

THE METHODIST CHURCH - BIRMINGHAM (SUTTON PARK) CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134369

Details

Other names	SUTTON PARK METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-02-17
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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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: Provide an umbrella organisatiuon so the circuit of 12 churches can operate under Methodist church rules. The circuit employs the ministers who work in these churches.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL
- Birmingham City
- Staffordshire
- Walsall
- Warwickshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£400,222	£416,993	-	-
2024-08-31	£398,140	£396,481	-	-
2023-08-31	£365,277	£393,063	-	-
2022-08-31	£350,605	£413,752	-	-
2021-08-31	£342,677	£398,235	-	-

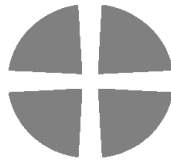
Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Nicholas William Jones	Chair	2022-08-12
ALISON JANE BURLAND		2021-04-29
AMANDA JANE HUME BA, CPFA		2012-07-11
ANNE COLE		2013-04-28
Anna-Kathleen Astin Miklasz MSc		2023-11-13
Anthony Brown		2023-05-18
BENEDICT ADAMS BSC		2014-07-19
CHRISTINE ROSSITER		2018-09-07
Carole McSheen		2020-01-01
Celiwe Deborah Majola		2021-06-16
Christine Mary Blake		2019-03-05
Christopher Seeley		2022-03-29
Clive Thursfield		2024-06-01
DAVID CHARLES ANDREWS		2009-12-16
DAVID JOHN ALLEN BSC		2010-09-08
DIANA BOSMAN		2023-03-09
Daniel Mark Hurst BSc		2024-06-13
David Bowater		2018-04-01
Deacon Marilyn Olayinka Slowe		2017-09-01
EUR ING MARTIN JOHN WALLER		2009-12-16
Florence May O'Connor		2021-06-06
GERALD WILLIAM PEEL		2016-09-01
GILES MATTHEW WHEELER		2013-04-23
GRAHAME TENCH ACIB		2014-12-04
Gillian Buck		2025-10-23
Imogen Lauretta Clarke		2021-12-06
JEAN YOUDELL		2023-09-04

Name	Role	Appointed
JENNIFER ANNE HALL		2012-06-06
JENNIFER JOAN McGREGOR BSc CPFA		2018-06-14
JENNIFER WILKES		2021-03-10
JUDY STEPHENS		2009-12-16
JULIE CEINWEN GASCOIGNE		2012-08-06
Janet Payne		2026-05-08
John BUTLER c.Eng		2022-11-21
John Harden		2021-06-16
Julie Ann Read		2022-08-09
KATHLEEN MATTHEWS		2019-10-29
Kevin George Clarke		2023-02-23
LORNA EULALEL BROWN		2017-04-23
Linda Robinson		2025-01-26
Lynette JONES		2024-07-22
MARGARET EVETTE HENRY		2010-09-01
MARION WATTS		2014-05-01
MICHELLE WHEELER		2017-11-30
Mary McKenzie		2024-01-08
Maxine HAY		2020-10-02
NOREEN GRACE MARSHALL		2019-10-17
Naomi Jones		2023-06-19
Nicholas James RILEY		2021-09-11
PETER JOHN SVERRE JOHANSEN MBE		2020-10-02
PETER VERNON LE BROcq BSC ACGI		2016-12-19
Peter Harry Vaughan White		2021-06-06
Rev Collins Frimpong BA		2025-08-20
Rev David Samuel Harry Hulme		2017-09-01
Rev Freddy Young Zivanai Takavarasha		2022-08-11

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Jennifer Parnell BA		2024-08-01
Rev Sarah Michelle Butcher MA		2025-11-06
Thomas Clive Williams		2022-06-09
Tom Watts		2018-05-01
YVONNE HUGGINS		2017-01-06

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2025

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2025

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside. The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in the churches being unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions resulted in church life restarting and as individual confidence returned.

The ministerial team have continued to meet the challenges of the emergence from the lockdown three years ago. All meetings needed for Circuit life have taken place in person, enabling us to deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

The Looking Forward mission document was produced by the CLT in 2022-23 and continues to be implemented. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resources. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters/Deacons to 5.5 for 2024-25 comprising four Presbyters one at 50% and two Deacons. Moving into 2025-26 reducing to 5 comprising 3 Presbyters and 2 Deacons with one of a Probationer Presbyter. Two Presbyters left the Circuit at the end of August 2025. During the stationing process for the year 2024-25 Rev Sarah Butcher and Rev Collins Frimpong were appointed to start on the 1st September 2025.

The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines, while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by letting 1 empty manse for 2024-25 increasing to two for 2025-26 from January 2026. In addition for 2024-25 the Circuit received donations and grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection respectively, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020 but completed his contract August 2025.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 54% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 19% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 17% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2025 the net current assets of the Circuit were £320,382 (includes TMCP Investments)- approximately 9.4 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is a slight reduction from the previous year. The CLT will consider how best to use the surplus funds ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs. Total funds include designated funds of £49028, some of which was used to upgrade the Insulation of 98 Orphanage Road in preparation for the new Minister. This brought the manse insulation up to the Methodist Churches recommended minimum standard.

Plans for 2025/26

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5 full time Prebyters and Deacons in total as staff. An assessment increase was not requested from the individual Circuit Churches for 2025-26, the anticipated increases including Stipends, District Assessment and manse utility costs, to be covered by the Circuit. As was the case for 2023-24 the required Assessment from the churches for 2024-25 was not fully covered by the Churches. For 2025-26 all the Churches agreed to pay the original sum requested for 2024-25, so the requested budget for 2025-26 should be fully covered.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1JW

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Nickolas Jones (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Jenny Parnell

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mr Nicholas Riley

Ms Celiwe Majola

Mrs Jean Youdell

Treasurer

Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse FCA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes - Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire 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.

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 Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

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.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to 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 Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term. The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year. Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff. Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2025	Totals last year 2024
		General Funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	7,228	-	-	-	7,228	6,500
Assessments on churches	5	348,663	-	-	-	348,663	336,684
From Monetary investments	6	9,954	1,072	2,941	-	13,967	16,537
From Investment properties Rent income	6	13,200	-	-	-	13,200	23,700
Capital Receipts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants received	8	17,164	-	-	-	17,164	14,500
Benevolent Fund	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	8	-	-	-	-	-	219
Total income		396,209	1,072	2,941	-	400,222	398,140
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	225,561	-	-	-	225,561	238,735
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Assessment		72,240	-	-	-	72,240	66,092
Methodist Church Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Events	12	-	-	-	-	-	-
Telephone, travel & administration		23,948	-	-	-	23,948	23,587
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		31,149	-	-	-	31,149	26,350
Maintenance on manse property		23,560	-	-	-	23,560	20,737
Expenditure on investment property	6	3,166	-	-	-	3,166	3,242
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Manse Insulation		22,345	-	-	-	22,345	-
Youth work	13	960	-	-	-	960	2,090
Other Expenditure	14	13,302	88	-	-	13,390	14,999
Grants and Donations	15	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Advance Fund levy	14	-	674	-	-	674	649
Total expenditure		416,231	762	-	-	416,993	396,481
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(20,022)	310	2,941	0	(16,771)	1,659
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17	-	13	0	0	13	506
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(20,022)	323	2,941	0	(16,758)	2,165
Transfers between funds	23	20,000	-	(20,000)	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(22)	323	(17,059)	0	(16,758)	2,165
Total funds brought forward		2,059,069	26,980	66,087	0	2,152,136	2,149,971
Total funds carried forward		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	0	2,135,378	2,152,136

For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	-	-
Donations received for External Organisations	-	-
Donations passed to External Organisations	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2025 £	Totals last year 2024 £
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Notes

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941			1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16				-	-
Investment properties	16				-	-
Investments	17		7,055		7,055	7,042
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	7,055	-	1,814,996	1,814,983

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	30,727			30,727	27,435
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	42,035			42,035	19,537
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		20,248		20,248	19,938
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	226,749		49,028	275,777	310,758
Total current assets		299,511	20,248	49,028	368,787	377,668

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	48,405			48,405	40,515
Total due in under 1yr		48,405			48,405	40,515

Net current assets (liabilities)

**Total assets less current
liabilities**

		251,106	20,248	49,028	320,382	337,153
		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	-	2,135,378

Loans and Creditors (due after 1 year)

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21				-	-
Net assets		2,059,047	27,303	49,028	-	2,135,378

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,059,047			2,059,047	2,059,069
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		27,303		27,303	26,980
Designated Funds	23			49,028	49,028	66,087
Restricted funds	23				-	-
Total Funds	23	2,059,047	27,303	49,028	-	2,135,378

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. 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.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project					-
					-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

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. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of 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.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable 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 property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

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

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2025	Last year 2024
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	6,000
Methodist Diaconal Order				-	-
Sundry donations	1,228			1,228	500
Connexion use of manse for year				-	-
Total	7,228	-	-	7,228	6,500
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	348,663			348,663	336,684
6. Investment Income/Expenditure					
Interest and dividends	12,895	1,072		13,967	16,537
Rental income	13,200			13,200	23,700
Total Income	26,095	1,072	-	27,167	40,237
Expenditure					
Agency Fees	-			-	1,132
Property Maintenance	1,802			1,802	146
Property Insurance	1,364			1,364	1,964
Total Expenditure	3,166	-	-	3,166	3,242
Net Gain on Investment	22,929	1,072	-	24,001	36,995
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property					
Connexional Priority Fund Levy					
Selling Agents fees					
Legal fees					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	14,500
Other				-	
DAF Grant from District Advance Fund	2,664			2,664	
LEP church contribution	-			-	219
Total (Grants plus Other)	17,164	-	-	17,164	14,719
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				13	13
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				4,305	11,816
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees (this year's estimated - last year's actual)				2,000	1,950
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

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	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	167,535	178,115
Employer's Pension costs	36,707	42,965
Employer's National Insurance costs	20,380	16,843
Apprentice levy	939	812
Total costs	225,561	238,735

Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed 5.5 5.5

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

The MMPS was in deficit but prudent investment over the year has cleared this issue.

	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
Layworker employees costs		
Gross wages, salaries	-	-
Employer's Pension costs	-	-
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	-
Total costs	-	-

Average number of lay workers employed None employed in year none none

12 Circuit events

Circuit Service Offering	-	-
Circuit Service Offering	-	-
Other events and costs	-	-
Total costs	-	-

13 Youth work

Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	-	-
Youth events cost	960	2,090
Total costs	960	2,090

14 Other Expenditure

Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	2,832	3,300
Birmingham Churches Together donation	1,545	1,095
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	-	-
	-	-
Training	3,650	3,650
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	5,275	6,880
Other	-	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge (TMCP)	88	74
TMCP District Advance Fund Levy	674	649
Total costs	14,064	15,648

15 Grants and donations paid

Payments made from Restricted funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	-	-
Total costs	-	-

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use:	Deemed values established 1/9/2015
	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	<u>1,807,941</u>

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
Balance brought forward		1,807,941				1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate				3 Years
Balance brought forward				
Charge for year				
Revaluations				
Less: Disposals				
Transfers between categories				
Balance carried forward				

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

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17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds	7,055	7,042
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	7,055	7,042

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	7,042	6,536
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	13	506
Carrying (market) value at end of year	7,055	7,042

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	This year 2025 £	Last year 2024 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	18,050	20,498
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	12,677	6,937
Total debtors and prepayments	<u>30,727</u>	<u>27,435</u>

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	42,035	19,537
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	275,777	310,758
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	20,248	19,938
Total Cash and Bank	<u>338,060</u>	<u>350,233</u>

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accrued expenses	2,000	1,950
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	41,881	37,894
Other creditors	4,524	671
Total Current Liabilities	<u>48,405</u>	<u>40,515</u>

21. Movement on Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-

Repayment due

					Totals
Within 12 months	31/08/2025				nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028	31/08/2029	nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements**Unrestricted Funds**

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	251,128	396,209	(416,231)	20,000	-	251,106	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	66,087	2,941	-	(20,000)	-	49,028	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	19,938	1,072	(762)	-	-	20,248	
Totals Monetary	337,153	400,222	(416,993)	-	-	320,382	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	7,042	983	(970)	-	-	7,055	
Totals Including Investment	344,195	401,205	(417,963)	-	-	327,437	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>							<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	none
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 327,437

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,135,378

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

There was a transfer of £20,000 from the Employment CFB Bank Account to the CAF Bank General Account towards the £22,345 cost of the thermal insulation improvements at the 98 Orphanage Road Manse. This work was all completed and paid for before the year end.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
Totals		nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year £	Payments to related party in the year £	Loans from related party in the year £	Loans to related party in the year £	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end £
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist District Advance Fund Grant		2,664				
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		23,164	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

02 October 2025

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

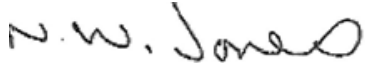
27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffs. B77 1JW

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

03 December 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Nickolas Jones

Date

03 December 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2025

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse FCA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature



Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3BH

Date

04 December 2025

Birmingham Sutton Park Circuit - list of Trustees**Appendix A****Downloaded from Charity Commission Website 11th Septemebr 2025****Those serving all of 2024/25 and up to 11/09/2025**

62	Mr Steve Buck (Charity Commission Web-Site Administrator)	50	Miss Naomi Jones 19-06-2024
61	Rev Nickolas Jones 12-08-2022	51	Mrs Jean Youdell 04-09-2024
1	Eur Ing Martin Waller 16-12-2009	52	Ms Anna-Kathleen Astin Miklasz 13-11-2023
2	Judith Ann Stephens 16-12-2009	53	Ms Mary McKenzie 08-01-2024
3	Mr David Andrews 16-12-2009	54	Dr Clive Thursfield 01-06-2024
4	Mrs Margaret Henry 01-09-2010	55	Mr Daniel Mark Hurst 13-07-2024
5	Mr David Allen 08-09-2010	56	Mrs Lynette Jones 22-07-2024
6	Miss Jenifer Hall 06-06-2012	57	Rev Jennifer Parnell 01-08-2024
7	Mrs Amanda Hume 11-07-2012		
8	Mrs Julie Goascoigne 06-08-2012		
9	Mr Giles Wheeler 23-04-2013		
10	Mrs Catherine Ann Cole 28-04-2013		
11	Mrs Marion Watts 01-05-2014		
12	Mr Benedict Adams 19-07-2014		
13	Mr Grahame Tench 04-12-2014		
14	Mr Gerald Peel 01-09-2016		
15	Mr Peter Le Brocq 19-12-2016		
16	Ms Yvone Huggins 06-01-2017		
17	Mrs Lorna Brown 23-04-2017		
18	Revd David Hulme 01-09-2017		
19	Deacon Marilyn Slowe 01-09-2017		
20	Mrs Michelle Wheeler 30-11-2017		
21	Mr David Bowater 01-04-2018		
22	Mr Thomas Watts 01-05-2018		
23	Mrs Jennifer McGregor 14-06-2018		
24	Mrs Christine Rossiter 07-09-2018		
25	Ms Christine Mary Blake 05-03-2019		
26	Mrs Noreen Marshall 17-10-2019		
27	Mrs Kathleen Matthews 29-10-2019		
28	Mrs Carole McSheen 01-01-2020		
29	Mrs Carolyn Humpherson 18-04-2020		
30	Revd Emily Young 20-08-2020		
31	Mrs Maxine Hay 02-10-2020		
32	Mr Peter Johansen 02-10-2020		
33	Mrs Jenny Wilkes 10-03-2021		
34	Mrs Alison Burland 29-04-2021		
35	Mrs Florence O'Connor 06-06-2021		
36	Mr Peter Vaughan White 06-06-2021		
37	Miss Deborah Majola 16-06-2021		
38	Mr John Harden 16-06-2021		
39	Mr Nick Riley 11-09-2021		
40	Miss Imogen Clarke 06-12-2021		
41	Mr Christopher Seeley 29-03-2022		
42	Mr Thomas Clive Williams 09-06-2022		
43	Mrs Julie Ann Read 09-06-2022		
44	Rev Freddy Takavarasha 11-08-2022		
45	Mr John Butler 21-09-2022		
46	Mr Kevin Clarke 23-02-2023		
47	Mrs Christine Chick 09-03-2023		
48	Mrs Diana Bosman 09-03-2023		
49	Mr Anthony Brown 18-05-2024		

Those joining since 1st September 2024

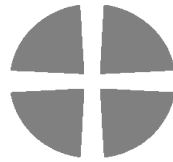
58	Ms Linda Robinson 26-01-2025
59	Rev Collins Frimpong 20-08-2025
60	Rev Sarah Butcher 01-09-2025

Those leaving since 1st September 2024

Mr John Robbins 16-10-2009
Mr David Charles Andrews 16-12-2009
Revd Dr Alan Smithson 01-09-2013
Mr Anthony Lawence Wilkinson 12-06-2019
Rev Dr Jimmy Dube 05-11-2020
Rev Stephen Fletcher 07-09-2024

Total Trustees 62

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2024

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st AUGUST 2024

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside. The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in the churches being unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions resulted in church life restarting and as individual confidence returned, the online worship that served so well during the pandemic continues to be used to cover churches where a preacher is not available, enabling the Circuit to as inclusive as possible.

The ministerial team have continued to meet the challenges of the emergence from the lockdown three years ago. All meetings needed for circuit life have taken place in person, enabling us to deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

The forward looking mission document was produced by the CLT in 2022-23 continues to be implemented. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resources. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters/Deacons to 5.5. The Circuit appointed a Superintendent from Birmingham Circuit to be the Superintendent for 50% of his time and a Presbyter in Birmingham Circuit for the balance of his time to cover the Superintendency for 2022-23 and 2023-24 and the remaining requirement for a presbyter was covered by a retired presbyter at 49% employment, the maximum permitted by the Connexion. This arrangement covered both 2022-23 and 2023-24. A Presbyter and Deacon left the Circuit at the end of August 2024. During the stationing process for the year 2024-25 after interviewing 3 candidates, the Rev Nick Jones was appointed Superintendent and Deacon Jenny Parnell a Deacon maintaining the compliment at 5.5.

The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines, while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by letting 2 empty manse and grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connexion, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 60% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 18% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 17% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets of the Circuit were £344,195 (includes TMCP Investments)- approximately 10.5 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is an improvement over the previous year of 0.3 months. The CLT will consider how best to use the surplus funds ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs, which are due to increase significantly next year following the loss of the renton possibly the two manses for a full year and part year respectively. Total funds include designated funds of £66,087, set aside to cover future stipends/pensions/employment costs.

Plans for 2024/25

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5.5 full time ordained staff. An assessment increase has been requested from the individual Circuit churches, to contribute towards the anticipated increases in stipend costs, District assessment and manse utility costs. As was the case for 2023-24 the required Assessment from the churches for 2024-25 will not fully covered by the Churches for 2024-25

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1JW

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Nickolas Jones (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Freddie Takavarasha

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mr Christopher Shaw

Mr Nicholas Riley

Mr Peter Cashmore

Ms Celiwe Majola

Mrs Jean Youdell

Treasurer

Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes - Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire 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.

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 Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

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.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to 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 Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term. The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year. Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff. Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2024	Totals last year 2023
		General Funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	6,500	-	-	-	6,500	6,520
Assessments on churches	5	336,684	-	-	-	336,684	314,618
From Monetary investments	6	12,029	1,219	3,289	-	16,537	11,214
From Investment properties Rent income	6	23,700	-	-	-	23,700	18,425
Capital Receipts	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grants received	8	14,500	-	-	-	14,500	14,500
Benevolent Fund	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	8	219	-	-	-	219	-
Total income		393,632	1,219	3,289	-	398,140	365,277
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	238,735	-	-	-	238,735	221,208
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11	-	-	-	-	-	-
District Assessment		66,092	-	-	-	66,092	66,096
Methodist Church Fund		-	-	-	-	-	-
Circuit Events	12	-	-	-	-	-	(216)
Telephone, travel & administration	10	23,587	-	-	-	23,587	23,564
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		26,350	-	-	-	26,350	26,029
Maintenance on manse property		20,737	-	-	-	20,737	27,183
Expenditure on investment property	6	3,242	-	-	-	3,242	14,558
Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth work	13	2,090	-	-	-	2,090	5,316
Other Expenditure	14	14,925	74	-	-	14,999	3,670
Grants and Donations	15	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
District Advance Fund levy		-	649	-	-	649	655
Total expenditure		395,758	723	-	-	396,481	393,063
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(2,126)	496	3,289	0	1,659	(27,786)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17	-	506	0	0	506	(290)
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation		-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(2,126)	1,002	3,289	0	2,165	(28,076)
Transfers between funds	23	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		(2,126)	1,002	3,289	0	2,165	(28,076)
Total funds brought forward		2,061,195	25,978	62,798	0	2,149,971	2,178,048
Total funds carried forward		2,059,069	26,980	66,087	0	2,152,136	2,149,971

For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year	-	-
Donations received for External Organisations	-	-
Donations passed to External Organisations	-	-
Balance carried forward	-	-

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2024 £	Totals last year 2023 £
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Notes

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941			1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16				-	-
Investment properties	16				-	-
Investments	17		7,042		7,042	6,536
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	7,042	-	1,814,983	1,814,477

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	27,435			27,435	24,794
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	19,537			19,537	40,757
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		19,938		19,938	19,442
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	244,671	66,087		310,758	291,960
Total current assets		291,643	19,938	66,087	377,668	376,953

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	40,515			40,515	41,459
Total due in under 1yr		40,515			40,515	41,459

Net current assets (liabilities)

**Total assets less current
liabilities**

	251,128	19,938	66,087		337,153	335,494
	2,059,069	26,980	66,087	-	2,152,136	2,149,971

Loans and Creditors (due after 1 year)

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21				-	-
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Net assets

	2,059,069	26,980	66,087	-	2,152,136	2,149,971
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Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,059,069			2,059,069	2,061,195
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		26,980		26,980	25,978
Designated Funds	23			66,087	66,087	62,798
Restricted funds	23				-	-
Total Funds	23	2,059,069	26,980	66,087	-	2,149,971

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. 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.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project					-
					-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

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. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of 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.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable 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 property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

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

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2024	Last year 2023
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	6,000
Methodist Diaconal Order				-	-
Sundry donations	500			500	520
Connexion use of manse for year				-	-
Total	6,500	-	-	6,500	6,520
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	336,684			336,684	314,618
6. Investment Income/Expenditure					
Interest and dividends	15,318	1,219		16,537	11,214
Rental income	23,700			23,700	18,425
Total Income	39,018	1,219	-	40,237	29,639
Expenditure					
Agency Fees	1,132			1,132	1,162
Property Maintenance	146			146	12,191
Property Insurance	1,964			1,964	1,205
Total Expenditure	3,242	-	-	3,242	14,558
Net Gain on Investment	35,776	1,219	-	36,995	15,081
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property					
Connexional Priority Fund Levy					
Selling Agents fees					
Legal fees					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	14,500
Other					
LEP church contribution	219			219	-
Total (Grants plus Other)	14,719	-	-	14,719	14,500
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				13	10
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				11,816	5,772
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees (this year's estimated - last year's actual)				1,950	1,860
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

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	This year 2024 £	Last year 2023 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	178,115	165,136
Employer's Pension costs	42,965	39,840
Employer's National Insurance costs	16,843	15,479
Apprentice levy	812	753
Total costs	238,735	221,208

Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed 5.5 5.5

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficit on this scheme can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Methodist Church at www.methodist.org.uk

£3,102 was prepaid in respect of the Ministers Pension scheme as at 31 August 2024 (£3,255 at 31 August 2023).

	This year 2024 £	Last year 2023 £
Layworker employees costs		
Gross wages, salaries	-	-
Employer's Pension costs	-	-
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	-
Total costs	-	-

Average number of lay workers employed None employed in year none none

12 Circuit events

Circuit Service Offering	-	(116)
Circuit Service Offering	-	(100)
Other events and costs	-	-
Total costs	-	(216)

13 Youth work

Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	-	-
Youth events cost	2,090	5,316
Total costs	2,090	5,316

14 Other Expenditure

Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	3,300	2,016
Birmingham Churches Together donation	1,095	716
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	-	-
Kingstanding Kitchen	-	864
Training	3,650	-
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	6,880	-
Other	-	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge	74	75
Total costs	14,999	3,671

15 Grants and donations paid

Payments made from Restricted funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	-	5,000
Total costs	-	5,000

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use:	Deemed values established 1/9/2015
	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	<u>1,807,941</u>

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
Balance brought forward		1,807,941				1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate				3 Years
Balance brought forward				
Charge for year				
Revaluations				
Less: Disposals				
Transfers between categories				
Balance carried forward				

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

	This year 2024 £	Last year 2023 £
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds	7,042	6,536
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	7,042	6,536

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	6,536	6,826
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	506	(290)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	7,042	6,536

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	This year 2024 £	Last year 2023 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	20,498	17,813
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors and prepayments	6,937	6,981
Total debtors and prepayments	27,435	24,794

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	19,537	40,757
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	310,758	291,960
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	19,938	19,442
Total Cash and Bank	350,233	352,159

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accrued expenses	1,950	1,860
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	37,894	37,575
Other creditors	671	2,024
Total Current Liabilities	40,515	41,459

21. Movement on Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-

Repayment due

					Totals
Within 12 months	31/08/2025				nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028	31/08/2029	nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements**Unrestricted Funds**

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	253,254	393,632	(395,758)	-	-	251,128	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	62,798	3,289		-	-	66,087	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	19,442	1,219	(723)	-	-	19,938	
Totals Monetary	335,494	398,140	(396,481)	-	-	337,153	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	6,536	1,086	(580)	-	-	7,042	
Totals Including Investment	342,030	399,226	(397,061)	-	-	344,195	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>							<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
None	-	-	-	-	-	-	none
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 344,195

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,152,136

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

There were no transfers between funds during the year ended 31st August 2024.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
Totals		nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year £	Payments to related party in the year £	Loans from related party in the year £	Loans to related party in the year £	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end £
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

02 October 2024

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

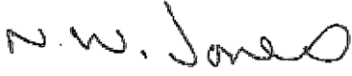
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Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

04 December 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Nickolas Jones

Date

04 December 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature



Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3BH

Date

04 December 2024

Birmingham Sutton Park Circuit - list of Trustees**Appendix A****Those serving all of 2023/24 and up to 14/09/2024**

- 64 Mr Steven Buck (Charities Commision Web-Site Administrator)
- 63 Rev Nickolas Jones 12-08-2022
- 1 Mr John Robbins 16-10-2009
- 2 Eur Ing Martin Waller 16-12-2009
- 3 Mr David Charles Andrews 16-12-2009
- 4 Judith Ann Stephens 16-12-2009
- 5 Mrs Margaret Henry 01-09-2010
- 6 Mr David Allen 08-09-2010
- 7 Miss Jenifer Hall 06-06-2012
- 8 Mrs Amanda Hume 11-07-2012
- 9 Mrs Julie Goascoigne 06-08-2012
- 10 Mr Giles Wheeler 23-04-2013
- 11 Mrs Catherine Ann Cole 28-04-2013
- 12 Revd Dr Alan Smithson 01-09-2013
- 13 Mrs Marion Watts 01-05-2014
- 14 Mr Benedict Adams 19-07-2014
- 15 Mr Grahame Tench 04-12-2014
- 16 Mr Gerald Peel 01-09-2016
- 17 Mr Peter Le Brocq 19-12-2016
- 18 Ms Yvone Huggins 06-01-2017
- 19 Mrs Lorna Brown 23-04-2017
- 20 Revd David Hulme 01-09-2017
- 21 Deacon Marilyn Slowe 01-09-2017
- 22 Mrs Michelle Wheeler 30-11-2017
- 23 Mr David Bowater 01-04-2018
- 24 Mr Thomas Watts 01-05-2018
- 25 Mrs Jennifer McGregor 14-06-2018
- 26 Mrs Christine Rossiter 07-09-2018
- 27 Ms Christine Mary Blake 05-03-2019
- 28 Mr Anthony Lawence Wilkinson 12-06-2019
- 29 Mrs Noreen Marshall 17-10-2019
- 30 Mrs Kathleen Matthews 29-10-2019
- 31 Mrs Carole McSheen 01-01-2020
- 32 Mrs Carolyn Humpherson 18-04-2020
- 33 Revd Emily Young 20-08-2020
- 34 Mr Peter Johansen 02-10-2020
- 35 Mrs Maxine Hay 02-10-2020
- 36 Revd Dr Jimmy Dube 05-11-2020
- 37 Mrs Jenny Wilkes 10-03-2021
- 38 Mrs Alison Burland 29-04-2021
- 39 Mrs Florence O'Connor 06-06-2021
- 40 Mr Peter Vaughan White 06-06-2021
- 41 Miss Deborah Majola 16-06-2021
- 42 Mr John Harden 16-06-2021
- 43 Mr Nick Riley 11-09-2021
- 44 Miss Imogen Clarke 06-12-2021
- 45 Mr Christopher Seeley 29-03-2022
- 46 Mr Thomas Clive Williams 09-06-2022
- 47 Mrs Julie Ann Read 09-06-2022
- 48 Rev Freddy Takavarasha 11-08-2022
- 49 Mr John Butler 21-09-2022

- 50 Mr Kevin Clarke 23-02-2023
- 51 Mrs Diana Bosman 09-03-2023
- 52 Mrs Christine Chick 09-03-2023
- 53 Mr Anthony Brown 18-05-2024
- 54 Miss Naomi Jones 19-06-2024

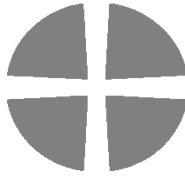
Those joining since 1st September 2023

- 55 Rev Stephen Fletcher 07-09-2024
- 56 Mrs Jean Youdell 04-09-2024
- 57 Ms Anna-Kathleen Astin Miklasz 13-11-2023
- 58 Ms Mary McKenzie 08-01-2024
- 59 Dr Clive Thursfield 01-06-2024
- 60 Mr Daniel Mark Hurst 13-07-2024
- 61 Mrs Lynette Jones 22-07-2024
- 62 Rev Jennifer Parnell 01-08-2024

Those leaving since 1st September 2023

Deacon Rachel Thomas Prasad
Mr Chris Shaw
Mr Peter Cashmore
Mr Derek Wright
Mrs Sheila Dennis
Mt Chris Newson

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2023

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside. The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in the churches being unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions resulted in church life restarting and as individual confidence returned, the online worship that served so well during the pandemic continues to be used to cover churches where a preacher is not available, enabling the Circuit to as inclusive as possible.

The ministerial team have continued to meet the challenges of the emergence from the lockdown two years ago. All meetings needed for circuit life have taken place in person, enabling us to deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

The forward looking mission document was produced by the CLT the previous year continues to be implemented. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resource. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters by one in 2022-23. During the stationing process after interviewing 3 candidates the Circuit was unsuccessful in appointing a Superintendent for 2022/23 as two Presbyters left the Circuit including the Superintendent who retired. The Circuit appointed a Superintendent from Birmingham Circuit to be the Superintendent for 50% of his time and a Presbyter in Birmingham Circuit for the balance of his time. The remaining requirement for a presbyter is being covered by a retired presbyter at 49% employment, the maximum permitted by the Connexion. This arrangement will continue into the year 2023-24.

The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines, while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 56% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 20% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 17% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2023 the net current assets of the Circuit were £335,494 - approximately 10.2 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is an improvement over the previous year of 0.5 months. The CLT will consider how best to use any surplus funds for mission projects, as well as ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs, which are due to decrease significantly next year following the renting of two manses for the full year. Total funds include designated funds of £62,798, set aside to cover future stipends/employment costs.

Plans for 2023/24

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5.5 full time ordained staff. An assessment increase has been requested from the individual Circuit churches, to contribute towards the anticipated increases in stipend costs, District assessment and manse utility costs.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

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 Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1JW

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Nickolas Jones (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Freddie Takavarasha

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mr Christopher Shaw

Mr Nicholas Riley

Mr Peter Cashmore

Ms Celiwe Majola

Treasurer

Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes - Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire 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.

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 Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting,

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

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.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to 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 Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term. The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year. Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff. Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

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

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2023	Totals last year 2022
		General Funds	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	6,520				6,520	23,534
Assessments on churches	5	314,618				314,618	309,180
From Monetary investments	6	8,300	805	2,109		11,214	1,891
From Investment properties Rent income	6	18,425				18,425	-
Capital Receipts	7					-	-
Grants received	8	14,500				14,500	14,500
Benevolent Fund	8					-	-
Other	8					-	1,500
Total income		362,363	805	2,109	0	365,277	350,605
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	221,208				221,208	237,010
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11					-	-
District Assessment		66,096				66,096	65,616
Methodist Church Fund						-	-
Circuit Events	12	(216)				(216)	422
Telephone, travel & administration	10	23,564				23,564	25,933
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		26,029				26,029	26,435
Maintenance on manse property		27,183				27,183	14,744
Expenditure on investment property	6	14,558				14,558	-
Depreciation						-	-
Youth work	13	5,316				5,316	9,339
Other Expenditure	14	3,596	74			3,670	26,947
Grants and Donations	15	5,000				5,000	5,552
District Advance Fund levy			655			655	1,754
Total expenditure		392,334	729	0	0	393,063	413,752
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(29,971)	76	2,109	0	(27,786)	(63,147)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17		(290)			(290)	(458)
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation						-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16					-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(29,971)	(214)	2,109	0	(28,076)	(63,605)
Transfers between funds	23					-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24					-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24					-	-
Net movement in funds		(29,971)	(214)	2,109	0	(28,076)	(63,605)
Total funds brought forward		2,091,166	26,193	60,689	0	2,178,048	2,241,653
Total funds carried forward		2,061,195	25,978	62,798	0	2,149,971	2,178,048
For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations							
Balance brought forward from last year		0				0	0
Donations received for External Organisations		0				0	0
Donations passed to External Organisations		0				0	0
Balance carried forward						0	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2023 £	Totals last year 2022 £
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Notes

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941				1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16					-	-
Investment properties	16					-	-
Investments	17		6,536			6,536	6,826
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	6,536			1,814,477	1,814,767

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	24,794		-	-	24,794	23,587
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	40,757		-	-	40,757	27,720
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		19,442	-	-	19,442	19,367
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	229,162		62,798	-	291,960	374,545
Total current assets		294,713	19,442	62,798		376,953	445,219

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	41,459			-	41,459	81,938
Total due in under 1yr		41,459			-	41,459	81,938
Net current assets (liabilities)		253,254	19,442	62,798		335,494	363,281
Total assets less current liabilities		2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Loans and Creditors (due after 1 year)

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21					-	-
Net assets		2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,061,195				2,061,195	2,091,166
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		25,978			25,978	26,192
Designated Funds	23			62,798		62,798	60,689
Restricted funds	23					-	-
Total Funds	23	2,061,195	25,978	62,798		2,149,971	2,178,048

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. 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.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project	-	-			-
					-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

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. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of 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.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable 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 property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

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

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2023	Last year 2022
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	6,000
Methodist Diaconal Order				-	-
Sundry donations	520			520	-
Connexion use of manse for year				-	17,534
Total	6,520	-	-	6,520	23,534
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	314,618			314,618	309,180
6. Investment Income/Expenditure					
Interest and dividends	10,409	805		11,214	1,891
Rental income	18,425			18,425	-
Total Income	28,834	805	-	29,639	1,891
Expenditure					
Agency Fees	1,162			1,162	-
Property Maintenance	12,191			12,191	-
Property Insurance	1,205			1,205	-
Total Expenditure	14,558	-	-	14,558	-
Net Gain on Investment	14,276	805	-	15,081	1,891
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property					
Connexional Priority Fund Levy					
Selling Agents fees					
Legal fees					
Total	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	14,500
Other					
LEP church contribution				-	1,500
Total (Grants plus Other)	14,500	-	-	14,500	16,000
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				10	13
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				5,772	5,507
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees (this year's estimated - last year's actual)				1,860	1,800
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

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	This year 2023 £	Last year 2022 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	165,136	174,359
Employer's Pension costs	39,840	45,859
Employer's National Insurance costs	15,479	15,873
Apprentice levy	753	919
Total costs	221,208	237,010

Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed	5.5	6.0
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Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.

The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficit on this scheme can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Methodist Church at www.methodist.org.uk £3,255 was prepaid in respect of the Ministers Pension scheme as at 31 August 2023 (£3,320 at 31 August 2022).

Layworker employees costs

Gross wages, salaries	-	-
Employer's Pension costs	-	-
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	-
Total costs	-	-

Average number of lay workers employed	None employed in year	none	none
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12 Circuit events

Circuit Service Offering 4th September 2022	(116)	(162)
Circuit Service Offering 5th March 2023	(100)	584
Other events and costs	-	-
Total costs	(216)	422

13 Youth work

Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	-	7,462
Youth events cost	5,316	1,877
Total costs	5,316	9,339

14 Other Expenditure

Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	2,016	3,012
Birmingham Churches Together donation	716	842
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	-	5,400
Kingstanding Kitchen	864	10,000
Training	-	4,175
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	-	3,318
Other	-	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge	75	200
Total costs	3,671	26,947

15 Grants and donations paid

Payments made from Restricted funds	-	3,552
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	5,000	2,000
Total costs	5,000	5,552

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use: Deemed values established 1/9/2015

	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	<u>1,807,941</u>

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
Cost or valuation						
Balance brought forward		1,807,941				1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate				3 Years
Balance brought forward				
Charge for year				
Revaluations				
Less: Disposals				
Transfers between categories				
Balance carried forward				

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements	This year 2023	Last year 2022
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds	6,536	6,826
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	6,536	6,826
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	6,826	7,283
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(290)	(457)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	6,536	6,826

	This year 2023 £	Last year 2022 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	17,813	18,234
Accrued income		
Other debtors and prepayments	6,981	5,353
Total debtors and prepayments	24,794	23,587

19. Analysis of cash at bank		
Bank balance held in CAF Bank	40,757	27,720
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	291,960	374,545
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	19,442	19,367
Total Cash and Bank	352,159	421,632

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors		
Accrued expenses	1,860	1,860
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	37,575	43,917
Other Creditors	2,024	36,161
Total Current Liabilities	41,459	81,938

21. Movement on Loans						
Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-
Repayment due						Totals
Within 12 months	31/08/2024					nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028		nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements**Unrestricted Funds**

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	283,226	362,363	(392,334)			253,254	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	60,689	2,109				62,798	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	19,367	805	(729)			19,442	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	6,826	780	(1,070)			6,536	
Totals	370,108	366,057	(394,133)			342,030	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>							<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
Refugee project	-	-	-	-	-	-	Supporting refugees
Totals	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 342,030

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,149,971

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

Withdrawals were made from the TMCP Funds to replenish amounts paid out of General Funds in respect of Circuit mission work.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
Totals		nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year	Payments to related party in the year	Loans from related party in the year	Loans to related party in the year	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Diaconal Order		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

02 October 2023

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

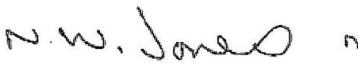
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Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on and were approved.

04 December 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Nickolas Jones

Date

04 December 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.

have not been met; or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature



Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B15 3BH

Date

04 December 2023

Those serving all of 2022/23 and up to 15/09/2023

Rev Nickolas Jones	Mt Grahame Tench
Deacon Marilyn Slowe	Mrs Catherine Ann Cole
Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad	Mrs Amanda Hume
Revd Dr Alan Smithson	Mr Christopher Newson
Revd Dr Jimmy Dube	Mrs Jenny Wilkes
Revd Emily Young	Mr Thomas Clive Williams
Rev Freddy Takavarasha	Mrs Lorna Brown
Revd David Hulme	Mr Steve Buck
Mr Chris Shaw	Ms Yvone Huggins
Mr Martin Waller	Mr Benedict Adams
Mr Nick Riley	Mrs Christine Chick

Mr Peter Cashmore
Miss Deborah Majola

Mr David Allen

Mrs Alison Burland

Mrs Marion Watts

Mr Gerald Peel

Mrs Carole McSheep

Mrs Carolyn Humpherson

Mr Thomas Watts

Miss Imogen Clarke

Mrs Noreen Marshall

Mr John Harden

Mrs Chris Blake

Mr Derek Wright

Mrs Jennifer McGregor

Judith Ann Stephens

Mrs Christine Rossiter

Mt Giles Wheeler

Mrs Michelle Wheeler

Mr John Robbins

Mr David Bowater

Mt Peter Johansen

Mrs Julie Ann Read

Mrs Julie Goascoigne

Mrs Maxine Hay

Mrs Kath Matthews

Mrs Florence O'Connor

Mr Peter White

Mrs Sheila Dennis

Mrs Margaret Henry

Mr Tony Wilkinson

Mr David Andrews

Miss Jenifer Hall

Mr Christopher Seeley

Mr Peter Le Brocq

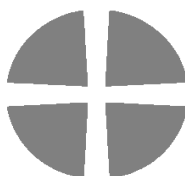
Those joining since 1st September 2022

Mr John Butler	19/11/2022
Mr Kevin Clarke	24/02/2023
Mrs Diana Bosman	09/03/2023
Mr Anthony Brown	18/05/2023
Miss Naomi Jones	19/06/2023
Mrs Jean Youdell	04/09/2023
Rev Stephen Fletcher	07/09/2023

Those leaving since 1st September 2022

Mrs Jean Ham	resigned	19/11/2022
Rev Keith Webster	resigned	24/03/2023
Mr Jonathan Smith	resigned	29/03/2023
Miss Murial Castle	resigned	17/05/2023
Mrs Rachel Williamson	resigned	04/09/2023

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2022

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity Number 1134369

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2022

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside. The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism. Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic resulted in the churches being unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions resulted in church life restarting and as individual confidence returned, the online worship that served so well during the pandemic continues to be used to cover churches where a preacher is not available, enabling the Circuit to as inclusive as possible.

The ministerial team have coped with the challenges of lockdown restrictions, despite the difficulties, and as we emerged this year all meetings needed for circuit life have taken place initially via Zoom but for much of the year in person, enabling us to deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

The forward looking mission document was produced by the CLT the previous year continues to be implemented. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resource. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of Presbyters by one in 2022. During the stationing process after interviewing 3 candidates the Circuit was unsuccessful in appointing a Superintendent for 2022/23 as two Presbyters left the Circuit including the Superintendent who retired. The Circuit have appointed a Superintendent from Birmingham Circuit who will be our Superintendent for 50% of his time and a Presbyter in Birmingham Circuit for the balance of his time. The remaining requirement for a presbyter is being covered by a retired presbyter at 49% employment, the maximum permitted by the Connexion.

The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines, while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection, which cover half of the costs of a minister, who joined the Circuit in September 2020.

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 58% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 17% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 16% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit were £363,281 - approximately 10.6 months cover at the expenditure rate for 2021-22. This corresponds to 13 months cover at 31 August 2021 based on that year's expenditure, an expected reduction of approximately 2.4 months. The CLT will consider how best to use any surplus funds for mission projects, as well as ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs, which are due to decrease significantly next year following the reduction of one presbyter and the renting of two manses. Total funds include designated funds of £60,689, set aside to cover future stipends/employment costs.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 5.5 full time ordained staff. An assessment increase has been requested from the individual Circuit churches, to contribute towards the anticipated increases in stipend costs, District assessment and manse utility costs.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

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 Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 27, Blackwood Road, Tamworth, Staffordshire, B77 1JW

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Malcom Oliver (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Stephen Froggatt

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Marion Watts

Mr John Rutherford

Mr Peter Cashmore

Ms Celiwe Majola

Treasurer

Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes - Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire 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.

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 Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting,

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

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.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to 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 Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term. The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year. Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff. Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

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

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2022	Totals last year 2021
		General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds -	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	23,534				23,534	10,141
Assessments on churches	5	309,180				309,180	312,937
From Monetary investments	6	1,202	435	253	1	1,891	1,099
From Investment properties	6					-	-
Capital Receipts	7					-	-
Grants received	8	14,500				14,500	14,500
Other	8	1,500				1,500	4,000
Total income		349,916	435	253	1	350,605	342,677
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	237,010				237,010	248,671
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11					-	-
District Assessment		65,616				65,616	63,552
Methodist Church Fund						-	-
Circuit Events	12	422				422	1,918
Telephone, travel & administration		25,933				25,933	20,506
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		26,435				26,435	24,794
Maintenance on manse property		14,744				14,744	17,464
Expenditure on investment property		0				-	-
Depreciation		0				-	-
Youth work	13	9,339				9,339	7,254
Other Expenditure	14	26,747	200			26,947	8,494
Grants and Donations	15	2,000			3,552	5,552	-
District Advance Fund levy			1,754			1,754	5,582
Total expenditure		408,246	1,954	0	3,552	413,752	398,235
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(58,330)	(1,519)	253	(3,551)	(63,147)	(55,558)
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17		(458)			(458)	1,130
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation						-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16					-	-
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(58,330)	(1,977)	253	(3,551)	(63,605)	(54,428)
Transfers between funds	23	42,000	(42,000)			-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24					-	-
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24					-	-
Net movement in funds		(16,330)	(43,977)	253	(3,551)	(63,605)	(54,428)
Total funds brought forward		2,107,496	70,170	60,436	3,551	2,241,653	2,296,081
Total funds carried forward		2,091,166	26,193	60,689	0	2,178,048	2,241,653
For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations							
Balance brought forward from last year						0	0
Donations received for External Organisations						0	330
Donations passed to External Organisations						0	(330)
Balance carried forward						0	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2022 £	Totals last year 2021 £
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Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941			1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16				-	-
Investment properties	16				-	-
Investments	17		6,826		6,826	7,284
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	6,826		1,814,767	1,815,225

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	23,587			23,587	24,396
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	27,720			27,720	43,748
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		19,367		19,367	62,886
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	313,856		60,689	374,545	341,467
Total current assets		365,163	19,367	60,689	445,219	472,497

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1yr)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	81,938			81,938	46,069
Total due in under 1yr		81,938			81,938	46,069
Net current assets (liabilities)		283,225	19,367	60,689	363,281	426,428
Total assets less current liabilities		2,091,166	26,193	60,689	2,178,048	2,241,653

Loans and Creditors due after 1 year

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21				-	-
Net assets		2,091,166	26,193	60,689	2,178,048	2,241,653

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,091,166			2,091,166	2,107,496
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		26,193		26,193	70,170
Designated Funds	23			60,689	60,689	60,436
Restricted funds	23				-	3,551
Total Funds	23	2,091,166	26,193	60,689	2,178,048	2,241,653

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. 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.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project	3,551	1	(3,552)		-
					-
Total	3,551	1	(3,552)	-	-

Money was transferred to General fund and then disembursed to some Refugee children the balance is accrued to 2022-23 for further work with Ukrainian Refugees.

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

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. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of 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.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable 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 property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

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

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2022	Last year 2021
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	6,000
Methodist Diaconal Order				-	2,891
Sundry donations				-	1,250
Connexion use of manse for year	17,534			17,534	-
Total	23,534	-	-	23,534	10,141
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	309,180			309,180	312,937
6. Investment income					
Interest and dividends	1,455	435	1	1,891	1,099
Rental income				-	-
Total	1,455	435	1	1,891	1,099
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property				-	-
Connexional Priority Fund Levy				-	-
Selling Agents fees				-	-
Legal fees				-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	14,500
Other					
LEP church contribution	1,500			1,500	4,000
Total (Grants plus Other)	16,000	-	-	16,000	18,500
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				13	9
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				5,507	4,681
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees				1,860	1,680
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

	This year 2022 £	Last year 2021 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	174,359	182,404
Employer's Pension costs	45,859	48,061
Employer's National Insurance costs	15,873	17,291
Apprentice levy	919	915
Total costs	237,010	248,671
Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed	6.0	6.5
Pensions		
Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.		
The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficit on this scheme can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Methodist Church at www.methodist.org.uk £3,320 was prepaid in respect of the Ministers Pension scheme as at 31 August 2022 (£3,821 at 31 August 2021).		
Layworker employees costs		
Gross wages, salaries	-	-
Employer's Pension costs	-	-
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	-
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	-
Total costs	-	-
Average number of lay workers employed	None employed in year	none none
12 Circuit events		
Circuit Service Offering 31st July 2022	(162)	-
Meal following Circuit Service 31st July 2022	584	598
Other events and costs	-	1,320
Total costs	422	1,918
13 Youth work		
Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	7,462	6,873
Youth events cost	1,877	381
Total costs	9,339	7,254
14 Other Expenditure		
Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	3,012	2,160
Birmingham Churches Together donation	842	1,404
Lea Abbey board for Presbyter	5,400	-
Kingstanding Kitchen	10,000	-
Training	4,175	3,515
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	3,318	1,080
Other	-	12
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge	200	323
Total costs	26,947	8,494
15 Grants and donations paid		
Payments made from Restricted funds	3,552	-
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	2,000	-
Total costs	5,552	-

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use:

Deemed values
established 1/9/2015

	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	1,807,941

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
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Cost or valuation

Balance brought forward	1,807,941					1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**	N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate				3 Years
Balance brought forward				
Charge for year				
Revaluations				
Less: Disposals				
Transfers between categories				
Balance carried forward				

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements	This year 2022	Last year 2021
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds,	6,826	7,284
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	6,826	7,284
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	7,284	6,154
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(458)	1,130
Carrying (market) value at end of year	6,826	7,284

	This year 2022 £	Last year 2021 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	18,234	19,589
Other debtors and prepayments	5,353	4,807
Total debtors and prepayments	<u>23,587</u>	<u>24,396</u>

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	27,720	43,748
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	374,545	341,467
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	19,367	62,886
Total Cash and Bank	<u>421,632</u>	<u>448,101</u>

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	1,860	1,700
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	43,917	43,294
Other Creditors	36,161	1,075
Total Current Liabilities	<u>81,938</u>	<u>46,069</u>

21. Movement on Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-

Repayment due

Within 12 months	31/08/2023					Totals nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2024	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	31/08/2027		nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2022 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements**Unrestricted Funds**

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	299,555	349,916	(408,245)	42,000		283,226	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	60,436	253				60,689	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	62,885	435	(1,953)	(42,000)		19,367	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	7,284		(458)			6,826	
Totals	430,160	350,604	(410,656)			370,108	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>						<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
Refugee project	3,551	1		(3,552)	-	Supporting refugees
Totals	3,551	1		(3,552)	-	

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 370,108

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,178,049

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

Withdrawals were made from the TMCP Funds to replenish amounts paid out of General Funds in respect of Circuit mission work.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
	Totals	nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year	Payments to related party in the year	Loans from related party in the year	Loans to related party in the year	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Total		20,500	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Methodist Diaconal Order		2,891	-	-	-	-
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500	-	-	-	-
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000	-	-	-	-
Methodist Property Fund		-	-	-	-	-
Total		23,391	-	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

08 December 2022

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

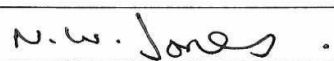
27, Blackwood Road Tamworth, Staffs. B77 1JW

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

08 December 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Nickolas Jones

Date

08 December 2022

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2022

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature



Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH

Date

10/10/2022

Birmingham Sutton Park Circuit - list of Trustees**Appendix A****Those serving all of 2021/22 up to 15/09/2022**

Deacon Marilyn Slowe
Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad
Revd Dr Alan Smithson
Revd Dr Jimmy Dube
Revd Emily Young
Revd Keith Webster

Revd David Hulme
Mrs Marion Watts
Mr Peter Cashmore
Mr Martin Waller

Mr David Allen
Mr Gerald Peel
Mrs Carole McSheen
Mrs Carolyn Humpherson
Mr Tom Watts
Miss Muriel Castle
Mrs Noreen Marshall

Mrs Jean Ham
Mrs Chris Blake
Mr Derek Wright
Mrs Jennifer McGregor
Mrs Judy Stephens
Mrs Christine Rossiter
Mr John Harden

Mr Peter White
Mrs Flo O'Connor
Mrs Alison Burland
Mrs Jenny Wilkes
Mrs Maxine Hay
Mrs Sheila Ellen Dennis
Mrs Lorna Eulalel Brown
Mr Peter Johansen
Miss Deborah Majola

Mr Giles Wheeler
Mrs Michelle Wheeler
Mr John Robbins
Mr David Bowater
Mrs Julie Gascoigne
Mrs Kath Matthews
Mrs Margaret Henry
Mr Tony Wilkinson
Mr David Andrews
Miss Jennifer Hall
Mr Jon Smith
Mr Peter Le Brocq
Mr Grahame Tench

Mrs Anne Cole
Mrs Amanda Hume
Mr Steve Buck
Ms Yvonne Huggins
Mrs Chris Chick
Mr Benedict Adams

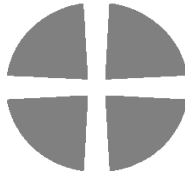
Those joining since 1st September 2021

Rev Nickolas Jones - Appointed 1 September 2022
Rev Freddy YZ Takavarasha - Appointed 11 August 2022
Mr Nick Riley - Appointed 11 September 2021
Mr Chris Shaw - Appointed 9 September 2021
Mrs Joy Willianson - Appointed 9 August 2022
Mrs Julie Ann Read - Appointed 9 August 2022
Mr Thomas Clive Willamson - Appointed 9 August 2022
Mr Christopher Seeley - Appointed 29 March 2022
Miss Imogen Clarke - Appointed 6 December 2021
Mr Christopher Newson - Appointed 3 December 2021

Those leaving since 1st September 2021

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika - Resigned 31st August 2022
Revd Malcolm Oliver - resigned 31st August 2022
Revd Stephen Froggatt - resigned 31st August 2022
Mr John Rutherford - resigned 31st August 2022
Mrs Barbara Albutt resigned 16th October 2021
Mr Tony Cooke resigned 11th February 2022
Rev John Ingon resigned 17th December 2021
Mrs Liz Topliss resigned 11th January 2022
Mr Tony Cooke resigned 11th February 2022

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2021

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04

Registered Charity number 1134369

Birmingham, Sutton Park Circuit 05/04
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 2021

Introduction

The Sutton Park Circuit is part of the wider Methodist Church in Britain. It consists of 13 church buildings (one of which is a Local Ecumenical Partnership) in a 20 mile (approx) circumference from inner-city Birmingham to the north Warwickshire countryside.

The aim of the Circuit is to encourage each Minister and Congregation to work together for the glory of God, living out our four callings of Methodism: Worship, Learning and Caring, Service, and Evangelism.

Our vision statement is 'Living and Growing God's Kingdom'. The Ministerial staff are supported by the Circuit Stewards, and together they form the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT).

Review of the year - 1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

The Circuit continues to focus on its mission goals:

- A. Understand the needs of and value the uniqueness of each community within the Circuit.
- B. Ensure that each person is empowered, encouraged and equipped to enrich their faith.
- C. Continue to encourage the linking of congregations within the Circuit.
- D. Speak out for justice in tangible and measurable ways.
- E. Bring young people to a knowledge and love of Christ.

The restrictions caused by the Covid 19 pandemic continued to impact upon church life throughout the Circuit in the year. The churches were largely unavailable for both worship and serving of their communities in this period. Thankfully, the relaxing of the restrictions means that church life has restarted as individual confidence returns. The online worship that served the Circuit so well in the previous year continues to enable the Circuit to be as inclusive as possible.

The lockdowns meant the two ministers who joined the Circuit in 2020 have had a challenging start to their ministry with us. Indeed, all of the ministerial team have coped with the challenges of lockdown restrictions, and continued to serve the people of our Circuit despite the difficulties. All the meetings needed for Circuit life have taken place via the internet or in person, enabling us to welcome our new ministers, deal with the normal business of the Circuit, and continue to evolve our mission goals.

A forward looking mission document was produced by the CLT. Its aim is to guide us as both a Circuit and as individual churches towards focussing on effective mission and working in new ways that make the most of our strengths and resources. Included in this was the decision to reduce the number of presbyters by one, in 2022. The development of a Hub church and Mission Centres has continued, with the re-organisation needed to adhere to Methodist guidelines while freeing up people to serve their communities in each of the three churches involved.

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. This is supplemented by grants from the Zimbabwe Fellowship and Connection which cover half of the costs of a minister who joined the Circuit in September 2020 as a Minister of another church or conference (MOCC).

Expenditure trends

Of the total General expenditure 57% relates to net staff Stipends costs, which increase annually in line with increases approved by Conference. In addition a further 13% covers associated costs such as travel, telephone, manse utilities, insurance and repairs costs. 16% is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, which is mostly used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. The remaining expenditure covers a variety of costs from regular administration costs to one-off items.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £426,428, of which £3,551 is held in restricted funds - approximately 13 months cover for expenditure based on the current year figures. This is an expected significant decrease over the previous year of 3 months. The CLT will consider how best to use any surplus funds for mission projects, as well as ensuring that there are sufficient resources for general running costs, which are due to decrease slightly next year following the reduction in hours of one minister.

Total funds include designated funds of £60,436, set aside to cover future stipends/employment costs.

Plans for 2021/22

Circuit budgets for next year have been prepared on the basis that there will be six full time and one half-time ordained staff. An assessment increase has been requested from the individual Circuit churches, to contribute towards the anticipated increases in stipend costs, District assessment and manse utility costs.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

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 Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Full Name of Charity: The Methodist Church - Birmingham (Sutton Park) Circuit Trading under the name Sutton Park Methodist Circuit.

Registration Charity Number: 1134369, date of registration 17 February 2010.

Main communication address - 19 Hollyhurst Road, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, B73 6SY

The members of the Sutton Park Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership comprising of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches and the circuit meeting. Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Malcom Oliver (Superintendent)

Rev Alan Smithson

Rev Stephen Froggatt

Rev Jimmy Dube

Rev Emily Young

Deacon Marilyn Slowe

Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad

Circuit Layworkers

None

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Marion Watts

Mr John Rutherford

Miss Naomi Jones

Treasurer

Mr John Rutherford and Mr Martin Waller acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day accounting during the financial year.

Independent Examiner

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - JW Hinks Chartered Accountants, 19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH.

Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church - 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE

CAF Bank Ltd - 25 Kings Hill Avenue, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4JQ

Investment Bankers

The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes - Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ

Trust Registrar

Mr Steve Buck

Aims and organisation

The charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Birmingham City, South Staffordshire, and North Warwickshire 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.

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 Circuit Meeting and the Local Preachers meeting,

Trustee Training

A range of guidance is produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit. All trustees are required to fulfil coherent Safeguarding requirements and conform to GDPR guidelines.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Birmingham District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the Circuit - Blackwood, Boldmere, Erdington, Falcon Lodge, Four Oaks, Kingsbury, Kingstanding, Nechells, Sutton Coldfield, St Chads (LEP), Stockland Green, Streetly and Witton.

Risk Management

Income and expenditure is monitored and compared with the annual budget on an ongoing basis. Most items are as expected, and in line with both the budget and historical figures. The budget is used to determine the main source of income, being the assessments received from the churches, and enables the Charity to anticipate the potential impact of future calls on reserves.

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.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Sutton Park Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people to 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 Circuit's Reserves Policy is to hold sufficient funds to cover anticipated general running costs, to meet any unforeseen item of major expense on manses and be able to continue funding planned activities in the short term.

The General and Unrestricted Funds have decreased during the year.

Funds will continue to be called upon in the foreseeable future, as annual income from church assessments is expected to be insufficient to meet all the costs including those of current ministerial staff.

Consequently the Reserves Policy will be monitored and amended on an annual basis, with a view to using any surplus funds for mission projects as well as ensuring that there are sufficient funds to cover the current needs.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	Unrestricted Funds				Totals this year 2021	Totals last year 2020
		General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated Funds -	Restricted Funds		
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies	4	10,141				10,141	170
Assessments on churches	5	312,937				312,937	298,677
From Monetary investments	6	364	647	83	5	1,099	3,737
From Investment properties	6					-	10,562
Capital Receipts	7					-	544,488
Grants received	8	14,500				14,500	1,200
Other	8	4,000				4,000	4,000
Total income		341,942	647	83	5	342,677	862,834
Expenditure on:							
Ministerial Stipends, NIC & Pension	11	248,671				248,671	192,529
Layworker Salaries, NIC & Pension	11					-	8,567
District Assessment		63,552				63,552	62,640
Methodist Church Fund						-	-
Circuit Events	12	1,918				1,918	2,194
Telephone, travel & administration		20,506				20,506	26,011
Manse Insurance, Council Tax & Water		24,794				24,794	20,262
Maintenance on manse property		17,464				17,464	20,684
Expenditure on investment property		0				-	2,844
Depreciation		0				-	-
Youth work	13	7,254				7,254	9,480
Other Expenditure	14	8,171	323			8,494	15,653
Grants and Donations	15					-	3,500
District Advance Fund levy			5,582			5,582	1,612
Total expenditure		392,330	5,905	0	0	398,235	365,976
Net income before investment gains/(losses)		(50,388)	(5,258)	83	5	(55,558)	496,858
Net Gains/(Losses) on Monetary Investments	17		1,130			1,130	(111)
Net Gains/(Losses) on property revaluation						-	-
Net Gains/(Losses) on property disposals	16	0				-	201,377
Net incoming/(outgoing) before transfers		(50,388)	(4,128)	83	5	(54,428)	698,124
Transfers between funds	23	87,345	(87,345)			-	-
Reclassification of funds - sale proceeds	24	0				-	(544,488)
Reclassification of funds - loan repaid	24	0	0			-	-
Net movement in funds		36,957	(91,473)	83	5	(54,428)	153,636
Total funds brought forward		2,070,539	161,643	60,353	3,546	2,296,081	2,142,445
Total funds carried forward		2,107,496	70,170	60,436	3,551	2,241,653	2,296,081
For information only: money received and passed on to External Organisations							
Balance brought forward from last year						0	0
Donations received for External Organisations		330				330	1,378
Donations passed to External Organisations		(330)				(330)	(1,378)
Balance carried forward						0	0

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

General funds Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted £	Designated funds Unrestricted £	Restricted funds £	Totals this year 2021 £	Totals last year 2020 £
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Notes

Tangible Fixed Assets

Land & Buildings	16	1,807,941			1,807,941	1,807,941
Equipment	16				-	-
Investment properties	16				-	-
Investments	17		7,284		7,284	6,154
Total fixed assets		1,807,941	7,284		1,815,225	1,814,095

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments	18	24,396			24,396	22,397
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	43,748			43,748	10,352
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits	19		62,886		62,886	155,489
Central Finance Board Deposits	19	277,480	60,436	3,551	341,467	346,428
Total current assets		345,624	62,886	60,436	472,497	534,666

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1yr)

Trade creditors and accruals	20	46,069			46,069	52,680
Total due in under 1yr		46,069			46,069	52,680
Net current assets (liabilities)		299,555	62,886	60,436	426,428	481,986
Total assets less current liabilities		2,107,496	70,170	60,436	2,241,653	2,296,081

Loans and Creditors due after 1 year

Provisions for liabilities and charges	21				-	-
Net assets		2,107,496	70,170	60,436	2,241,653	2,296,081

Funds of the Circuit

General funds		2,107,496			2,107,496	2,070,539
Circuit Model Trust Fund	23		70,170		70,170	161,643
Designated Funds	23			60,436	60,436	60,353
Restricted funds	23			3,551	3,551	3,546
Total Funds	23	2,107,496	70,170	60,436	2,241,653	2,296,081

Summary of the Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. 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.

Internal Organisations

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Adjustments	Closing balance
Refugee project	3,546	5	-		3,551
					-
Total	3,546	5	-	-	3,551

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

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. Restricted Funds, which are held for a narrower purpose. Details of each material fund are disclosed in Note 23 of 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.

Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the Trustees are reasonable 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 property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values (with the exception of the manse acquired in 2019 which is shown at the purchase price), of which the land component is deemed to be 50%. This estimate is based on guidance issued by the Methodist Church. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit did not hold any Investment properties during the year.

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

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August, and other prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include assessments received in August from circuit churches relating to next year, accrued expenses and trade creditors.

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				This year 2021	Last year 2020
	£	£	£	£	£
	Unrestricted Designated	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Total	Total
4. Donations and legacies received					
Donations:					
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK	6,000			6,000	-
Methodist Diaconal Order	2,891			2,891	-
Sundry donations	1,250			1,250	20
Refugee project				-	150
Total	10,141	-	-	10,141	170
5. Charitable activities - other					
Assessments on churches	312,937			312,937	298,677
6. Investment income					
Interest and dividends	447	647	5	1,099	3,737
Rental income				-	10,562
Total	447	647	5	1,099	14,299
7. Capital Receipts					
Sale of investment property				-	650,000
Connexional Priority Fund Levy				-	(96,833)
Selling Agents fees				-	(7,500)
Legal fees				-	(1,179)
Total	-	-	-	-	544,488
8. Other trading activities					
Grants received					
Connexional Grant for MOCC Minister	14,500			14,500	1,200
Other					
LEP church contribution	4,000			4,000	4,000
Total (Grants plus Other)	18,500	-	-	18,500	5,200
9. Payment to Trustees					
(A) Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting				nil	nil
(B) Number of trustees who were paid expenses				9	10
The expenses primarily relate to reimbursement for travel, postage and printing costs					
Total amount paid				4,681	8,400
10. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts					
Independent examiner's fees				1,680	1,700
Other accountancy fees				nil	nil

	This year 2021 £	Last year 2020 £
11. Ministerial staff costs		
Gross stipends and benefits in kind	182,404	142,922
Employer's Pension costs	48,061	36,212
Employer's National Insurance costs	17,291	12,657
Apprentice levy	915	738
Total costs	248,671	192,529
Average number of full-time ministerial staff employed	6.5	6.0
Pensions		
Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit pension scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that the Methodist ministers (which term includes presbyters and deacons) are not employees of the church. For simplicity, however, when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions, the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body.		
The Connexion accounts for the MMPS and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts. The MMPS is in deficit but a plan for removal of the deficit has been proposed and is being implemented. Details of the deficit on this scheme can be found in the Annual Report and Accounts of the Methodist Church at www.methodist.org.uk £3,821 was prepaid in respect of the Ministers Pension scheme as at 31 August 2021 (£3,433 at 31 August 2020).		
Layworker employees costs		
Gross wages, salaries	-	4,607
Employer's Pension costs	-	922
Pension scheme debt on withdrawal and deficit arrears	-	2,558
Employer's National Insurance costs	-	-
Apprentice levy and payroll bureau cost	-	480
Total costs	-	8,567
Average number of lay workers employed	None employed in year	1
12 Circuit events		
Mediation support	-	1,470
Christmas day lunch for public	598	291
Other events and costs	1,320	433
Total costs	1,918	2,194
13 Youth work		
Sub-contracted youth worship leaders	6,873	4,577
Youth events cost	381	4,903
Total costs	7,254	9,480
14 Other Expenditure		
Quinquennial inspections for churches and manses	2,160	2,592
Birmingham Churches Together donation	1,404	1,685
Interest on bridging loan	-	1,224
Training	3,515	5,071
Removal costs and allowances for incoming staff	1,080	4,952
Other	12	-
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes Admin charge	323	129
Total costs	8,494	15,653
15 Grants and donations paid		
Payments made from Restricted funds	-	3,500
Paid to individual churches from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes funds	-	-
Paid to individual churches from General funds	-	-
Total costs	-	3,500

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16 Tangible Fixed Assets

The Circuit owns seven manses in active use:

Deemed values
established 1/9/2015

	£
19 Hollyhurst Road B73 6SY	301,381
98 Orphanage Road B24 9HX	244,282
85 Reservoir Road B23 6DH	287,469
12 Upper Clifton Road B73 6BP	33,269 *
98 Walmley Road B76 2QD	234,860
54 Hawthorn Brook Way (aquired in July 2019)	347,000
140B Chester Road B74 2HS	359,680
	1,807,941

*12 Upper Clifton Road is part owned with the Methodist Church World Mission Fund (9.4% Circuit and 90.6% WMF) - only the 9.4% portion is included in these accounts). A previous review determined that none of our sites has land that could be sold off for development.

During the year, the Circuit did not own any properties classified as investment properties.

Property Disposals

Details	Carrying	Sale	Revaluation	Gain/(Loss)
None	-	-	-	-

	Other Land £	Manses £	Investment Buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Assets under construction £	Total £
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Cost or valuation

Balance brought forward		1,807,941				1,807,941
Additions						
Revaluations						
Disposals						
Transfers between categories						
Balance carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

Accumulated depreciation

Basis (SL or RB)**		N/A	N/A	N/A	S/L
Rate					3 Years
Balance brought forward					
Charge for year					
Revaluations					
Less: Disposals					
Transfers between categories					
Balance carried forward					

Net book value

Brought forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941
Carried forward	-	1,807,941	-	-	-	1,807,941

** Indicates the method of depreciation (SL = straight line, RB = reducing balance), and the rate of depreciaton. Straight Line is based on the anticipated life of the asset, and Reducing Balance is based on a percentage deduction made each year.

17 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited monthly. These are regarded as medium and long-term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including legacies, Endowments, and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, by providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements	This year 2021	Last year 2020
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Investments held in common investment funds,	7,284	6,154
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	7,284	6,154
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	6,154	6,265
Additions to investments at cost		
Less disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	1,130	(111)
Carrying (market) value at end of year	7,284	6,154

	This year 2021 £	Last year 2020 £
18. Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid stipends	19,589	17,592
Accrued income		
Other debtors and prepayments	4,807	4,805
Total debtors and prepayments	24,396	22,397

19. Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank	43,748	10,352
Bank balance held in Central Finance Board, London (General,Employment ,Restricted)	341,467	346,428
Bank balance held in TMCP, Manchester	62,886	155,489
Total Cash and Bank	448,101	512,269

20. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	1,700	1,764
Assessments received from churches in respect of next year	43,294	47,748
Other Creditors	1,075	3,168
Total Current Liabilities	46,069	52,680

21. Movement on Loans

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount b/fwd £	New borrowings £	Loan interest £	Repaid in the year £	Balance at year end £
Methodist Chapel Aid	Bridging Loan on manse	-	-	-	-	-

Repayment due

					Totals
Within 12 months	31/08/2022				nil
Between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2023	31/08/2024	31/08/2025	31/08/2026	nil

22. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2021 the Circuit has no capital commitments and no contingent liabilities were identified.

23. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements**Unrestricted Funds**

<u>Fund Name</u>	Opening Balance	Income	Expend- iture	Transfers	Reclass- ification	Closing Balance	<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
General Fund (excl. Assets)	262,598	341,942	(392,330)	87,345		299,555	General Circuit running expenses
Employment Reserve	60,353	83				60,436	To help Circuit employment costs
Circuit Model Trust (Int fund)	155,489	647	(5,905)	(87,345)		62,886	
Circuit Model Trust (Invest't)	6,154	1,355	(225)			7,284	
Totals	484,594	344,027	(398,460)			430,161	

Restricted Funds

<u>Fund Name</u>				<u>Purpose of the fund</u>
Refugee project	3,546	5		Supporting refugees
				-
Totals	3,546	5		3,551

Total of Unrestricted and Restricted funds excluding property 433,712

Property - manses 1,807,941
 Total Funds 2,241,653

Transfers between funds

The reasons for the transfers were as follows:

Withdrawals were made from the TMCP Funds to replenish amounts paid out of General Funds in respect of Circuit mission work or manse repair expenditure.

24. Reclassification of funds

Circuit property is always carried in the General Fund but upon sale the net proceeds are processed through the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This requires an adjustment and any such sales during the year are reflected below at the net sale price.

There were no Bridging loans or property sales during the year

Details	General	CMTF	Designated Restricted	Total
Sale of manse				-

Endowment Funds

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
None				
	Totals	nil	nil	

Related party transactions

FRS102 requires that charities that have one or more related party transactions must disclose:

- the names of the transacting related parties;
- a description of a relationship between the parties;
- a description of the transactions;
- the amounts involved;
- any other elements of the transactions necessary for an understanding of the accounts;
- the amounts due to or from related parties at the balance sheet date and provisions for doubtful debts due from such parties at that date; and
- amounts written off in the period in respect of debts due to or from related parties.

Name of related party	Relationship	Income from related party in the year	Payments to related party in the year	Loans from related party in the year	Loans to related party in the year	Amounts owed by/to related party at year end
		£	£	£	£	£
<u>This year</u>						
Methodist Property Fund						
Methodist Diaconal Order		2,891				
Methodist Connexional Grants Team		14,500				
Methodist Church Zimbabwe Fellowship UK		6,000				
Total		23,391	-	-	-	-
<u>Last year</u>						
Methodist Chapel Aid Ltd			347,000			
Methodist Property Fund						
Total		-	347,000	-	-	-

Note: The circuit churches do collect money for Methodist related projects, which is recorded and sent direct to the Methodist Fund by the circuit-appointed Fund Treasurers. No documents nor money are seen by the Circuit Treasurer and such finance is not included in these circuit accounts.

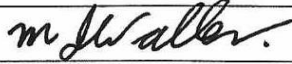
A separate report is issued each year by the Connexional Team.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of Treasurer



Date

03 November 2021

Name

Martin John Waller

Address

27, Blackwood Road Tamworth, Staffs. B77 1JW

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on and were approved.

07 December 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting



MALCOLM OLIVER

Date

07 December 2021

S.D.T. FROGGATT
(Revd)

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Birmingham, Sutton Park Methodist Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31 August

2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is the Independent Examiner's responsibility to:

- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to their attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act.have not been met; or
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name

James Cruse ACA, FCCA, BSc (Econ) Hons - J W Hinks LLP

Signature

J Cruse

Relevant Professional
qualification or body

Chartered Accountants

Address

19 Highfield Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B15 3BH

Date

08/12/2021

Those serving all of 2020/21 to 01/11/2021

Revd Malcolm Oliver
Deacon Marilyn Slowe
Deacon Rachel Thomas-Prasad
Revd Dr Alan Smithson
Revd Stephen Froggatt
Revd John Ingyon
Revd Keith Webster
Revd David Hulme
Mrs Marion Watts
Mr John Rutherford
Mrs Liz Topliss
Mr David Allen
Mr Gerald Peel
Mrs Carole McSheen
Mrs Carolyn Humpherson
Mr Tom Watts
Miss Muriel Castle
Mrs Noreen Marshall
Mrs Jean Ham
Mrs Chris Blake
Mr Derek Wright
Mrs Jennifer McGregor
Mrs Judy Stephens
Mrs Christine Rossiter
Mr Giles Wheeler
Mrs Michelle Wheeler
Mr John Robbins
Mr David Bowater
Mrs Julie Gascoigne
Mrs Kath Matthews
Mrs Sheila Dennis
Mrs Margaret Henry
Mr Tony Wilkinson
Mr David Andrews
Miss Jennifer Hall
Mr Jon Smith
Mr Peter Le Brocq
Mr Grahame Tench
Mrs Anne Cole
Mrs Amanda Hume
Mrs Lorna Brown
Mr Steve Buck
Ms Yvonne Huggins
Mr Martin Waller
Mr Tony Cooke
Mrs Chris Chick
Mr Benedict Adams
Revd Emily Young

Those joining since 1st September 2020

Deacon Irene Tafirenyika - Appointed 1 September 2021
Revd Dr Jimmy Dube - Appointed 5 November 2020
Mr Peter Cashmore - Appointed 26 August 2021
Miss Deborah Majola - Appointed 16 June 2021
Mrs Alison Burland - Appointed 29 April 2021
Mr John Harden - Appointed 16 June 2021
Mr Nick Riley - Appointed 11 September 2021
Mr Chris Shaw - Appointed 9 September 2021
Mr Peter Johansen - Appointed 2 October 2020
Mrs Maxine Hay Appointed 2 October 2020
Mrs Flo O'Connor - Appointed 6 June 2021
Mr Peter White - Appointed 6 June 2021
Mrs Barbara Albutt - Appointed 10 March 2021
Mrs Jenny Wilkes - Appointed 10 March 2021

Those leaving since 1st September 2020

Mr Colin Topliss - Resigned 17 September 2020
Mr Ron Page - Resigned 30 September 2020
Mrs Barbara Albutt - Resigned 20 October 2020
Mr Henry McSheen - Resigned 02 December 2020
Mr Glyn Constantine Resigned 6 Decmber 2020
Mrs Gillian Buck - Resigned 24 March 2021
Mrs Sue Hall - Resigned 6 June 2021
Mr Peter Norton - Resigned 16 June 2021
Mrs Hilary Price - Resigned 01 July 2021
Miss Naomi Jones - Resigned 31 August 2021
Mr Ian Bosman - Resigned 25 August 2021
Mr Jim Hart - Resigned 29 August 2021