



THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS
ACCRUALS BASIS
for the year ended 31 August 2020

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1134370

Beds, Essex and Herts

District

Circuit no

34/13

Ministers

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| Rev Rosemary Fletcher |
| Rev Bruce Anderson |
| Rev Ali Facey |
| Rev Andrew Prout |
| Deacon Linda Kinchenton |

Circuit stewards

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| Mr Peter Barlow from 4.2.20 - senior |
| Mr John Scott - finance |
| Mrs Angela Andrews |
| Mrs Becky Apampa |
| Mrs Louise Bourton to 10.5.20 |
| Mr Guy Fenner |
| Mr John Robinson to 16.1.20 |
| Mr Peter Wallace |

Circuit treasurer

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| Mr John Scott |
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**St Albans and Welwyn Circuit
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

Introduction

We are in the Beds, Essex and Herts District which comprises 12 circuits in those 3 counties. Our circuit is called St. Albans and Welwyn and covers an area of mid-Hertfordshire, and has 10 churches: Hatfield Road and Marlborough Road in St. Albans; Birchwood and Oxlease in Hatfield, Digswell Village, Ludwick Way, Panshanger in the Welwyn area; and St John's Potters Bar, Shenley and Radlett in the Hertsmere area. Three of these churches are part of ecumenical partnerships: Digswell Village Church (with the Church of England), Radlett (with the United Reformed Church) and Panshanger (with the Church of England, the United Reformed Church and Baptist Church).

Mission and organisation

The Mission of the St Albans and Welwyn circuit is to reveal the Kingdom of God through the Methodist people and their ecumenical partners across Central Hertfordshire. We aim through the Holy Spirit in the worship of God, building up the church, making disciples of Jesus Christ and transforming society by working for justice, peace and unity.

Review of the year

As with the rest of the country, we have had the year severely disrupted by the Coronavirus pandemic. Despite this we have held our regular circuit quiet day, our regular study evenings have continued to be run albeit on a more ad hoc basis. Initially in person but in the latter part of the year using Zoom technology. The requirement for suitable safeguarding training continues and some sessions have been run during the year. We continue to hold Circuit services and events to celebrate festivals and enable the provision of a variety of worship styles and to foster a Circuit identity to support our common aims. We have continued to meet this need online as much as possible. Since lockdown the Circuit have produced a weekly service which has been both emailed to members and those linked with the churches as well as being hand delivered or posted to those who do not have internet facilities. An online, audio visual, version of the service has also been prepared and hosted on one of the Circuit churches websites each week. We continue to develop and review church and Circuit growth plans developing further our vision for the future mission of the Circuit as requested by the Methodist Conference. We are grateful to the large amount of support from those in the Circuit who have ensured that we are able to continue to serve our local churches and congregations with the minimum disruption during this difficult period of lockdown and separation.

Income trends

At the time of writing, church attendance is subject to covid 19 restrictions and some tenants are unable to access church premises, both factors affecting income at church level. The circuit is grateful that most churches anticipate maintaining the assessment at last year's levels.

Expenditure trends

Stipends increase each financial year as directed by Conference.

The circuit contribution to District and Connexion to fund the wider work of the Methodist church was 22% of circuit expenditure.

Normal manse maintenance expenditure remained lower than usual as there was limited access due to covid 19 restrictions and no stationing redecoration this year.

Financial balances

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets of the Circuit were £222,547 giving months 9 cover for budgeted expenditure, and meeting the Circuit's reserve policy.

Summary for 2020/21

The 2020/21 budget has been prepared on the basis of 4 full time presbyters, a full time deacon and a part-time administrator, with inflationary cost increases. Assessments from churches have generally been held at 2019/20 levels and we are budgeting for a small deficit.

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity: St Albans and Welwyn Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1134370

Main communication address: 133B Hatfield Road St Albans AL1 4JX

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

Full membership is shown at Appendix A.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Active Circuit Ministers

Rev Rosemary Fletcher
Rev Bruce Anderson
Rev Ali Facey
Rev Andrew Prout
Deacon Linda Kinchenton

Circuit Stewards

Mr Peter Barlow from 4.2.20
Mrs Angela Andrews
Mrs Becky Apampa
Mrs Louise Bourton to 10.5.20
Mr Guy Fenner
Mr John Robinson to 16.1.20
Mr John Scott
Mr Peter Wallace

Administrator

Mr Chris Hancock [interim]

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

Independent Examiner

Newman Morris

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
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St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

organisation

active is to act as a resource provider within the area around St Albans and Welwyn for the Church:

es of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have 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

ation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and ers alike.

ing of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

ing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

ious assemblies in local schools.

of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

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provides public benefit through educational resources available to both church members eral public, supporting circuit staff and churches in providing public worship and the of charitable giving at both circuit and national level.

Governance and Management

ing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) vernance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of ist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit en by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

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

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is part of the Beds Essex & Herts District and is also accountable to the Methodist

ing Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit: Marlborough Road, Hatfield Road, Oxlease, Radlett Free, St Johns Potters Bar, Ludwick Way, Shenley, Digswell and

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

Risk Management

The Circuit Leadership Team and other circuit members raise any risks they have identified with the Circuit Superintendent and /or the Circuit meeting. The risk to properties is covered by insurance .

Income and Expenditure is monitored and is compared with the approved annual budget to identify trends and mitigate any unforeseen call 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.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

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

The St Albans and Welwyn Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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

Reserves Policy

The Circuit policy is to hold a minimum of 6 months' average expenditure, to meet unforeseen major expenditure on manse and to be able to continue, in the short term, the circuit's planned activities in the event of shortfall the assessment from churches.

8 Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

| | Notes to the accounts | Unrestricted funds | CMTF (Unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|--|-----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income and Endowments from: | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 2 | 620 | | 0 | 620 | 100 |
| Charitable activities | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Assessments or share | 3 | 286,020 | | | 286,020 | 294,220 |
| Other | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Other trading activities | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| - Lettings | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| - Miscellaneous | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | 4 | 1,027 | 594 | | 1,621 | 1,318 |
| Other | 5 | | | 39,000 | 39,000 | 9,200 |
| Total | | 287,667 | 594 | 39,000 | 327,261 | 304,838 |
| Expenditure on: | | | | | | |
| Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs | 6 | 147,444 | | 9,000 | 156,444 | 171,923 |
| District Assessment | | 57,168 | | | 57,168 | 56,904 |
| Methodist Church Fund | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Telephone & travel | | 7,225 | | | 7,225 | 10,026 |
| Insurance, utilities, etc | | 19,843 | | | 19,843 | 19,352 |
| Maintenance on manses | | 6,919 | | 30,236 | 37,155 | 8,661 |
| Expenditure on other Circuit property | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Depreciation | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Provisions | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Other Expenditure | | 9,913 | 183 | | 10,096 | 9,171 |
| Grants and Donations | 7 | 15,480 | | | 15,480 | 500 |
| Contributions to District Advance Fund | | | 2,294 | | 2,294 | 2,337 |
| Total | | 263,992 | 2,477 | 39,236 | 305,705 | 278,874 |
| Net income/(expenditure) | | 23,675 | -1,883 | -236 | 21,556 | 25,964 |
| Transfers between funds | 8 | 24,764 | -25,000 | 236 | 0 | 0 |
| | | 48,439 | -26,883 | 0 | 21,556 | 25,964 |
| Other recognised gains / (losses): | | | | | | |
| Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets | | 0 | | | 0 | |
| Gains/(Losses) on investment assets | | | | | 0 | |
| Actuarial gains /(losses) on defined benefit pension schemes | | | | | 0 | |
| Net movement in funds | | 48,439 | -26,883 | 0 | 21,556 | 25,964 |
| Reconciliation of funds: | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 3,846,591 | 91,750 | 0 | 3,938,341 | 3,912,377 |
| Total funds carried forward | | 3,895,030 | 64,867 | 0 | 3,959,897 | 3,938,341 |

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations**Balance brought forward from last year**

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

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| 0 |
| 0 |
| 0 |
| 0 |

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| 0 |
| 212 |
| 212 |
| 0 |

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

| | | Unrestricted | Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | Restricted | Totals this year | Totals last year |
|---|--------------|---------------------|--|-------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Tangible Fixed Assets | | | | | | |
| | Notes | | | | | |
| Land & Buildings | 11 | 3,740,000 | | | 3,740,000 | 3,740,000 |
| Equipment | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Investment properties | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Investments | | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total fixed assets | | 3,740,000 | 0 | 0 | 3,740,000 | 3,740,000 |
| Current Assets | | | | | | |
| Debtors and Prepayments | 12 | 14,192 | | | 14,192 | 13,866 |
| Loans by Circuit | 13 | 0 | | | 0 | 10,250 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | 64,867 | | 64,867 | 91,750 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 173,435 | | | 173,435 | 103,259 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 14 | 8,292 | | | 8,292 | 9,868 |
| Total current assets | | 195,919 | 64,867 | 0 | 260,786 | 228,993 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | 15 | 38,239 | | | 38,239 | 30,652 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | 157,680 | 64,867 | 0 | 222,547 | 198,341 |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | 3,897,680 | 64,867 | 0 | 3,962,547 | 3,938,341 |
| Loans and creditors due after 1 year | | | | | | |
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | 16 | 2,650 | 0 | 0 | 2,650 | 0 |
| Net assets | | 3,895,030 | 64,867 | 0 | 3,959,897 | 3,938,341 |
| Funds of the Circuit | | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | 17 | 3,895,030 | | | 3,895,030 | 3,846,591 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | | 64,867 | | 64,867 | 91,750 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 0 | 0 | - |
| Endowment funds | | | | | - | - |
| Total Funds | | 3,895,030 | 64,867 | - | 3,959,897 | 3,938,341 |

There are no internal organisations that report to the Circuit Meeting.

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

Notes to the Accounts

1 Accounting policies

The Charity's annual report and accounts have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities modified by the revaluation of freehold property.

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 the notes to these accounts.

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

Expenses are 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 resources is considered more likely than not under a legal or constructive obligation.

VAT

The Circuit is not VAT registered. Input VAT is charged with the expense 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 £5,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at estimated 2017 value. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of each building (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 property has been reviewed for impairment. It should be noted that if a manse were to be sold a significant part of the proceeds may have to be paid to other bodies within the wider Methodist church.

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors and accruals

Creditors include sundry expenses and the assessment for the first month's assessment of the following year received in August.

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

2. Donations and legacies

| | Unrestricted | Circuit Model Trust Fund | Restricted | 2020 Total | 2019 Total |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Donations | 620 | 0 | 0 | 620 | 100 |

3. Assessments

| | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--|--|--|----------------|----------------|
| Marlborough Road St Albans | | | | 84,000 | 84,000 |
| Hatfield Road, St Albans | | | | 52,800 | 52,800 |
| Radlett | | | | 16,000 | 16,000 |
| St John's Potters Bar | | | | 65,400 | 65,400 |
| Shenley | | | | 6,840 | 6,840 |
| Birchwood | | | | 3,240 | 3,240 |
| Ludwick Way Welwyn Garden City | | | | 19,200 | 19,200 |
| Oxlease Hatfield | | | | 16,400 | 24,600 |
| Digswell Village [LEP] | | | | 20,400 | 20,400 |
| Panshanger [LEP] | | | | 1,740 | 1,740 |
| | | | | <u>286,020</u> | <u>294,220</u> |

4. Investment income

| | | | | | |
|----------|-------|-----|---|-------|-------|
| Interest | 1,027 | 594 | 0 | 1,621 | 1,318 |
|----------|-------|-----|---|-------|-------|

5. Other income

| | | | | | |
|--|---|---|--------|--------|-------|
| Alterations to Chipmunk Chase manse to assist the de Havilland project | | | | | |
| District grants received | | | 20,000 | 20,000 | 0 |
| De Havilland project contribution | | | 10,000 | 10,000 | 0 |
| District 25% of Deacon's stipend for work on de Havilland project | | | 9,000 | 9,000 | 9,000 |
| District contribution to training costs | | | | 0 | 200 |
| | 0 | 0 | 39,000 | 39,000 | 9,200 |

6. Paid employees

| | | |
|---|------------|------------|
| Gross salaries and benefits in kind | 135,630 | 127,157 |
| Recovery from Methodist Church Fund arising from sick leave | -22,211 | |
| Employer's national insurance cost | 10,139 | 10,656 |
| Pension costs | 32,311 | 32,810 |
| Apprentice levy | 575 | 1,300 |
| Total staff cost | 156,444 | 171,923 |
| Average number of staff | 5.3 | 5.4 |

Administrative assistance is included in employment costs.

7. Grants and donations

| | | |
|---|---------------|------------|
| Grants accrued, not paid at 31.8.20 | | |
| Hatfield Road - a/v equipment | 2,000 | 0 |
| Ludwick Way - new boiler contribution | 3,200 | 0 |
| Panshanger - a/v/screen | 500 | 0 |
| Hatfield Road - family and youth worker £4,000 over 3 years | 4,000 | 0 |
| Shenley - balance of loan written off | 5,780 | 0 |
| Eastern Air Ambulance - in memory of Mrs Ann Huntingford | 0 | 300 |
| Contribution to church training costs | 0 | 100 |
| Contribution to sabbatical costs | 0 | 100 |
| | <u>15,480</u> | <u>500</u> |

8. Transfers between funds

| | Unrestricted | Circuit Model Trust Fund | Restricted | Total | Total |
|---|---------------|--------------------------|------------|----------|----------|
| Transfer to fund manse related expenditure - Standing Order 917 | 25,000 | -25,000 | | 0 | 0 |
| Chipmunk Chase alterations - balance funded by circuit | -236 | | 236 | 0 | 0 |
| | <u>24,764</u> | <u>-25,000</u> | <u>236</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>0</u> |

9. Payment to Trustees

| | | |
|---|---------------|--------------|
| Payments to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting- in relation to administration services, including VAT | 11,257 | 1,397 |
| Number of trustees paid travel expenses and other sundry items | 1 | 1 |
| Total amount paid | <u>11,257</u> | <u>1,397</u> |

10. Fees for examination of the accounts

| | | |
|--|-----|-------|
| Independent examiner's fee for reporting on the accounts | 950 | 1,000 |
| Other fees | NIL | NIL |

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

11 Tangible fixed assets

Manses, at estimated 2017 values

| | 2020 | 2019 |
|-----------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| 41 Cubitts Close, Digswell | 550,000 | 550,000 |
| 9 Allandale, St Albans | 700,000 | 700,000 |
| 16 Gainsborough Avenue, St Albans | 1,000,000 | 1,000,000 |
| 67 Baker Street, Potters Bar | 900,000 | 900,000 |
| 8 Chipmunk Chase, Hatfield | 590,000 | 590,000 |
| | <u>3,740,000</u> | <u>3,740,000</u> |

It should be noted that if a manse were to be sold a significant part of the proceeds may have to be paid to other bodies within the wider Methodist church. During 2019/20 the circuit received a district grant of £20,000 towards the cost of alterations at Chipmunk Chase. This grant may be repayable if the manse is sold. It is considered the alterations will have no material affect of the value of the manse.

12. Current assets

Debtors and prepayments

| | | |
|------------------|--------|--------|
| Prepaid stipends | 14,192 | 13,866 |
|------------------|--------|--------|

13 Loan

| | | |
|--------------------------|----------|---------------|
| Balance at 1.9.19 | 10,250 | 11,250 |
| Repayments in year | -4,470 | -1,000 |
| Loan balance written off | -5,780 | 0 |
| Balance at 31.8.20 | <u>0</u> | <u>10,250</u> |

14. Cash at bank

| | | |
|----------|-------|-------|
| CAF Bank | 8,292 | 9,868 |
|----------|-------|-------|

15. Current liabilities

| | | |
|------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Assessments in advance | 22,120 | 23,040 |
| Grants accrued - due 2020/21 | 7,050 | 0 |
| Other accruals | 9,069 | 7,612 |
| | <u>38,239</u> | <u>30,652</u> |

16. Loans and creditors due after 1 year

| | | |
|---|-------|---|
| Hatfield Road - family and youth worker £4,000 over 3 years | 2,650 | 0 |
|---|-------|---|

17. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

| Unrestricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|--------------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|-------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| General | 3,846,591 | 287,667 | 263,992 | 24,764 | 3,895,030 | General circuit purposes |
| Circuit model trust fund | 91,750 | 594 | 2,477 | -25,000 | 64,867 | Unrestricted |
| Totals | <u>3,938,341</u> | <u>288,261</u> | <u>266,469</u> | <u>-236</u> | <u>3,959,897</u> | |

Restricted Funds

| Restricted Fund Name | Opening Balance | Income | Expenditure | Transfers | Closing Balance | Purpose of the fund |
|----------------------|-----------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|---------------------|
| District grants | 0 | 39,000 | 39,236 | 236 | 0 | See note 5 |

18. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The circuit has no capital commitments or contingent liabilities except as disclosed in the accounts

19 Related party transactions

Related party transactions are as disclosed in the accounts and notes.

The circuit also pays Hatfield Road MC £ 1,000 per year for the use of an office

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

Appendix A

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

MINISTERS

Revd Rosemary Fletcher
Revd Alison Facey
Revd Andrew Prout
Revd Bruce Anderson
Deacon Linda Kinchenton

ASSOCIATE MINISTERS

Revd Sue Stilwell
Revd Hayley Young

SUPERNUMERARY MINISTERS

Revd John Churcher
Revd Peter Hudson
Revd David Mullins
Revd Colin Rowe

LAYWORKERS

None

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

| | |
|----------------|-------------|
| Peter Barlow | from 4.2.20 |
| John Scott | |
| Angela Andrews | |
| Becky Apampa | |
| Louise Bourton | to 10.5.20 |
| Guy Fenner | |
| John Robinson | to 16.1.20 |
| Peter Wallace | |

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Stuart Johnson
Chris Hancock

Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator

Steve Matthews

Circuit Manses

Roger Wright

Mission and outreach representative

Helen Roberts

Methodist Women in Britain Secretary / Easter Offering

Jean Blight

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Birchwood Methodist Church

Brenda Collins
Valerie Chapman
Doris Crabtree

Digswell Village Church

Diana Holt
Mike Peacock
Jane Lewis

Hatfield Road Methodist Church

Denise Willingham
Eric Bridgstock
Joanna Rose

Chris Hancock

Ludwick Way Methodist Church

Tony Stubbs
Helen Roberts
Bob Cameron
Vince Gilbert

Marlborough Road Methodist Church

Jenny Evers
Carl Meredith
Jean Blight
Ann Scorer
Mike Scorer
Janis Gilbert

Oxlease Methodist Church

Hazel Laming
Pretty Nkiwane
Addy Olubajo

Panshanger Church

Louise Bowman
Stuart Johnson

Radlett Free Church

Diana Johnston
Tony Ostler
Shirley Herbert

St John's Methodist Church

Chris Humphreys
Robert Ward
David Best
David Bowler
Myra Sloper

Shenley Methodist Church

Yvonne Perry
Honey-Anne Greco
Tonino Greco
Louise Bourton

Journey Light

Chris Hancock

Name of Circuit St Albans and Welwyn No 34/13

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurerJ Scott Date 2 March 2021

Name and address of treasurer : John Scott
26 College Street, St Albans AL3 4PN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 2 March 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meetingA Prout

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev'd A Prout Date 2 March 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

St Albans and Welwyn Circuit

Charity Number: 1134370

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the St Albans and Welwyn Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 13. As the Circuit trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

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Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

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

the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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

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

Signature of independent examinerC S Morris

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