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Annual Report of the Torbay Methodist Circuit

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 AUGUST 2024 CHARITY 1134368

Objectives and Activities

The objectives of the charity are: Provision of public religious worship open to all; Promotion of prayer as a vital part of life; provision of pastoral care to all that require it; Promotion of education and training in the Christian faith; Support and nurturing worshipping communities; promotion of faith based education and activity for the young.

The circuit is composed of 5 Methodist churches, one joint Methodist / United Reformed church and one Christian community centre. Throughout the year we continued the ongoing ministry of worship, prayer and Bible teaching

Achievements during the year

The Torbay Methodist Circuit continues to help to sustain many community groups and makes a difference in all sorts of areas. We host a Community Larder and Supermarket along with supporting food banks in the bay. Community coffee mornings are very popular and warm spaces are a great asset. Alcoholics Anonymous and Slimming World groups are held weekly. Regular activities for children and young people are provided including brigades, children's music groups and a toddler group. Many community groups are grateful for our premises which are well maintained while safeguarding policies follow Methodist guidelines along with all strategies which combine to give our own members, friends and the community, safe places to meet and enjoy time together.

Financial Review

Income was lower than expenditure during the year mainly due to necessary repairs to property. The full annual accounts can be viewed on the relevant page of the Charity Commission website. The Circuit Model Trust Fund is used as a reserve fund to meet exigencies within the the running costs of the circuit and to provide individual churches with small grants to support new initiatives. Total funds at the end of the year were £260,344 of which £64,275 were unrestricted and £196,069 were in the Model Trust Fund.

Structure, government & management

The governing document is laid out on the charity Commission website. As of August 2024, we are a part of the Methodist Church in Britain and were part of the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District who offer some oversight of our governance. The Methodist District will be restructured later in 2024. The Circuit Meeting had 32 members acting as Trustees as of 31 August 2024. The current list of Trustees may be viewed on the Charity Commission Website. Other than the officers who are on the body because of the office they hold, serving members are elected annually by local church members and various circuit working groups. The day-to-day management is exercised under the leadership team consisting of our two ministers, the Circuit Stewards, Property Secretary and Treasurer.

The Circuit complies with the Safe guarding requirements of the Methodist Church in Britain, this includes regular review of the policy, keeping training up to date and displaying relevant information for all users of the various buildings within the Circuit

Staffing

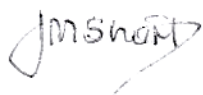
Two full time people were employed during the year: Rev Jeffrey Short (Superintendent Minister) and Rev Douglas Rix. The ministers were assisted part-time by Miss Annette Hinde (Circuit Administrator). The Rev Douglas Rix retired at the end of June 2024.

Reference and administrative details

The charity is known as the Torbay Methodist Circuit, Charity Number 1134368. The list of Trustees is available on the Charity Commission Website; the senior trustees at the year end were Rev Jeffrey Short (Superintendent Minister) Circuit Stewards: Mrs Christine Hargreaves, Mr John Barrett, Property Secretary: Mr Norman Roberts, Treasurer: Dr Alan McIlhenny, The Charity is blessed by so many people giving their time and talents as well as financial giving for the life of the circuit, each church and in the community.

Date of Approval by Torbay Methodist Circuit Trustees: 22nd January 2025

Jeffrey Short (Superintendent Minister)



Alan McIlhenny (Treasurer)



THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Torbay Methodist Circuit

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District	Circuit no	24/08
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134368

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

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

Ministers:

Revd. Jeff Short
Revd. Douglas Rix

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Chris Carter
Mrs Kathryn Trotman
Mrs Christine Hargreaves
Mr John Barrett

Treasurer:

Dr Alan McIlhenny

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		139,338			139,338	132,949
a3	Capital receipts						115,748
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,359	10,521		13,880	9,375
	Transfer from Southfield Methodist Church						
	Collections at Southfield		4,492			4,492	5,905
	Lettings at Southfield		2,078			2,078	5,074
	Letting of manse		18,000			18,000	1,500
	Transfer from Kingkerswell and insurance refund						3,643
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		536			536	1,105
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		167,803	10,521		178,324 (a8)	275,299

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		111,401			111,401	104,462
b3	Manse Costs		33,858			33,858	25,490
b4	Administration etc		5,192	581		5,773	6,717
b5	District Assessment		27,944	7,691		35,635	26,987
	CPF Levy						22,299
b6	Grants & donations		5,000	10,000		15,000	3,577
	Kingkerswell						87
b7	Southfield		16,678			16,678	5,158
b8	Other payments		4,012			4,012	2,749
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		204,085	18,272		222,357 (b9)	197,526

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(36,282)	(7,751)		(44,033)	77,773
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		100,557	203,820		304,377 (c6)	226,604
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,275	196,069		260,344	304,377
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,275	196,069		260,344 (c8)	304,377 (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				625
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				625
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

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

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	178,324 (a8)	222,357 (b9)	(44,033)	(c7)	304,377 (c6)	260,344 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	178,324	222,357	(44,033)		304,377 (x)	260,344 (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	345	100
f2 Bank Current Account	13,484	9,835
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	86,728	54,340
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	203,820	196,069
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	304,377 (c6)	260,344 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	304,377 (x)	260,344 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	7780	8420
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,386,592	1,424,033
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)

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 [Signature] Date 23/1/2025
Name and address of treasurer ALAN McILHENNY
22B YOUNGS PARK ROAD, PAIGNTON Post Code TQ4 6BU

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 22.1.2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting JEFFREY M. SHORT Date 23.01.2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Torbay Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134368

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the TORBAY METHODIST CIRCUIT Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner IAN BARRETT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA FCIE

Name of firm (where appropriate) BARRETT

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Date 12/05/2025

* delete or circle as appropriate