circuit						0		
Investments with TMCP		84,121	74,826			158,947	153,176	
Central Finance Board Deposits	68,836		60,000			128,836	100,674	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	20,276					20,276	28,271	
Total current assets	108,106	84,121	134,826	0	0	327,051	317,078	
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	1,500					1,500	4,497	U
Grants payable within 2022-23						0		V
Total current liabilities	1,500	0	0	0	0	1,500	4,497	
Net current assets/liabilities	106,606	84,121	134,826	0	0	325,551	312,581	
Total assets less current liabilities	2,356,808	84,121	134,826	0	0	2,575,754	2,562,784	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23						0		V
Loans to the Circuit						0		
						0		
Net assets	2,356,808	84,121	134,826	0	0	2,575,754	2,562,784	W
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)	2,356,808					2,356,808	2,331,022	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		84,121				84,121	76,834	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			134,826			134,826	154,928	
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,575,754	2,562,784	
Restricted Funds				0		0		
Endowment Funds					0	0		
Total Funds	2,356,808	84,121	134,826	0	0	2,575,754	2,562,784	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

To be completed by Circuits with total income and endowments of more than £500,000

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2023

Statement of cash flows	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities		0	0
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments			
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of property, plant and equipment			
Purchase of intangible assets			
Proceeds from the sale of investments			
Purchase of investments			
Other			
Net cash provided by investing activities		0	0
Cash flows from financing activities			
New borrowing			
Repayments of borrowing			
Net cash used in financing activities		0	0
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		0	
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		0	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		0	0
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities		2023 £	2022 £
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)			
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation and amortisation charges			
Profit on the sale of fixed assets			
Loss on the sale of fixed assets			
Gains on investments			
Dividends, interest and rents from investments			
Decrease/(increase) in stocks			
(increase)/decrease in debtors			
increase/(decrease) in creditors			
Net cash used in operating activities		0	0
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent		2023 £	2022 £
Cash in hand			
Short term deposit (less than 3 months)			
Total cash and cash equivalents		0	0

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Designated funds are where funds have been allocated for a specific purpose but are categorised as unrestricted so their use can be changed. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

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

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at 2023 deemed values, of which the land component is not given as a separate amount. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than their current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and Prepayments

The Debtors items relate to: The payment of the September stipends in August. Adjustment to salary payments due from Wilmslow church, where the circuit pays salaries on behalf of those churches.

Creditors

Creditors items relate to the Independent Examination fee.

Prior Period Adjustment

It became apparent during the year that the Manses had been valued and included in the Balance Sheet at their current insured value which is not in accordance with the guidance issued by the Methodist Church in October 2019 "Accounting for Tangible Fixed Assets".

This guidance requires Manses to be valued at original cost or, where this was not ascertainable, at Deemed Cost (the insured value at 1st September 2015).

The value of the Manses held has now been restated and this reflected in both the current and previous years balances.

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

4. Donations and legacies	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
General donations	24,000					24,000	960
Mental Health Fund			0			0	-
Refugee Fund			0			0	-
Legacies						0	
Total	24,000	0	0	0	0	24,000	960

5. Charitable activities - other	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental of Manses	42,227					42,227	26,266
Charitable activities - Other 2							
Charitable activities - Other 3							
Total	42,227	0		0		42,227	26,266

6. Other trading activities	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Lettings (Property name) - 1						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 2						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 3						-	
Lettings (Property name) - 4						-	
Miscellaneous 1						-	
Miscellaneous 2						-	
Miscellaneous 3						-	
Miscellaneous 4						-	
Total	-	-		-		-	-

7. Investment income	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	3,503					3,503	384
Rental income						-	
Other		4,866				4,866	455
Total	3,503	4,866		-		8,369	839

BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW

Circuit

8. Payment to Trustees

This year

Last year

Payments made to trustees for £

Nil

Nil

Number of trustees
who were paid
expenses

0

Nature of the
expenses

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

Total amount paid

£ Nil

Nil

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or

£

1,650

1,500

Other fees (eg: advice,

£

10. Paid employees

**Staff Costs paid
during the year
were:**

Gross wages, salaries
and benefits in kind

£

56,437

41,187

Employer's National
Insurance costs

£

4,858

2,511

Pension costs

£

3,282

2,471

Total staff costs

£

64,578

46,169

**Average number of
staff employed
during the year
were:**

3

3

These figures represent the lay staff employed directly by the circuit.

The ministerial staff working in the circuit are "employed" by the Methodist Church centrally and are not included

**11
Tangible
Fixed
Assets**

Detail of assets held,
State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property.
Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction.

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	(There are a total of 7 manses) Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			2,250,203	0	0			2,250,203
Additions			0					0
Revaluations (+/-)			0					0
Disposals (-)			0	0				0
Transfers* (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	2,250,203	0	0	0	0	2,250,203

Accumulated depreciation

**Basis		SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	
** Rate						

Balance brought forward								0
Depreciation charge for year (-)								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers* (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	2,250,203	-	-	-	-	2,250,203
Carried forward	-	-	2,250,203	-	-	-	-	2,250,203

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing)

The Manses are included in the Balance Sheet at either cost or Deemed Cost and the breakdown is as follows:

Manses held at cost 925,000

Manses held at Deemed Cost 1,325,203

2,250,203

12 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Prev year
Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Exchange			
Other investments			
Total		0	0

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			0
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			0
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			0
Carrying (market) value at end of year		0	0

	WYTHENSHAW	
13. Analysis of current assets	This year	Circuit Last year
	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	0	
Accrued income		
Other debtors	18,992	34,957
Total debtors and prepayments	18,992	34,957

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in Unity Trust	20,276	28,271
Bank balance held in CFB	128,836	100,674
Bank balance held in TMCP	158,947	153,176
Total Cash and Bank	308,059	282,121

14. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	£ 1,500	1,500
Other Creditors	£ 0	2,997
Total Current Liabilities	£ 1,500	4,497

15. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2023.

16. Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
						0
						0
						0
						0
						0
	Totals	0	0	0	0	0 X

Repayment
due

Due within 12 months	31/08/2024								0
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2025		31/08/2026		31/08/2027		31/08/2028		0
Due later than 5 years									
Note: the two totals X and Y must agree									
									0 Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree

17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted
Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	2,316,646	487,313	447,151	0	2,356,808	
Circuit Model Trust	76,755	11,366	5,159	0	82,962	76834
Designated - Mental Health fund	358	0	0		358	To provide awareness and training of mental health problems
Designated - Refugee Support fund	800	0	0		800	To provide support to refugees
Designated - Grants fund	147,271	0	12,445	0	134,826	To provide grants towards approved circuit and church projects
Totals	2,541,830	498,679	464,755	0	2,575,754	

Restricted
Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund					0	Support for individuals in specific need
		0			0	
					0	
					0	
					0	
Totals	0	0	0	0	0	


Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
Totals		0	0	

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

Name of Circuit: **Bramhall & Wythenshawe No. 19/15**

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer  Date 21/5/2024


Name and address of treasurer: David James, 19 Conway Road,

Cheadle Hulme, Cheadle Post Code: SK8 6BP

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 19TH JUNE 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV'D IAN SMART Date 21/5/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit (19/15)

Charity Number 1134354

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on page 2 to 13

As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Circuit: Bramhall & Wythenshawe No: 19/15

Independent Examiner's Statement


The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of ACCA.

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

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

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: Paul Roper

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Chartered Accountant

Name of firm: McKellens

Address: 11 Riverview, The Embankment Business Park, Vale Road
Heaton Mersey, Stockport SK4 3GN

Date ... 30/5/24

**BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The circuit is part of the wider Methodist church and comprises 11 churches across the border between Greater Manchester and Cheshire. The circuit was formed in 2012 by the merging of the former Bramhall and Wythenshawe circuits. The circuit forms part of the Manchester and Stockport District. Whilst this report concentrates on the financial aspects of the circuit's work, a fuller picture can be obtained by visiting the circuit website:

www.bramhallwythenshawmethodists.org.uk

Aims and organisation

We are a circuit whose faith is:

- celebrated in worship
- committed to spiritual growth
- expressed in sharing the good news
- worked out with people of all ages within our communities

Together as a Circuit we:

- undertake to provide opportunities to worship God in spirit and in truth
- undertake to encourage each other in our journey of discipleship
- are committed to serving others and by sharing our faith encouraging others into discipleship
- will seek to work with Christians and churches of other traditions to further the work of the gospel.

Review of the year

The financial position this year has still been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst the restrictions on the use of church buildings ceased, both for worship and for other church and community purposes, the numbers of people using them, for both worship and community activities, have not always recovered to pre-pandemic levels. This has generally led to a reduction in church income from both member's giving and room rentals. However, most of the churches have been able to continue the payment of their assessments to the circuit. 3 of the churches have not been able to pay their full assessments. An examination of the finances of those churches has resulted in decisions being taken to write-off the amounts owing and to allow them to forgo paying any assessment in 2023/24. The 3 manse that were let during the year brought in a good rental income.

The normal operations of the circuit during the year resulted in a surplus where income exceeded expenditure by £10k. In addition there was a transfer into the accounts of £24k from the accounts of a church that closed during the year. The budget for the year had predicted a deficit of some £6.7k. The major reason for this is: lower expenditure than forecast in some areas.

Income trends

Church assessments for 2022/23 were reduced by 5% from the previous year. Even so, some churches had difficulty in meeting their lower figure. This has led to £21 k being written off as uncollectable. For the 2023/24 assessments, a process of share bidding by the churches has resulted in individual assessments being set that show a 15% reduction in the total assessment. To a degree this has been offset by the circuit now receiving rental income from 2 of the churches. However, the circuit is now carrying the costs for those churches. The circuit leadership are commissioning a circuit review which will, amongst other points, be looking at the structure of the circuit and the way that it is financed.

Expenditure trends

Stipend expenditure has increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Lay salaries are increased in line with stipends except where the funding church cannot afford to. The number of ministerial staff reduced from 5 to 4 in 2021. This number will be reviewed, as part of the circuit review, in 2024.

20% 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.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current unrestricted assets of the Circuit were £325k. Of that sum, £135k has been designated to provide funds for grants to circuit churches and specific circuit projects. The balance of £190k gives approximately 6 months cover for budgeted expenditure.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year were prepared on the basis that the staffing levels were changing to 4 full time ordained staff and 2 lay staff. the lay staff contribute an average of 26 hours per week each. However, after the budget had been prepared and approved, it was announced that the number of full time ordained staff would only be 3. The approved stipend and lay salary increases of 7.83% have been budgeted for, combined with a 5% increase in council tax and utilities costs. The salary increases over the last 2 years have been outstripped, in one case, by the increases in the Real Living Wage, which the circuit is committed to pay as a minimum. This has resulted in a salary adjustment.

As mentioned above, church assessments were decided by a bidding system. This will be reviewed during 2023/24 as part of the proposed circuit review.

The project with the Emmaus community at St Andrew's church in Wythenshawe has moved forward significantly. All income and expenditure relating to Emmaus and St Andrew's church is now being handled through the circuit accounts. Building plans are being worked on and will be progressed during the year.

Northenden church is no longer being used for public worship. All income and expenditure is now being handled through the circuit. Plans for the future of the site are being discussed.

Bramhall & Wythenshawe Circuit
Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

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Full Name of Charity: The Bramhall and Wythenshawe Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134354

Date of registration 16th February 2010

Main communication address

Circuit administrator, Circuit Office, c/o Cheadle Trinity church, Massie Street, Cheadle. SK8 1DU

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

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report

Circuit ministers and officers

Active church ministers:

Rev. Ian Smart (Superintendent)

Rev. Louise Gough

Rev. Sarah Parkin

Rev. Dave Warnock

Circuit Stewards

Mr Nigel Day (Senior)

Mr Mike Cowling (to January 2023)

Mrs Pam Howie

Mr David James (Treasurer)

Miss Margaret Lloyd (from March 2023)

Circuit and church lay workers (during the year)

Mr Matt Hill, Mrs Sarah Hooks, Ms Cassie Jennings,
Mrs Susie Metcalfe

Administrator: Mrs Jenny Manning

Mr David James acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

**Independent examiner: McKellens, 11
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BRAMHALL AND WYTHENSHAW Circuit

Aims and organisation

The Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the south east of Stockport MBC, the northern part of Cheshire East and the Wythenshawe area of the City of Manchester for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The 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.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

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

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 Manchester and Stockport District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

(LEP - Local Ecumenical Partnership)

Bramhall
Brownley Green
Cheadle Trinity (LEP)
Cheadle Hulme
Christ Church Colshaw (LEP)
St Mary's Handforth
Heald Green
Lawton Moor
Northenden (closed for public worship during the year)
Styal
Wilmslow
St Andrew's Wythenshawe

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Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Stewards with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

In particular, churches are now fully reopen following the Covid-19 pandemic but their recovery when measured in financial terms and in numbers attending worship is mixed. As a result, 3 of the churches have had trouble meeting their assessment payments. The amounts owing have been written off and they are not being charged an assessment for 2023/24.

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

The Bramhall & Wythenshawe 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 Bramhall & Wythenshawe 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.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The circuit and churches work to conform to the GDPR regulations. The Data Controller for the Circuit and the churches are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 3 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses 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.

Circuit Meeting Constitution - August 2023

Category	Name (s) / Role	Representing Church	Number
Presbyter & Deacons Stationed	Rev Ian Smart	Superintendent W, StM, S	5
	Rev Louise Gough	TC CH	
	Rev Sarah Parkin	B C	
	Rev Dave Warnock	LM N BG HG StA	
	Rev Kathleen Loughlin	Authorised Presbyter	
Circuit Stewards	Nigel Day	Senior Steward	7
	Dave James	Treasurer	
	Pam Howie		
	Margaret Lloyd		
	Vacancy		
Other Presbyters & Deacons residing in the Circuit able and willing to serve	Vacancy		7
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	Rev Geoffrey Barnard		
	Rev David Clowes		
Secretary of Meeting	Rev Margaret Hall		1
	Sister Irene Jolly		
	Rev Alan Mimmack		
	Rev Charles Nevin		
	Rev Bob Richards		
Secretary of Local Preachers Meeting	Nigel Day		1
Circuit Lay Employees	Vacancy		1
Circuit Manse Steward	Sarah Hooks	Lay Pastor BG HG LM N StA	1
Circuit Property Secretary	Margaret Lloyd		1
Circuit Safeguarding Officer(s)	John Ream		1
Circuit Methodist Women in Britain President	Judith Castledine		2
	Vacancy		
Circuit MHA Coordinator	Jo Richards		1
	Vacancy		1

Circuit Action for Children Coordinator	Terrie Baker		1
Worship Enabler(s)	Rev Louise Gough		2
	Sue Markall		
Rep to the District Council	Rev Sarah Parkin		1
Circuit & Synod Elected Rep of the District Synod	Vacancy		1
Two representatives from the Local Preachers Meeting	Mary Langton		2
	Nick Harding		
FROM LOCAL CHURCHES			
Church Stewards	Angela Clowes	B	11
	Phemy Houghton	BG	
	Barbara Clark	CH	
	Derek Malpas	C	
	Vacancy	HG	
	Vacancy	LM	
	Vacancy	StA	
	Lynne Hodson	StM	
	Vacancy	S	
	Vacancy	TC	
	Julie Hassell	W	
Church Treasurers	Claire Lee	B	11
	Mary Quayle	BG	
	Maurice Turnpenney	CH	
	Tony Blundell	C	
	Vacancy	HG	
	Bob Thomson	LM	
	Lilian Trimble	StA	
	Rev Ian Smart	StM	
	Rev Ian Smart	S	
	Elizabeth Alnsworth	TC	
	Bill Deverell	W	

Two representatives from each Church

Elaine Bates	B
John Benvie	B
Greg Davis	BG
Malcolm Cockill	BG
Joanne Scoltock	CH
Margaret Parker	CH
Jim Jones	C
Vacancy	C
John Harrison	HG
Marjorie Wilson	HG
Praveen Jayaprakasam	LM
Margaret Lloyd	LM
Irene Hammond	StA
Marilyn Snell	StA
Roberta Gerrard	StM
Vacancy	StM
Janet George	S
Vacancy	S
Vacancy	TC
Vacancy	TC
Chris Goddard	W
Avril Tucker	W

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Bold type - roles identified specifically in CPD

Attending as Minute Taker: Jenny Manning

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