

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134382

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-18

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Religious and Community Activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Leicestershire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£225,677	£238,695	-	-
2024-08-31	£515,902	£215,477	£1,177,765	5
2023-08-31	£227,833	£288,085	-	-
2022-08-31	£243,907	£259,088	-	-
2021-08-31	£240,572	£270,318	-	-
2020-08-31	£235,674	£254,158	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ALAN KEITH WARE		2023-03-06
ANN JONES		2017-09-01
ARTHUR KENNETH BENNETT		2015-03-17
Adrian David Stone		2022-09-01
CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG		2011-12-22
CHRISTOPHER GEOFFREY BALL		2021-03-09
Chris Webb		2014-09-01
Colin Charles Haddon		2023-03-06
Deborah WATTS		2012-11-19
Dr Nigel Scarborough FRCGP		2012-12-23
Elizabeth Joy Ware		2022-09-01
JUDITH COOKE		
Jennifer Jane Birkby		2022-09-01
LINDA JEAN HALLAM		2014-12-09
MR PETE WHITE		
MR WILL TAYLOR		
MRS ANNE HADDON		2011-12-22
Malcolm Arthur Lapper		2017-09-01
Mandy Prosser		2017-09-14
Margaret Merrill		2017-09-01
Margaret Ruth Robinson		2023-03-06
Marie Elizabeth Mason		2022-09-01
Matthew David Robinson		2022-09-01
Mrs Val Freestone		2016-09-01
PAULINE WARD		
RODERICK HOLYLAND		2012-12-23
Rachel Ann Cobb		2019-09-17

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Edward Sakwe		2025-09-01
Rev MICHAEL ANDREW LOMAX		2023-09-01
Rev Stephen Andrew Hoggar		2021-09-01
Richard Charles Smith		2019-09-19
Sarah Pither		2019-09-19
Sheila Mary Grice		2015-09-01
Susan Ann Cooper		2019-09-19
Victoria Louise Bland		2022-03-06

Accounts

The Methodist Church



Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit ***23/11***
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REPORTS TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

16th October 2025
7.30 PM

At Newbold Verdon Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

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Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Andrew Lomax	Superintendent Minister
Rev Patricia Mukorombindo	Minister
Rev Steve Hoggar	Supernumerary Minister
Mr Adrian Stone	Senior Circuit Steward Steward responsible for finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rosemary Bradburn	Circuit Steward
Mrs Helen Copley	Steward responsible for Manses
Mr Charles Davies	Circuit Steward
Mrs Sheila Grice	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Lay Pastor
Mr Colin Haddon	Local Lay Pastor

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
TMCP

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of nine Methodist Churches in the following localities: Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton.



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by two full time presbyters, who are aided by a Supernumerary Minister, four Local Lay Pastors, and nine active Local Preachers.

During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in three administrative and three missional posts.

Administrator (part time)

Finance Officer (part-time)

Caretaker (Earl Shilton) (part-time)

Children and Families Community Worker(s) (part time)

CAMEO Café Manager (part time)

CAMEO Cafe Assistant Manager (part time)

Ministers are supported by the Circuit Stewards and Lay Workers by a Line Manager or Support Group

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers & Supernumerary

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Children and Families Community Worker

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

A mission focused church outward and forward facing.

Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.

Encouraging a wide use of our premises

Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.

Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number of suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit

In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are carol services, messy church and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.

Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services, and to the wider community through Messy Church, Parents and Tots groups, and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Our missional worker is active through a number of local initiatives including Community Choir, Baby Basics, Puppet Ministry and school assemblies.

Eight churches provide opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, warm hubs, craft groups etc. Four of our churches support adults in the community through initiatives such as Foodbank and Warm Spaces, providing opportunities for adults to meet in a warm, safe environment to share activities or a free meal.

Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times. A number of our smaller village churches hold Flower Festivals and Harvest Festivals open to visitors. Stoke Golding Methodist Church opened the CAMEO Café in May 2023 which provides a much needed meeting place and community hub for the residents of Stoke Golding and the surrounding area.

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Achievements and performance Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT



It is pleasing to report that Rev Andrew Lomax had a fruitful Sabbatical. Already many of us will have heard about Andrew & Liz's time on Iona and walking Saint Cuthbert's Way from Melrose to Lindisfarne. There are also the local liturgies which have been written and shared. If you haven't please ask Andrew there are plenty of photographs! Can I say thank you to all those people who took on extra responsibilities during Andrew's Sabbatical, it is greatly appreciated.

In July we said farewell to Rev Patricia Mukorombindo and her husband Peter as they move to continue their ministry in Worcester.



We are delighted to welcome to the Circuit the Rev Edward Sakwe and his wife Esther. They come to us from Leeds and Edward previously served in Cannock Chase and Leicester North Circuits.

We have, as a Circuit, been very grateful to our ecumenical friends at Hinckley Baptist Church who have allowed us to rent their manse, whilst we have undertaken a refit on our manse in Kirfield Drive. The Baptist Manse is actually 13 doors away and whilst Edward & Easter have not been able to settle into their home yet, they have already met and befriended many of the neighbours.

It has been incredibly beneficial to rejuvenate our manse. This has included a walk-in shower, moving the boiler and installing new radiators, updating the kitchen and some furnishings, plus a complete decoration. Whilst the professionals have been brought in, I am very grateful for the support and help of Charles Davies and Liz Lomax in overseeing this project and mucking in with some "lovely" odd jobs. I also have to say thank you for those across the Circuit who have turned up to garden and clean. These are the little things which make a massive difference.



I am pleased to report that we are close to completing the sale of Sharnford Chapel. Whilst sad that we have had to vacate the building it is good to know worship will continue there. I wanted to record my personal thanks to Cyril Fennell for all the work he has done here in overseeing the sale of these premises. It has not been easy, the numerous questions asked by many parties involved have taken hours of his time, and the whole legal process completely tested his patience. Thank you Cyril.



Finally, as many of you will know, Chris Bacon is retiring. Chris has been our Circuit Administrator for 10 years. We are very grateful to Chris for all the work she has done for us. Chris is the one who answers all the difficult questions, finds out the way we should do things and most importantly "keeps us safe, and keeps us legal". Chris always bring colour to the most mundane messages, smiles at you even when you ask the same question on how to do something every year, and when we needed the circuit finances sorting, said yes I will learn how to do that. Chris will be greatly missed. Personally, and from the Circuit, a huge thank you for all you have done.

As I write this report, interviews for Chris's replacement are taking place and more news will be shared at the Circuit Meeting.

Adrian Stone

Senior Circuit Steward

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT

A successful Diversity Banquet was held on Saturday 8th February at Burbage. 50 tickets were initially printed, but more had to be printed as these were snapped up. Each church represented provided an item of entertainment based on the theme of celebrating diversity. Many thanks to the volunteers at Burbage who worked so hard

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

DATA PROTECTION REPORT

The Circuit and all of our churches submitted their 2025 data review to the Northampton District within the deadline.

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

On Trial

Karen Berry is continuing with her training under the guidance of Rev Steve Hoggar, the Circuit tutor. Reports to the Local Preachers meetings on two of Karen's services, one at Hinckley and one at Newbold Verdon, were very positive and recorded how Karen continues to develop as a local preacher.

Returning Local Preachers

Mike Holt has returned to the Preaching Plan for appointments at Barwell.

The Circuit Preaching Plan

The Preaching Plan is now based on the Connexional Year rather than the calendar year. To make the transition there was a two moth "quarter" consisting of July and August.

Worship planning meetings need to take place in time for plan requests to be made before the following dates: 3rd October 2025, 2nd January 2026, 3rd April 2026, 3rd July 2026 etc.

Once again, we thank Colin Haddon for preparing the quarterly Circuit Preaching Plan and the Rev. Stephen Hoggar for continuing to provide support by leading services around the circuit.

Keith Ware

Local Preachers Secretary

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY REPORT

Sept 2024 – May 2025

Claire continued to work hard around the circuit until she left in May to start her journey with God as a Methodist Minister.

Baby Basics – This has continued to be a blessing to our community and circuit.



The numbers of referrals have been increasing and have actually tripled since we started in 2022. We are thankful for a lovely team of hard working volunteers that help each week. We were well supported by Morrisons who have had collections for us. Claire and Rachel went the Baby Basics

Conference in London in May – which was great. Since May, Baby Basics has continued to be run by Rachel and a small team of volunteers, with referrals taken by the children and families team.

Puppet Ministry – Over Christmas the puppets did 6 performances – Newbold Verdon nativity service, Friday family fun at Sapcote, Burbage Messy Church, Stoke Golding Messy Church, Barwell Lunch Club, Hinckley Christingle. A new team member joined us and we did an Easter performance at Barwell Lunch Club.



Community Choir – This goes from strength to strength – Claire worked hard behind the scenes doing all the admin and was able to come along to join in when she was able to. The choir did “Sing Christmas with the Choir” which was a wonderful event and raised over £200 for Save the Children. They sang at Hinckley Anniversary coffee morning and has a Summer Concert dedicated to Ruth Peach which raised over £873 for Rainbows Hospice. There are over 50 members.



Messy Church – Claire supported and helped at Stoke Golding Messy Church each month. There were around 25-30 children that came along and more people have got involved to help. It is such a blessing to the Community.

Schools work – Claire and team built up a good relationship with Burbage Junior School and started doing assemblies there – which went well.

Kingdom Builders – Claire helped at the start of this in setting it up alongside the team – she was able to go along and help – there were about 10 children that started to attend.



Out of the Box – Claire used this in services at Sapcote and Burbage which went very well. A training session for this happened in November and this was really helpful.

Claire helped out and help organise Barwell Lunch Club in the holidays, visited The Ark at Earl Shilton, organised Hinckley Christingle Service and much more – we wish her every blessing in her new calling.

Rachel Cobb

Children & Families Line Manager

Children and Families Team Update: May to September 2025

Orientation and Introductions

Before our job officially started we observed Barwell children and families lunch club in April . Then on the 1st May, we helped at Sapcote church with their Friday Family Fun.



We attended church services around the Circuit, meeting with anyone who organises any children or families' groups. We then arranged to go to all of their groups.

We introduced ourselves to Churches Together in Earl Shilton and to Martin Castle, the vicar at St. Simon and St. Jude, Earl Shilton. Martin is about to appoint a Children and Families Worker and is happy for us to work together with projects in the town.

In May we both led Barwell Lunch Club it and organised their next one in August.

In July and August we attended the Earl Shilton Picnic in the Park and Shilton by the Sea events to promote Kingdom Builders, our monthly outreach of learning about the bible using Lego.

We went to Newbold Church and found out that their children's work is done ecumenically with St. James Church, so we introduced ourselves to the vicar, Rev. Jonny Gordon and his wife Katie, observed their Stay and Play and helped with their Messy Church on 13th July.

Helen did the children's talk at a children's Baptism in June.

We have forged links with Burbage Stay and Play and Messy Church, going into those groups and doing a Sunday service in August.

We are booked in to observe Earl Shilton family hub 'Little Caterpillars Stay and Play on October 13th and are still forging links with other non-church led family groups and uniformed organisations across the circuit.

Sapcote Holiday Club

Under the shade of a beautiful tree by the Parish Church in Sapcote, we chatted to parents picking up their children to promote the children's Holiday Club.

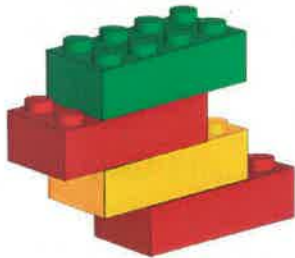
We planned, created resources and ran a successful children's "Kingdom Builders" Holiday Club, ecumenically with Sapcote Methodist Church and Sapcote Parish Church in August. 47 children attended and we had to stop taking applications as it became fully booked! Fifteen adults helped over the week, from both churches. It was hectic, fun and everyone seemed to have a great time learning about, and experiencing, God's love.

The final Service, on the Sunday morning, was full to capacity, with parents and children sitting on the floor as that was the only space left!

We learned some lessons to take forward to future Holiday Clubs.

Four other churches, potentially, would like us to run Holiday Clubs with them next Summer, 2026: Burbage, Stoke Golding, Newbold and Sapcote.

Kingdom Builders



Sapcote have extended their Holiday Club with a monthly “Kingdom Builders”, which starts on September 22nd, led by Karen.

The “Kingdom Builders” in Earl Shilton is continuing on a monthly basis with Karen and Helen, and both are talking to children, young people and families, weekly, at The ARK.

Schools and Church Ministry

Karen is starting to connect schools and Churches, with Assemblies booked at Sapcote and Sharnford, with Burbage schools to be invited next, using her Puppet Ministry, as well as taking them into Churches to lead their services.

Helen is helping at Stoke Golding’s monthly Messy Church and Youth Cafe. The latter fortnightly. She has been in contact with their local P.C.S.O. and he is keen to drop in when he is able to. Helen is meeting with P.C.S.O Nikos on 7th November to discuss his possible future contact with the Youth Café, including a session regarding Anti Knife Crime.

There are two Church services booked in, forging links with the local community. There is Burbage service on the 28th September, with Karen working with Burbage Stay and Play on Monday 22nd, and Messy Church on Friday 26th, inviting families at both to come on the Sunday, and going into Uniformed Groups at Hinckley Church, on Tuesday 30th September, inviting children to come to the service on the 5th October.

Wider Community

Both Helen and Karen continue to help and support “Barwell Family Lunch Club” during school holidays. They also have a meeting at Earl Shilton Family Hub on 13th October.

Looking Forward

Karen is beginning to focus more on Preschool children and Helen is feeling directed towards, unfamiliar territory, working with young people.

Helen has also been accepted as a volunteer at this years “3Generate” at the N.E.C. in October.

We realise that there is a real need for a “Stay and Play” and a Youth Group in Earl Shilton, so are trying to work through the possibilities and meeting with individual Churches, to try and see what is available. Helen has had meetings with Earl Shilton Baptist Church, Street Pastors and will be meeting Rev Martin Castle, from the Parish Church, on 24th September. She has already spoken to the Methodist Church. Helens local Police contacts have said that they will try and support a Youth Group when they are able to. These aren’t going to happen very quickly, especially as both projects will need venues, funding, helpers etc. We want them both to be ecumenical too.

Training and Support

We have both got training booked for “First Aid at Work” on 2nd October, and Karen has “Food Hygiene” training coming up. We both have our Group Support meeting booked on 25th September, and Helens’ District Supervision session, on 6th October. Karen is still waiting to organise this with her Supervisor. Helen has a “Lay Orientation Training Day” on 29th September, Karen is booking this once a suitable date is available. Helen is also doing online “New to Reflective Supervision - Essential skills for first time supervisees” on 14th October.

We also have a meeting with Rev Kim Shorley and Rev Andrew re SHARE, in September.

We have assisted with Baby Basics.

Karen Berry and Helen Copley

Children & Families Team

SAFEGUARDING REPORT



The Creating Safer Space Foundation module has been delivered by Colin Haddon and me this summer, again using the newly updated material. We are also able to host sessions for the Advanced module locally. Please note that training needs to be undertaken every 4 years. If you or someone you know do need to attend either the Foundation or Advanced module please inform the Circuit Office so that you will receive invites as dates become available. Alternatively you can book onto courses yourself using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/neil-hutchinson-learning-and-development-officer-86574095023> . If you need help booking or have any queries please contact me directly.

We would like to remind you that it is Methodist policy that renewals of DBS checks should be carried out every 5 years, unless as a result of a role change, a higher level of check is required, in which case a new DBS check must be sought, usually by approaching your church safeguarding lead.

Colin and I have recently attended the District Safeguarding Day in Banbury. Two new training offerings were discussed. The first is a Safer Recruitment workshop, with a DBS update, which can be offered locally, and also a workshop aimed at improving our ability to conduct Risk Assessments. More to follow as this year progresses.

Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding.html>

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough
Circuit Safeguarding Lead
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Email nigelscarborough@hotmail.com

MANSE REPORT

Full Manse inspections were undertaken and a programme of works discussed by the Circuit Stewards.

Holly Lane

Main bathroom – shower rail and curtain

Cavity wall insulation checked

Kitchen cupboard edging replaced, kitchen retiled & new blind.

New boiler & radiators replaced

New ensuite shower unit installed

Kirfield Drive

Existing boiler moved to garage.

New radiator in downstairs WC & study.

Extractor fan and hood installed

New cooker

Kitchen cupboards refurbished

Tiling in kitchen where required

Damaged worktop replaced

Walk-in shower & new vanity unit installed

Windows reviewed & replaced where necessary

New carpets in lounge & bedroom 2

Other carpets cleaned throughout

Hall cupboards updated

2 rear steps installed

5 new window blinds

Loft hatch repaired

General maintenance undertaken



PROPERTY REPORT

Sharnford

We have full permission from Connexion for the sale of the Chapel and Lease of the Burial Ground. The sale is in the hands of solicitors and is hoped to be completed in the next few weeks. Many thanks to Cyril Fennell for taking the lead in this process.

Stapleton

The circuit trustees agreed to the sale of Stapleton Chapel at the Circuit Meeting on 3rd April 2025. Many thanks to Neil Cooper for taking the lead in this process.

Financial Review 2025

General Summary

The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c of the Circuit Reserves Policy. The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds including Methodist Homes for the Aged. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities. Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding and donations. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds. This funding may come from local businesses and community organisations, local government, the wider Methodist Church, or private donations. Children and Families projects have been funded by grants this year from local community organisations. The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist Church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

The Circuit has provided grants for heating costs to Churches from local funds.

We make provision for our property maintenance programme in the annual budget. £8K was set aside this financial year, with £8K budgeted for the 25/26 financial year. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet.

Christine Bacon

Circuit Finance Officer

September 2025

Signed



Date

16th Oct 2025

Circuit Accounts (short form)

Hinckley Methodist Circuit Short form accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025

INCOME

Donations & Legacies	£
Connexional Funds	5210
Youth & Families Ministry	1991
Private donations	275
TOTAL	7476

Income from monetary investments

CFB Interest	6020
TMCP interest	16630
Trust interest	115
TOTAL	22765

Assessments on Churches (2023/24)

Barwell/Stapleton	27600
Burbage	26500
Earl Shilton	19700
Higham	3800
Hinckley	41000
Newbold Verdon	21800
Sapcote	23200
Stoke Golding	5700
Stoney Stanton	2475

TOTAL 171775

Fy25 Ass pd Aug 24 35900

Fy26 Ass. pd Aug 25 -34000

FY25 actual assessment 173675

Grants Received

DAF Youth Worker grant	0
Families Ministry	0
TOTAL	0

Other Income

Office Income	307
Salary ES & SG	22018
Sharnford insurance premium	1216
Circuit Service	0
Sundry	120
TOTAL	23661

INCOME TOTAL 225677

EXPENDITURE

Grants and Donations	£
Connexional Funds	10120
Grants	369
TOTAL	10489

Salaries & Assoc. costs

Stipends & assoc costs	85472
Stipend adjustment**	-374
Salaries & assoc costs	54347
Apprenticeship levy	579
TOTAL	140024

** Sept stipends are paid in August

Property

Council Tax/Water/Ins	10852
Service contracts/Maint	4269
Sharnford/Stapleton insurance	1359
TOTAL	16480

Office Expenses

Photocopier costs	562
Postage/Stationery	297
Phone/B'band	476
Website	650
Equipment Hire	1038
sundry	614
Professional fees	768
Office heat and light	0
memb tickets & Conf	278

TOTAL 4683

District Assessment 37714

Other Outgoings

Local Pastor expenses	1355
preaching	300
youth & families ministry	3077
travel (ministers)	2178
P&S	252
telephone (ministers)	1112
misc	367
Training	107
Ministers Sundry	0
travel (volunteers)	200
TOTAL	8948

TMCP levies 19860

EXPENDITURE TOTAL 238572

Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

	Resale value		
	1st Sept 2024	1st Sept 2025	
Manses*			
Kirfield drive	325K	300K	
Holly Lane	270K	290K	
TOTAL	595K	590K	Loss in resale value =(5K)
Sharnford chapel/grounds**	75K	75K	Loss in resale value = 0

*The value of Kirfield Drive and Holly Lane manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2025, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from rightmove.co.uk.

**From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property.

Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	18056	36209	40121	-11420	2724
CFB General (Deposit)	149012	172778	178591	12720	155919
CFB Manse (Deposit)***	1340	59	0	-1300	99
TOTAL	168408	209046	218712	0	158742
Restricted Funds	27832	7476	10257	-20336	4715
Reserve					44750
Available balance of general funds					109277
 TMCP funds	 365618	 16630	 19860		 362388
Reserve					-99618
Available Funds					262770
Endowment Funds	2367	120	123		2364

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
(charity registration number 1134382)

Financial Report

for the year ending 31st August 2025

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

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

	Notes to the account s	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2024-25 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A				7,476	120	7,596
2 Income from monetary investments	B	6,135	16,630				22,765
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	163,775		8,000			171,775
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income	D	23,661					23,661
8 Total income		193,571	16,630	8,000	7,476	120	225,797
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	E	369			10,120		10,489
10 Salaries and associated costs	F	140,398					140,398
11 Property maintenance	G	12,211		4,269			16,480
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			19,860				19,860
13 District Assessment & Levy		37,714					37,714
14 Depreciation		-					0
15 Office expenses	H	4,683					4,683
16 Other outgoings	I	8,811			137	123	9,071
17 Total charitable expenditure		204,186	19,860	4,269	10,257	123	238,695
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		5,000					-5,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-15,615	-3,230	3,731	-2,781	-3	-17,898
21 Transfers between funds		20,336		-	20,336		0
22 Assessments received in advance		1,900					1,900
23 Sept Stipend pd in advance		374					374
23 Net movement in funds		6,995	-3,230	3,731	-23,117	-3	-15,624
24 Total funds brought forward		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765
25 Total funds carried forward		787,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	1,162,141

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,000			6,082		31,082
2 Income from monetary investments		6,222	7,262	67		2	13,553
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		176,650					176,650
5 Capital Receipts			266,252				266,252
6 Grants received					1,000		1,000
7 Other charitable income		27,365					27,365
8 Total income		235,237	273,514	67	7,082	2	515,902
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		860			377		1,237
10 Salaries and associated costs		129,222					129,222
11 Property maintenance		25,783					25,783
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy		38,988	2,639				41,627
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		5,568					5,568
16 Other outgoings		12,040					12,040
17 Total charitable expenditure		212,461	2,639	0	377	0	215,477
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		360,000					-360,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-337,224	270,875	67	6,705	2	-59,575
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance		350					350
23 Other gains/(losses)		126					126
24 Net movement in funds		-336,748	270,875	67	6,705	2	-59,099
25 Total funds brought forward		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864
26 Total funds carried forward		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765

Name of Circuit
Hinckley

Circuit No
23/11

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	590,000					590,000	595,000
Shamford Chapel		75,000					75,000	75,000
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		665,000	0	0	0	0	665,000	670,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept. Stipends pd in advance)	BS2	7,377					7,377	7,002
Loans by the Circuit							0	0
Investments with TMCP			362,388			2,634	365,022	368,255
Central Finance Board Deposits		146,562		5,071	4,385		156,018	150,352
Cash at Bank and in hand		2,394			330		2,724	18,056
Total current assets	BS3	156,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	531,141	543,665
Current liabilities								
Assesments recd in advance	BS4	34,000					34,000	35,900
Grants payable within one year							0	
Total current liabilities		34,000	0	0	0	0	34,000	35,900
Net current assets/liabilities		122,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	497,141	507,765
Total assets less current liabilities		787,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	1,162,141	1,177,765
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after one year							0	0
Loans to the Circuit							0	0
							0	0
Net assets	BS5	787,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	1,162,141	1,177,765
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		787,333					787,333	780,338
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			362,388				362,388	365,618
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				5,071			5,071	1,340
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,154,792	1,147,296
Restricted Funds					4,715		4,715	27,832
Endowment Funds						2,634	2,634	2,637
Total Funds		787,333	362,388	5,071	4,715	2,634	1,162,141	1,177,765

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2025, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are reflected in the SOFA as "restricted funds" because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £5000.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2025, based on a fair resale value using property prices from *rightmove.com*. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and realisable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,G below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

CAMEO: Community Cafe operated by Stoke Golding Methodist Church

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

EIW: Early Intervention Worker

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2025

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
A Donations & Legacies	£	E Grants and Donations	£
Connexional Funds	5210	Connexional Funds	10120
Youth & Families Ministry	1991	Grants	369
Private donations	275	TOTAL	10489
TOTAL	7476	F Salaries & Assoc. costs	
B Income from monetary investments		Stipends & assoc costs	85472
CFB Interest	6020	Stipend adjustment**	-374
TMCP interest	16630	Salaries & assoc costs	54347
Trust interest	115	Apprenticeship levy	579
TOTAL	22765	TOTAL	140024
C Assessments on Churches (2023/24)		** Sept stipends are paid in August	
Barwell/Stapleton	27600	G Property	
Burbage	26500	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10852
Earl Shilton	19700	Service contracts/Maint	4269
Higham	3800	Sharnford/Stapleton insurance	1359
Hinckley	41000	TOTAL	16480
Newbold Verdon	21800	H Office Expenses	
Sapcote	23200	Photocopier costs	562
Stoke Golding	5700	Postage/Stationery	297
Stoney Stanton	2475	Phone/B'band	476
		Website	650
		Equipment Hire	1038
TOTAL	171775	undry	614
Fy25 Ass pd Aug 24	35900	Professional fees	768
Fy26 Ass.pd Aug 25	-34000	Office heat and light	0
(see note BS4)	173675	memb tickets & Conf	278
Grants Received		TOTAL	4683
DAF Youth Worker grant	0	District Assessment	37714
Families Ministry	0	I Other Outgoings	
TOTAL	0	Local Pastor expenses	1355
D Other Income		preaching	300
Office Income	307	youth & families ministry	3077
Salary ES & SG	22018	travel (ministers)	2178
Sharnford insurance premiur	1216	P&S	252
Circuit Service	0	telephone (ministers)	1112
Sundry	120	misc	367
TOTAL	23661	Training	107
		Ministers Sundry	0
		travel (volunteers)	200
		TOTAL	8948
		TMCP levies	19860
INCOME TOTAL	225677	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	238572

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

	Resale value	
	1st Sept 2024	1st Sept 2025
Manses*		
Kirfield drive	325K	300K
Holly Lane	270K	290K
TOTAL	595K	590K
		Loss in resale value =(5K)
Sharnford chapel/grounds** 75K		75K
		Loss in resale value = 0

*The value of Kirfield Drive and Holly Lane manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2025, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from

**From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and realisable value.

BS2 **Stipends** were paid to 2 full time Presbyters throughout the year. Ministers stipends are paid one month in advance, September stipend is paid in August

BS3 Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	18056	36209	40121	-11420	2724
CFB General (Deposit)	149012	172778	178591	12720	155919
CFB Manse (Deposit)***	1340	59	0	-1300	99
TOTAL	168408	209046	218712	0	158742
Restricted Funds	27832	7476	10257	-20336	-4715
Reserve					-44750
Available balance of general funds					109277

***Manse Funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for regular manse maintenance expenses

TMCP funds	365618	16630	19860		362388
Reserve****					-266000
Available Funds					96388
Endowment Funds	2367	120	123		2364

**** Funds from manse sale earmarked in the reserves policy to upgrade remaining manses to meet the needs of the Circuit and incumbent Ministers for at least the next 10 years

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 9 Churches over 10 sites and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st December. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. Local donations are received for community projects. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants and donations remaining as of 31st August 2025

Name of Circuit Hinckley..... No...23/11.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date...16/10/25

Name and address of treasurer Adam Stone c/o Circuit office
SAPCOTE METHODIST CHURCH
WELDON LANE, SAPCOTE, WTCO Post Code.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th October 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev A. Lamer Date 16-10-25

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

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 7. As 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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit ...Hinckley..... No 23/11.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; 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/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

I report on the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit charity number 1134382, for the year ended 31st August 2025.

Respective responsibilities of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and the examiner.

As members of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of 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 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 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.



David Briscoe, ACMA CGMA.

AIMS Accountants For Business

11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1LQ.

Date: 11th February 2026.

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Independent examiner's statement.

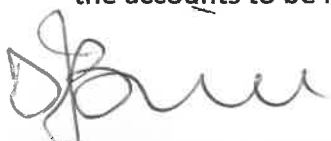
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David Briscoe, ACMA CGMA.

AIMS Accountants For Business

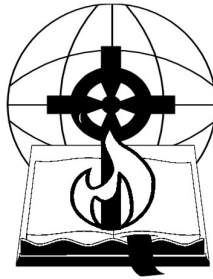
11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1LQ.

Date: 11th February 2026.

Accounts

The **Methodist** Church

Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit ***23/11***
www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk



TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

of

17th September 2024

**held at Earl Shilton
Methodist Church**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Andrew Lomax	Superintendent Minister
Rev Patricia Mukorombindo	Minister
Rev Steve Hoggar	Supernumerary Minister
Mr Adrian Stone	Senior Circuit Steward Steward responsible for finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mr Neville Spark	Circuit Steward (to November 2023)
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mr Michael Holt	Circuit Steward, Manse Steward
Mrs Rosemary Bradburn	Circuit Steward
Mrs Sheila Grice	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Lay Pastor
Mr Colin Haddon	Local Lay Pastor

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of nine Methodist Churches in the following localities: Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Stapleton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton. Stapleton Methodist Church ceased to be a Society in August 2023, with membership transferring to Barwell.



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by two full time presbyters, who are aided by a Supernumerary Minister, four Local Lay Pastors, and ten active Local Preachers. During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in two administrative and three missional posts.

Administrator (part time)

Finance Officer (part-time)

Children and Families Community Worker (part time)

CAMEO Café Manager (part time)

CAMEO Cafe Assistant Manager (part time)

Ministers are supported by the Circuit Stewards and Lay Workers by a Line Manager or Support Group

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers & Supernumerary

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Children and Families Community Worker

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

A mission focused church outward and forward facing.

Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.

Encouraging a wide use of our premises

Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.

Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number of suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit



In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are carol services, prayer breakfasts and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.

Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services, and to the wider community through Messy Church, Parents and Tots groups, and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Our missional worker is active through a number of local initiatives including Community Choir, Baby Basics, Puppet Ministry and school assemblies.



Eight churches provide opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, mens breakfast, craft groups etc. Four of our churches support adults in the community through initiatives such as Foodbank and Warm Spaces, providing opportunities for adults to meet in a warm, safe environment to share activities or a free meal.

Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times. A number of our smaller village churches hold Flower Festivals and Harvest Festivals open to visitors. Stoke Golding Methodist Church opened the CAMEO Café in May 2023 which provides a much needed meeting place and community hub for the residents of Stoke Golding and the surrounding area.

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

Since my report to the March Circuit Meeting, I am pleased to advise that we have had two further well attended circuit services. Thank you to all those involved in these.

In the April service the Rev Kim Shorley focused us on FEAST (Friends Exploring And Sharing Together). There was also a follow up session led by Kim on the Thursday after the service to which 21 people from the Circuit attended. It would be good to hear of how these discussions in the different churches have progressed. Please do share these with Chris Bacon in the Circuit Office in order that we can learn together and encourage each other.

I need to advise the Circuit Meeting that we have incurred a fine of £400 for copyright infringement on the Circuit website. This is very disappointing, particularly considering how little the website is used. The fine was challenged, however the image on there was licensed for which no fee had been paid. The image has now been removed. As Circuit representatives please can I ask you to advise those in your church involved in websites, Facebook and social media to ensure images used have the necessary permissions and any licences paid for. The best course of action here is to use your own photographs.

Finally on a positive note a reminder of the Circuit Service on Sunday 29th September at 10.30am at Hinckley. At this service Rev Sonia Hicks will preach. We are looking forward to welcoming Sonia to the Circuit on her fourth week in role as the Chair of the Northampton District. Sonia is also a former President of the Methodist Conference. We hope for a large turnout from all our churches and encourage people to arrive early. At Hinckley we are very fortunate to have a lift available for access to the balcony.

Adrian Stone
Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

New Fully Accredited Local Preacher

The Accreditation Service for Jennifer Baker was held at the circuit service at Earl Shilton on 30th June. The service was led by Superintendent Minister Andrew Lomax. The Local Preachers Secretary presented a New English Bible to Jennifer and welcomed her as a Fully Accredited Local Preacher. He then read to the congregation the letter from the President of Conference to Jennifer.

On Note / On Trial

The Local Preachers Meeting on 5th June 2024 agreed that Karen Berry should be moved from 'On Note' to 'On Trial' and will be assigned her own preaching dates from July onward. Karen will continue to complete her training modules and the frustrations caused by a shortage of local tutors should be eased now that Rev Steve Hoggar has volunteered to be the Circuit Tutor.

Retiring Local Preacher

In September Gwen Coley will lead her last planned service, which is at Hinckley, after which she is retiring as a Local Preacher. Gwen has been a Local Preacher since 1969 – that's **55 years** of service to God and to the church. We thank Gwen for her long and devoted service as a Local Preacher.

Readers

Pam Weston is now included on the Quarterly Plan.

The Plan

Once again, we thank Colin Haddon for preparing the quarterly Circuit Preaching Plan.

The Rev. Stephen Hoggar continues to provide support by leading services around the circuit.

Circuit Service

The Circuit Service at Hinckley on 29th September will be attended by the Chair of the District, Rev. Dr. Sonia Hicks

Keith Ware

Local Preachers Secretary

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY REPORT

There has been lots to be thankful to God for in the last few months, it has been a blessed and busy time.

PUPPET MINISTRY

The puppets have been resting over the last few months, they were part of The Ark on Sunday worship on 23rd June, which was good fun. The puppets are already booked up for Christmas, we will be at Friday Family Fun at Sapcote, Nativity Service at Newbold Verdon, Messy Church at Burbage and Christingle at Hinckley. Over the next few months, we will be rehearsing for these worship services.



If you know anyone who would like to be involved in the puppet ministry, please do contact me as one of our team has gone to university and will be missed by the team.

TOTS & TOYS – HINCKLEY

This toddler group continues to be well attended and I go along when I can it continues to be a good outreach into the community.

BABY BASICS- HINCKLEY



It has been a busy time with lots of referrals from our community health visitors and midwives

For those of you who are not aware this is a Christian charity and part of the Baby Basics UK, and their vision for helping struggling families comes from Matthew 25 v37-40.

We are continuing to support families in Hinckley and the surrounding areas. We have received many generous donations from the community which includes toys, books, toiletries and baby clothes and we are very grateful for those who donate to us regularly whether that is cash donations or those who knit hats and cardigans.

We appreciate the space at Hinckley Methodist church to be able to store all our donations.

A big thanks goes to all our volunteers who come along on a Tuesday morning to help with referrals and sort donations.

SCHOOLS WORK

I will be working with Burbage Infant and Junior schools starting in September, please pray as we build new relationships with the schools.

HINCKLEY ALL AGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

The choir held their annual evening of music which was very successful we raised £600 which was split between Hinckley Foodbank and the choir. The choir has around 50 members who attend on a regular basis. This is a friendly group and sing just for fun, no fee to pay, coffee and refreshments are provided afterwards.



MESSY CHURCH

Messy church at Stoke Golding continues to grow and continues to be a great outreach into the community. Lego church has become part of the evening at Messy church specifically aimed at the older children and it has been a big hit, and their creations are amazing!

BARWELL LUNCH CLUB

This is a lunch club that runs during the school holidays and is aimed at families. It is well attended and consists of a bible story, crafts, activities and games for the children to enjoy. With lunch for everyone.

PRAYER BREAKFASTS

These are to pray for the work that I do around the circuit and in our communities, it is also a good way to find out what I am doing.

We enjoy breakfast provided by the Church hosting the Prayer Breakfast, I then share what God is doing in our circuit, and we spend a short time in prayer.

Please keep an eye out for the date of the next prayer breakfast, it would be great to see you there.

OUTOFTHEBOX

This is a way of telling stories, very similar to Godly Play, not all of the stories are Christian based, these are used to explore community and personal wellbeing. As a storyteller we create brave relational space to breathe, trust, feel, wonder, play and love. The stories can be used in a variety of settings, schools, workplaces, community groups, chaplaincy and in faith communities.

I introduced this to a group who attended the Ignite morning, where we had wonderful conversations around the community and faith. I also recently used it in worship at Sapcote Methodist church. I will be running some taster sessions over the coming months, for those who are curious about Outofthebox. Please contact me if this is something you would be interested in or if you have a group that you think may enjoy reflecting in this way.

LEGO CHURCH

This is an exciting new outreach project starting in October and will be held at Earl Shilton Methodist church. We have been given a grant from the District for this wonderful project to enable us to buy Lego and all that we need to set up this project. If anybody would like to find out more or be involved in this project which will be running once a month. Please do get in touch.

As I approach my last year working with the circuit, I would like to thank everyone who has supported me. It has been a challenging year with concerns over my sons health, juggling studying and working. With prayer and support I have finished my second year at college, in September I will be entering into my last and final year at college. Please pray for myself and my family as we enter a new and exciting phase in our lives.

I pray for the circuit as it makes decisions about the future of the role of Children and Families Community Worker, I pray that the great outreach and groups will continue to be a blessing to the circuit.

Every blessing

Claire x

Children and Families Community Worker

hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

We have continued to deliver the Creating Safer Space Foundation module locally in collaboration with the neighbouring circuits. Thanks again for Colin Haddon for organising and leading this training locally. We have also recently hosted a day of the Advanced module training. The requirement is that training is undertaken every 4 years. We will be running further sessions so if you do need to attend either the Foundation or Advanced module please inform Chris at the Circuit Office so that you will receive invites as dates become available.

We also held a successful Circuit Safeguarding meeting and shared ways of making safeguarding in our circuit more effective.

We would like to remind you that it is Methodist policy that renewals of DBS checks should be carried out every 5 years, unless as a result of a role change, a higher level of check is required, in which case a new DBS check must be sought, usually by approaching your church safeguarding lead.

I will be continuing to attend the District updates for circuit safeguarding leads so will pass on any relevant updates as needed. Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding.html>

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough
Circuit Safeguarding Lead
nigelscarborough@hotmail.com



MANSE REPORT

Burbage -Westminster Drive

Following significant work to bring the Manse up to the required standard, to achieve the best possible price, the property went on the market via Castles Estates in late March. Within two weeks there were four viewings, two of which resulted in offers being made. The initial offers were rejected and one of the potential buyers made a further offer of £390,500. This offer was accepted by the Circuit Leadership Team and also the Methodist Church Legal team.

Our Solicitors issued contracts and received confirmation that the funds were available, and the completion of the sale took place on July 5th.

The costs of sale including a recovery of the additional spend by the Circuit to do all the required work came to £15,413.75 leaving £375,086.25. As you may be aware the Methodist Church places a levy on all such property sales in this case £126,034.50, leaving a figure of £249,051.75 available to the Circuit. These funds have now been received.

Michael Holt

Circuit Manse Secretary

Barwell -Holly Lane

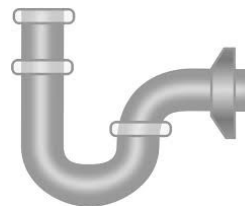
This manse had a major upgrade in August 2023 and is now in good order apart from a couple of outstanding items from the August 2023 quinquennial; some pointing up to the brickwork and a double-glazing unit in the kitchen needs replacing. The kitchen units were refurbished in October 2023. The dining room radiator and the temperature stats in some rooms were replaced in December 2023.



The Gas Safe inspection was carried out in November 2023, and the alarm contract is up to date.

Hinckley -Kirfield Drive

This Manse is generally in good repair. The damaged floor covering in the kitchen and utility area has been replaced. A new doorbell and key safe have also been fitted. A leak in the bathroom has been fixed and the decoration made good. A new extractor fan has been fitted in the bathroom along with some minor plumbing items. Three kitchen cupboard doors have been replaced.



The Gas Safe inspection was carried out in September 2023, and the alarm contract is up to date.

Christine Bacon, Circuit Administrator

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT

The Circuit provided in-house mandatory training throughout the year for both Circuit and Church officers. The training was based on the Equality Diversity and Inclusion Training Module prepared by the Methodist Connexion. 36 people attended the training, with a further 16 people completing the module online.



Christine Bacon
Circuit Administrator

Financial Review 2024

General Summary



The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c of the Circuit Reserves Policy. The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment.

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities.

Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding and donations. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds. This funding may come from local businesses and community organisations, local government, the wider Methodist Church, or private donations.

Children and Families projects have been funded by grants from the Circuit and the Northampton Methodist District, donations from local community organisations, and donations from a circuit service.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance. The Circuit has sold one of its manses in this connexional year, with 67% of the net proceeds of sale received by the Circuit into the Model Trust Fund (33% levied by the Connexional Priority Fund).



The Circuit has provided grants to Churches from local funds for heating costs and missional projects

We make provision for our property maintenance programme in the annual budget. £5K was set aside this financial year, with £8K budgeted for the 24/25 financial year. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet.

Lucy Lowe

Circuit Finance Officer

September 2024

Circuit Reserves Policy (3 months reserve)

March 2024

1. Mission Policy

The Circuit Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and is published on the Circuit web site www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Essentially, it provides for:

- a. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 9 local churches in the circuit.
- b. The support of a ministry team of 2 full time Presbyterian Ministers with the support of 4 (unpaid) Local Lay Pastors, part-time Circuit Administrator and Finance Officer, and a part-time Child and Families Community Worker.
- c. The maintenance of 2 circuit manses

2. Financial Plans

- The circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c.
- The Children and Families Community Worker post (1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025) is funded by Circuit general funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £4,500 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund. Project costs are met by donations from Methodist, local and national funding bodies.
- We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £5000. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet

- The Circuit general funds at year end Aug 2023 were as follows
 - Unrestricted general fund £124,609 (excludes Circuit Model Trust Fund)
 - Restricted fund £21,127
- Under standing orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the upkeep of manses. The total cost for last year was £178,064 including the salaries and related costs of the lay workers. The total expenditure for the circuit including payments to the District and Connexion, grants and other general expenditure was £288,085
- The Circuit Model Trust Fund at year end Aug 2023 was £94,743. This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

3. Reserves Policy

The charities commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

- Our policy is to hold at least 3 months expenditure relating to the Minister, Manses and lay worker direct costs. Based on last year's accounts this equals $£178,064/4=£44,516$. Due to the loss of a full time lay worker in September 2022, which has reduced lay worker costs by 28K from the previous financial year, a more realistic reserve would be £37,516.

- Our policy is to hold funds to meet commitments to Lay Workers (Mission Staff) on Fixed Term Contracts. There is currently one post meeting this criterion:

Post	Contract end date	Financial Commitment
Children and Families Community Worker	31/12/2025	9,600
Total commitment to fixed term mission projects		9,600

- We are required therefore to hold $37,516 + 9,600 = £47,116$. Funds held in the general account satisfy this criterion, with £41,243 remaining (as of 31st Aug 23).
- Money held at year end 31st Aug 23 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund has been earmarked by the trustees for the following purposes:
- £13,000 to cover the direct costs of employing Child & Families Community Worker.
 - The remaining £80,120 (as of 31st Aug 23) is held in reserve pending the decision of the Circuit Meeting.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL REPORT

For the year ending 31st August 2024

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 17th September 2024

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			6,082		31,082
2 Income from monetary investments	B	6,222	7,262	67		2	13,553
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	176,650					176,650
5 Capital Receipts	D		266,252				266,252
6 Grants received	E				1,000		1,000
7 Other charitable income	F	27,365					27,365
8 Total income		235,237	273,514	67	7,082	2	515,902
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	G	860			377		1,237
10 Salaries and associated costs	H	129,222					129,222
11 Property maintenance	J	25,783					25,783
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy	K	38,988	2,639				41,627
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	L	5,568					5,568
16 Other outgoings	M	12,040					12,040
17 Total charitable expenditure		212,461	2,639	0	377	0	215,477
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		360,000					-360,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-337,224	270,875	67	6,705	2	-59,575
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance		350					350
23 Sept stipends pd in advance		126					126
23 Net movement in funds		-336,748	270,875	67	6,705	2	-59,099
24 Total funds brought forward		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864
25 Total funds carried forward		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765

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

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	25,000			8,046		33,046
2 Income from monetary investments	4,759	3,000	43			7,802
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	173,425					173,425
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received				800		800
7 Other charitable income	8,760			4,000		12,760
8 Total income	211,944	3,000	43	12,846	-	227,833
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	31,904	2,500		6,116		40,520
10 Salaries and associated costs	146,265			7,689		153,954
11 Property maintenance	24,110					24,110
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		2,424				2,424
13 District Assessment & Levy	41,335					41,335
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	4,134					4,134
16 Other outgoings	10,218	276		11,112	2	21,608
17 Total charitable expenditure	257,966	5,200	0	24,917	2	288,085
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	140,000					140,000
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	80,000					-80,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)	13,978	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	-252
21 Transfers between funds						0
22 Assessments recd in advance	9,175					9,175
23 Sept Stipends pd in advance	874					-874
23 Net movement in funds	22,279	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	8,049
24 Total funds brought forward	1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815
25 Total funds carried forward	1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023/24	Totals 2022/23
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	595,000					595,000	890,000
Investment properties		75,000					75,000	140,000
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		670,000	0	0	0	0	670,000	1,030,000
Current Assets								
Debtors(sept stipends paid in adv)	BS2	7,002					7,002	6,876
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			365,618			2,637	368,255	97,378
Central Finance Board Deposits		128,676		1,340	20,336		150,352	133,260
Cash at Bank and in hand		10,560			7,496		18,056	5,600
Total current assets	BS3	146,238	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	543,665	243,114
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in adv	BS4	35,900					35,900	36,250
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		35,900	0	0	0	0	35,900	36,250
Net current assets/liabilities		110,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	507,765	206,864
Total assets less current liabilities		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765	1,236,864
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765	1,236,864
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		780,338					780,338	1,117,086
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			365,618				365,618	94,743
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5			1,340			1,340	1,273
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,147,296	1,213,102
Restricted Funds	BS6				27,832		27,832	21,127
Endowment Funds						2,637	2,637	2,635
Total Funds		780,338	365,618	1,340	27,832	2,637	1,177,765	1,236,864

Signed

C. Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2024, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

viii

EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix

GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x

VAT

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

xi

TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2024, based on a fair resale value using property prices from **rightmove.com**. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial.

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xii(a)

MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b)

INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,G below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

CAMEO: Community Cafe operated by Stoke Golding Methodist Church

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

EIW: Early Intervention Worker

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2024

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
A Donations & Legacies	£	G Grants and Donations	£
Connexional Funds	5342	Connexional Funds	377
Youth & Families Ministry	740	Grants	860
Private donations	25000	TOTAL	1237
TOTAL	31082	H Salaries & Assoc. costs	
B Income from monetary investments		Stipends & assoc costs	83081
CFB Interest	6157	Stipend adjustment**	126
TMCP interest	7264	Salaries & assoc costs	45616
Trust interest	132	Apprenticeship levy	525
TOTAL	13553	TOTAL	129348
C Assessments on Churches (2023/24)		** Sept stipends are paid in August	
Barwell/Stapleton	28100	J Property	
Burbage	26500	Council Tax/Water/Ins	11068
Earl Shilton	19550	Service contracts/Maint	12968
Higham	3800	Sharnford/westminster special	1747
Hinckley	42050	TOTAL	25783
Newbold Verdon	21425	L Office Expenses	
Sapcote	22825	Photocopier costs	488
Sharnford	0	Postage/Stationery	439
Stoke Golding	9100	Phone/B'band	401
Stoney Stanton	3300	Website	95
TOTAL	176650	Equipment Hire	1386
Fy24 Ass pd Aug 23	36250	sundry	972
Fy25 Ass.pd Aug 24	-35900	Professional fees	792
(see note BS4)	177000	Office heat and light	544
E Grants Received		membership tickets	451
DAF Youth Worker grant	0	TOTAL	5568
Families Ministry	1000	K District Assessment	38988
TOTAL	1000	M Other Outgoings	
F Other Income		Local Pastor expenses	1063
Office Income	1130	preaching	0
Salary Contributions(CAMEO)	15039	youth & families ministry	3249
Property recompence Westm	9540	travel (ministers)	1593
Circuit Service	200	P&S	70
Sundry	1456	telephone (ministers)	963
TOTAL	27365	misc	495
D Refund of Pension Reserve Fu	17200	Training	1007
D Sale of Manse (TMCP)	249052	Ministers Sundry	1807
		Streaming Costs	1719
		travel (volunteers)	74
		TOTAL	12040
		TMCP levies	2639
INCOME TOTAL	249650	EXPENDITURE TOTAL	215477

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

	Resale value			
Manses*	1st Sept 2023	1st Sept 2023		
Westminster Dr	350K	SOLD		
Kirfield drive	270K	325K		
Holly Lane	270K	270K		
TOTAL	890K	595K	Loss in resale value =	295K
Sharnford chapel/grounds**	140K	75K	Loss in resale value =	65K

*The value of Kirfield Drive and Holly Lane manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2024, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from zoopla.co.uk. Westminster Drive is no longer a fixed asset as was sold July 2024.

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BS2 Stipends were paid to 2 full time Presbyters throughout the year. Stipends are paid one month in advance, September stipend is paid in August

BS3 Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	5600	79340	-44125	-22760	18056
CFB General (Deposit)	131987	162979	-168714	22760	149012
CFB Manse (Deposit)***	1273	67	0		1340
TOTAL	138860	242386	-212839	0	168408
Restricted Funds	-21127	7082	-377		-27832
Reserve					-47116
Available balance of general funds					93460

***Manse Funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses

TMCP funds	94743	399548	-128673		365618
Reserve					-13000
Available Funds					352618
Endowment Funds	2635	2			2637

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 9 Churches over 10 sites and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses.

BS6 The circuit employs lay staff involved in Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in H above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st December. The Circuit pays all staff at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £1000 was received towards set up costs of the Kingdom Builders project. Local donations are received for community projects. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants and donations remaining as of 31st August 2024. Refunds have been offered to donors in respect of EIW grants held from the previous FY. A decision on the reallocation of the remaining EIW funds will be taken by the Trustees in FY 24/25.

Name of Circuit Hinckley..... No...23/11.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 20xx have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer C. Bacon..... Date...2/4/25.....

Name and address of treasurer ...Mrs Christine Bacon, 4 Cleveland Road, Hinckley, Leics..... Post Code LE10 0AJ.....

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17th September 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting A. Lomax.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Rev A. Lomax..... Date 2/4/25.....

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

I report on the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit charity number 1134382, for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and the examiner.

As members of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirements of section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) do not apply.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of 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 2011 Act; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 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.



David Briscoe, ACMA CGMA.

AIMS Accountants For Business

11 De Montfort Road, Hinckley, Leicestershire, LE10 1LQ.

Date: 12th February 2025.

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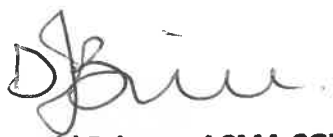
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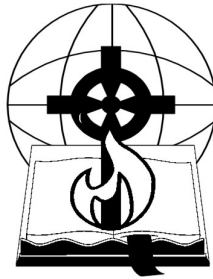
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Date: 12th February 2025.

Accounts

The **Methodist** Church

Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit ***23/11***
www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk



**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
CIRCUIT MEETING**

of

12th October 2023

held at Hinckley Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Dr Timothy Woolley	Superintendent Minister
Rev David Haseldine	Minister
Rev Patricia Mukorombindo	Minister
Mrs Sheila Grice	Senior Circuit Steward (Sept – Feb) Local Lay Pastor (March – Aug)
Mr William Taylor	Senior Circuit Steward (March – Aug) Steward responsible for Finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mr Neville Spark	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mr Michael Holt	Circuit Steward, Manse Steward
Mr Adrian Stone	Circuit Steward
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Lay Pastor
Mr Colin Haddon	Local Lay Pastor Way Ahead Champion

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of nine Methodist Churches in the following localities: Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stapleton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton. Sharnford Methodist Church ceased to be a Society in February 2023, with members now attending Sapcote Methodist Church or St. Helens, Sharnford.



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by two full time and one part time presbyters, who are aided by four Local Lay Pastors, and ten active Local Preachers.

During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in two administrative and two missional posts.

Administrator (part time)

Finance Officer (part-time, appointed July 2023)

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader (full time)

Children and Families Community Worker (part time)

In May 2023 the Circuit employed a Manager and Assistant Manager for the CAMEO café in Stoke Golding Church.

Ministers are supported by the Circuit Stewards and Lay Workers by a Line Manager or Support Group

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader

Children and Families Community Worker

Way Ahead Champion

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

- A mission focused church outward and forward facing.
- Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.
- Encouraging a wide use of our premises
- Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.
- Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number of suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit



In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are carol services, prayer breakfasts and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.

Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services, and to the wider community through Messy Church and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Our missional workers are active on Social Media and through a number of local initiatives including Community Choir, Baby Basics, refugee support, school assemblies and youth support groups in schools and the community.

The Circuit places an emphasis on youth work in the towns and villages served by our churches, employing a full time Youth and Communities Worker to plan and oversee youth work and outreach work amongst young people in the community. The Youth Team comprising a full time employed Youth and Communities Work Team Leader and volunteers works closely with local schools, Barwell and Earl Shilton Street Pastors, and the Northampton Methodist District.



Youth work includes information and advice to young people on issues such as drug and alcohol dependency, partnering with local schools and other local support agencies.



Eight churches provide opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, mens breakfast, craft groups, lunch clubs etc. Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times. A number of our smaller village churches have held Flower Festivals and Harvest Festivals open to visitors. Stoke Golding Methodist Church opened the CAMEO Café in May 2023 which provides a much needed meeting place and community hub for the residents of Stoke Golding and the surrounding area.

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

The last six months have seen many changes for our Circuit. At the end of July we said goodbye to Reverends Tim and Dave and families at a joint farewell service in Burbage, and a month later we welcomed Reverend Andrew and his



family at a Circuit service in Barwell. Both events were well attended and an opportunity for the Circuit to come together and give thanks to God, as we reflected on how He has guided us in recent years and look forward to His provision for the road ahead.

Chris Newlyn, our Youth & Communities Leader, has responded to God's call in his life to enter a Youth Custody role in the Prison & Probation service, relocating at the end of September. We will miss Chris greatly and are hugely appreciative of his time spent in the Circuit, with everything that he has helped us to achieve over the years, but know that his gifts of encouragement, innovation, compassion and energy will stand him in good stead for his very worthy calling. We wish him all the best and know that our loss will be the Probation service's gain.

At our meeting last Autumn a proposal was made for the Circuit to employ a part time Financial Officer, to have responsibility for the Circuit's bookkeeping and accounts, giving Chris Bacon more time to devote to administrative support. Our prayers have been answered, and in June Lucy Lowe was appointed to the role, working in the Circuit office on Wednesday mornings. We thank Lucy for taking on this important job and support her as a member of the hard-working office team.



We are also pleased to welcome Rosemary Bradburn to the Circuit Steward's team, replacing me as I stand down. Adrian Stone is officially taking over as Senior Circuit Steward, although I fully acknowledge that he has already been carrying out many of the tasks involved in this role. I am immensely grateful to him and the Circuit Leadership Team as a whole for the way in which they have

rallied round to support me at a challenging time due to a family health issue, bearing the weight of added responsibility to help me at this time. I must also offer thanks to Adrian for agreeing to take on the Circuit budget going forward – this is a challenging but important part of the running of our Circuit, and I know that he will be more than up to the task!



There have been many reasons to rejoice in recent months. The CAMEO Café at Stoke Golding is providing a friendly space for people to meet, and the exciting hall refurbishment project at Earl Shilton has now begun. Churches are continuing to consider the Way Ahead and reaching out to their communities in a variety of ways. Seeds are being sown, and I believe that we are already seeing fruit. Initiatives such as the Community Choir and Puppet Ministry are bringing people together who may not normally enter a church building. There are challenges – there are always challenges – but these can be the way in which God moves us forward.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the Circuit for your continuing support and prayers for me and my family. It has been a privilege to serve as Circuit Steward and I look forward to seeing what God has in store for our Circuit in the years ahead.

6th September 2023

Will Taylor
Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

Circuit Tutor

Dr. Miriam Gill and Reverend Kathryn Cook from the Leicester Trinity circuit have been appointed as joint Local Preaching Tutors for the Hinckley circuit. They have taken on the role now that the previous circuit tutor, Rev. Dave Haseldine, has left the circuit. We give thanks to Rev. Dave for the immense amount of work he undertook as circuit tutor. Dr. Gill and Rev. Cook will tutor Jennifer Baker, who is On Trial. It has not yet been decided whether Karen Berry, who is On Note, will join the District Tutor Group or be tutored by Dr. Gill and Rev. Cook.

The Plan

Our thanks to Colin Haddon who puts together the Circuit Preaching Plan for each quarter. During the July to September quarter supernumerary minister Rev Stephen Hoggar filled six appointments on the plan. His contribution is greatly appreciated, especially during the change from three ministers to two ministers in the circuit.

Readers

We send our condolences to Pat Fisher on the death of her husband Andrew. Pat will not be leading any more services during 2023.

We welcome Charles Davies back onto the Plan now he has recovered from his surgery.

Keith Ware

Local Preachers Secretary

Children and Families Ministry report

Once again it has been a blessed and busy time. There have been so many opportunities for mission and outreach within our communities and churches.

MESSY CHURCH continues to run in Burbage, Stoke Golding and working ecumenically with churches in Newbold Verdon.

Stoke Golding – This continues to be busy and thriving within the community of Stoke Golding

HINCKLEY ALL AGE COMMUNITY CHOIR



Since opening in September after the summer we have had 43 people attending choir rehearsals. The choir is a mixture of those in the community and those within our circuit. We were involved in the Easter Jubilation service, and we are looking forward to learning Christmas songs. We meet every Tuesday evening at Hinckley Methodist Church during term time, 6.25pm – 7.30pm and tea and coffee are served afterwards.

BABY BASICS - Hinckley - This is a circuit mission outreach project, based at Hinckley Methodist Church and we really appreciate the space.



So far this year we have been able to support 33 families with toiletries, Moses baskets, nappies, clothes and books for their newborn babies. This is almost double the number we helped in the whole of 2022. Referrals come in every week, and we are very busy.

If your church or somewhere in your community would like to be a drop off point for donations, then please do contact me.

We have fantastic volunteers who come and help to sort all the donations, some volunteers are from our churches, and from the community, and we appreciate all they do.

SCHOOLS – PRAYER SPACES

Prayer spaces will run in September in Sharnford Primary School and All Saints Primary School in Sapcote. I will be attending a Prayer Space day for the Diocese in Hinckley in November along with the Headteacher of All Saints to talk about what impact prayer spaces is having on the children. I will also be running a prayer space for St Margaret's school later this year.



TOTS and TOYS at Hinckley Methodist Church

This is a thriving mum and baby group and is enjoyed by children and parents. We said goodbye to some of the children before the summer as they will be

starting school in September. It is a good way to get to know the parents and to talk through the struggles and joys of parenting.

BARWELL LUNCH CLUB FOR FAMILIES

This is a successful way of out reaching to the community of Barwell, families attend an afternoon of fun. There are crafts and games available for the children attending and everyone receives lunch.

PUPPET MINISTRY



This continues to be a growing and exciting new ministry, I put in an application to receive a start-up grant from the district for money to purchase new puppets and a new puppet stage. This has been accepted and we will be receiving £800, which is fantastic. The only condition is that I ask the circuit to put £200 pounds towards this ministry.

The puppet team has three bookings at various churches over Christmas. If you would like us to come to an event or a church service, then please come and speak to me.

Thank you once again to all those that support me and my work as I continue to look for those God opportunities where we can outreach and share the wonderful love of Jesus. Also, if you see an opportunity you would like to explore do come and talk to me about it.

I will be starting my second year of training soon and I appreciate all those who support me on this journey. I ask for your prayers as I continue to juggle family life, work commitments and studying.

Every blessing

Claire

hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Children and Families Community Worker

YOUTH WORK REPORT



SCHOOLS WORK

- Mentoring has been happening at Heath Lane Academy, focussing on
- the students needing help with self
 - esteem, anger management,
 - behaviour and mental health
 - struggles, with great improvements
 - seen in how young people are viewing
 - themselves and their behaviour.

Holy Doughnut has continued at Hastings High School, meeting with young people to share a bit about faith. This is moving to lunchtimes, please pray that young people will learn more of God's love for them.

BARWELL FAMILY LUNCH CLUB

Over the summer we had around 60 children and adults for our tenth birthday celebration with bouncy castle, candy floss and loads of fun and food, well done to the team for putting on such a great event and continuing to bridge the gap between families and the church.

EARL SHILTON YOUTH

Just before the summer Earl Shilton Youth turned nine years old! We finished last term with a summer themed BBQ, big thanks to the team who have made sessions happen each week. I've had the privilege of bumping into several young adults now who were a part of our sessions years ago, it's great to hear their appreciation and the impact the work had on them!



CAMEO CAFE

It's been great to be part of Cameo Cafe and see it so busy now, reaching those in Stoke Golding and across the Circuit. Well done to everyone who's made it happen, please keep supporting it!





THY KINGDOM COME

Between Ascension and Pentecost we prayed for transformation in our communities in a number of ways. We had four prayer pilgrimages between our different churches, had an interactive prayer space set up for 3 days and times of prayer on zoom. It was great to focus ourselves on connecting with God.

TASTE & SEE // PRAYER WALK TO THE PUB

Claire and myself held a Taste and See Picnic at Burbage Common in August thinking about how God provides for us as well as nature.

A few of us made our way from Sapcote to Sharnford, praying for our communities and finishing with a drink together.

A VISIT FROM ALI

We were recently able to spend some time at Cameo cafe and Earl Shilton with Ali, who had been an asylum seeker in Earl. It was great to show him the outcome of the work he's started at the cafe and to hear how he was getting on since moving away, he's very involved in church in Wisbech but has been missing church friends here greatly.

FIRST AID COURSE

In September we ran a first aid course. Twelve people from across the Circuit took part and learned vital emergency skills and had some laughs along the way!

A NEW CHAPTER

I've moved on from Circuit work to a new role at His Majesty's Young Offenders Institution in Werrington working with 15-18 year old's in custody. Please pray for great opportunities in this new role and pray for the Circuit Leadership Team as they discern how to move forwards to continue mission among young people and in communities. Thank you so much for all your support in working with me and your enthusiasm for mission!



Chris Newlyn

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – September 2023

We have continued to deliver the Creating Safer Space Foundation module in both online and face to face formats, in collaboration with the Loughborough, Leicester Trinity and West Leicester circuits. Continuing thanks to Colin Haddon who has organised and delivered training locally. The requirement is that training is undertaken every 4 years. We will be running further sessions so if you or your church teams do need to attend please inform Chris at the Circuit Office so that you will receive invites as dates become available.

The Advanced module is now also available online so please contact Chris if you need to do this training. It is a requirement that all active ministers, local preachers, worship leaders, circuit safeguarding officers, those in paid employment involving work with children or vulnerable adults, and a number of other specified groups must attend the Advanced Module. All Advanced module course participants are required to have undertaken Foundation Module training since 2016 or the previous leadership module before attending the Advanced module training. The Advance Module content is currently being revised so anyone who has undertaken Advanced module training since 2018 is advised to wait for the updated version to be available before updating

Since our last report we had undertaken a safeguarding audit across our Circuit as part of a wider District project. Generally, we are following our policies and procedures but will be having discussions about areas for improvement which include data protection, website updating, fire drills, and consistency regarding risk assessments.

We are also part of a District pilot of the Discrimination and Abuse Response Service (DARS). More information is available at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding67901/dars/> or by contacting me.

We would like to remind you that it is Methodist policy that renewals of DBS checks should be carried out every 5 years, unless as a result of a role change, a higher level of check is required, in which case a new DBS check must be sought, usually by approaching your church safeguarding lead.

I will be attending the District update for circuit safeguarding leads in the very near future so will pass on any relevant updates as needed. Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding67901/northampton-district-safeguarding-/>

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MANSE REPORT

Barwell -Holly Lane

The Manse has had a major upgrade ready for the Ministerial change. A new front door has been installed, fitted wardrobes to main bedroom and a refurbishment to kitchen currently in hand. New carpets have been laid in four of the bedrooms and all upstairs rooms have been decorated and the wood glossed. I must express my sincere thanks firstly to Dave and Sarah, who allowed me access to the Manse for contractors to fit wardrobes and door plus measure for carpets and kitchen. I would also like to thank my team of painters, decorator, electrician, and maintenance team who worked tirelessly for the best part of a week to get the work finished in time for Andrew and Liz to move in. Thanks could not have done it without you. During the decorating period we also had the quinquennial inspection. I am pleased to report no urgent actions necessary and within next twelve months mortar filets to east side extension gable and clean plastic gutters.

Hinckley -Kirfield Drive

This Manse was fully upgraded when Patricia arrived and is generally in good repair. Outstanding issues include replacing the damaged floor covering in the kitchen and utility area. This is in progress and will hopefully be resolved shortly. The office is reported as cold in the winter and the gas engineer will look at this when he does his annual certificate in November, to see if we can improve the situation.

Hope to carry out an inspection of the Manse before the next Circuit meeting.

Burbage -Westminster Drive

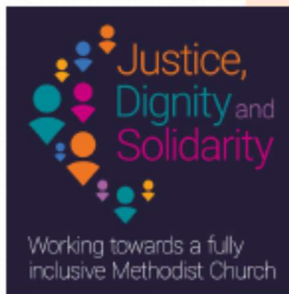
The manse was finally vacated in mid -August. Colin Haddon, Adrian Stone and myself, carried out and inspection at that time to determine that state of the property and what work was needed to bring the property up to saleable standard. We also had a surveyor to visit and report in line with Methodist policy and Castle's Estate Agents to value the property. Unfortunately the property was not vacated and left in the state expected by the Methodist Conference and a large amount of work is needed to bring it up to standard. The new valuation indicated a reduction from the valuation last October when it was valued at around £350-£375k. The new valuation is between £300-£350k. Work is ongoing and hopefully I will have better news by the meeting. My sincere thanks to Colin and Ann Haddon, David Black, and Adrian Stone for their help.

Gas certification will take place in November.

Michael Holt

Circuit Manse Secretary

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT



EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) CIRCUIT REPORT

Conference 2021 adopted the strategy for Justice, Dignity and Solidarity, The Methodist Churches Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) work. Our small Circuit EDI team have met to start conversations about how we as Christians and Churches can be more Christ-like and truly welcoming to all.



What are we aiming to do?

- Celebrate the rich diversity of people within the Methodist Church
- Eradicate all discrimination, to treat all people justly and with dignity across the breadth of the Methodist Church
- See a profound change in the culture, practices and attitudes of the Church so that all Methodists are able to be full participants in the Church's life.



What some churches are doing really well

- Having gluten free (GF) bread available at communion so that anyone who needs a GF option, including first time visitors, can take part in communion. Some also have dairy free, gluten free, vegetarian or vegan options for refreshment or food without the need for someone to ask for them.
- Having great accessibility for those who have mobility limitations such as ramps that are out and ready so that people don't have to ask for it.
- Having gender neutral toilets, showing that we value everyone and want them to belong, however they identify.



Next Steps for you and your church

- We've compiled an audit that we're proposing that the CLT issue to churches to help them identify great approaches and where they can do better.
- Jill Marsh said that Equality, Diversity and Inclusion should be on the agenda of every meeting, that's church council, committees, event teams, etc...
- It would be great if you completed the online EDI training, this is for anyone and will help us be more inclusive. The Methodist Church require certain people to complete the training this year, that's Ministers, local preachers, stewards, safeguarding officers and lay workers. Search online for 'Methodist EDI' We hope to lead in person training in November, date to be agreed.



Have a passion for people belonging?

- If you'd like to know more or would like to join our EDI team please speak to Chris in the Circuit Office or to Sheila Grice for more info - Thank You

Report by Chris Newlyn

Financial Review

General Summary

Funds



The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c of the Circuit Reserves Policy. The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment.

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities.

Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding and donations. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds. 25% of salary of the Youth and Community Work Team Leader has been funded this year from sources outside the Circuit in recognition of vital early intervention work being done amongst vulnerable young people in local schools and in the community. This funding comes from local businesses and community organisations, local government, schools and private donations.

The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities, are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

Children and Families projects have been funded by grants from the Circuit and the Northampton Methodist District, donations from local community organisations, and donations from a circuit service and fundraising events.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.



The Circuit has provided grants to Churches from TMCP and local funds for heating costs, building improvements and missional projects

We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7K. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet

Chris Bacon

Circuit Administrator

September 2023

Circuit Reserves Policy (3 months reserve)

March 2023

1. Mission Policy

The Circuit Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and is published on the Circuit web site www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Essentially, it provides for:

- a. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 10 local churches in the circuit.
- b. The support of a ministry team of 2.5 full time Presbyterian Ministers (2 from September 2023) with the support of 4 (unpaid) Local Lay Pastors, a part-time Circuit Administrator, a full-time Youth & Communities Worker with a part-time Child and Families Community Worker.
- c. The maintenance of 3 circuit manses (one manse to be sold after September 2023)

2. Financial Plans

- The circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c.
- The cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities is funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall £42,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- The Children and Families Community Worker post (1st January 2023 to 31st December 2025) is funded by Circuit general funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £9,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund. Project costs are met by donations from Methodist, local and national funding bodies.
- We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7000. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet
- The Circuit general funds at year end Aug 2022 were as follows
 - Unrestricted general fund £126,031 (excludes Circuit Model Trust Fund)
 - Restricted fund £33,198
- Under standing orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the upkeep of manses. The total cost for last year was £186,152 including the salaries and related costs of the lay workers. The total expenditure for the circuit including payments to the District and Connexion, grants and other general expenditure was £259,088

- The Circuit Model Trust Fund at year end Aug 2022 was £96,943. This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

3. Reserves Policy

The charities commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

- Our policy is to hold at least 3 months expenditure relating to the Minister, Manses and lay worker direct costs. Based on last year's accounts this equals £186,152/4=£46,538. Ministerial costs from September 2022 have reduced by ½ of a full time post, therefore a more accurate figure is £41,811. From September 2023, ministerial costs will fall to 2 full time stipends, and manse costs are anticipated to reduce on the sale of a Manse.
- Our policy is to hold funds to meet commitments to Lay Workers (Mission Staff) on Fixed Term Contracts. There is currently one post meeting this criterion:

Post	Contract end date	Financial Commitment
Children and Families Community Worker	31/12/2025	25,500
Total commitment to fixed term mission projects		25,500

- We are required therefore to hold $41,811 + 25,500 = £67,311$. Funds held in the general account satisfy this criterion, with £58,720 remaining (as of 31st Aug 22). £30K has been earmarked by the trustees to provide grant support for church based missional projects.
- Money held at year end 31st Aug 22 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund has been earmarked by the trustees for the following purposes:
 - £9,000 to cover the direct costs of employing Child & Families Community Worker.
 - £42,000 to cover the direct costs of Youth and Community missional work.
 - The remaining £45,943 (as of 31st Aug 22) is held in reserve pending the decision of the Circuit Meeting.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2023

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 12th October 2023

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			8,046		33,046
2 Income from monetary investments	B	4,759	3,000	43			7,802
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	173,425					173,425
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received	D				800		800
7 Other charitable income	E	8,760			4,000		12,760
8 Total income		211,944	3,000	43	12,846	-	227,833
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F	31,904	2,500		6,116		40,520
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	146,265			7,689		153,954
11 Property maintenance	H	24,110					24,110
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			2,424				2,424
13 District Assessment & Levy		41,335					41,335
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	I	4,134					4,134
16 Other outgoings	J	10,218	276		11,112	2	21,608
17 Total charitable expenditure		257,966	5,200	0	24,917	2	288,085
18 Gains/(losses) on investment property	K	140,000					140,000
19 Gains/(losses) on manse values	L	80,000					-80,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		13,978	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	-252
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance		9,175					9,175
23 Sept Stipends pd in advance		874					-874
23 Net movement in funds		22,279	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	8,049
24 Total funds brought forward		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815
25 Total funds carried forward		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,000					
2 Income from monetary investments		739	509		450	2,637	28,087
3 Income from investment properties							1,248
4 Assessments on Churches		178,250		6,750			0
5 Insurance Claim		14,584					185,000
6 Grants received							14,584
7 Other charitable income		9,188			5,800		5,800
8 Total income		227,761	509	6,750	6,250	2,637	243,907
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		100					100
10 Salaries and associated costs		164,132			4,000		168,132
11 Property maintenance		11,270		6,750			18,020
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			20,901				20,901
13 District Assessment & Levy		38,715					38,715
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,440					4,440
16 Other outgoings		8,280			500		8,780
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,937	20,901	6,750	4,500	0	259,088
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse values		40,000					40,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		40,824	-20,392	0	1,750	2,637	24,819
21 Transfers between funds		1,230		1,230			0
22 Assessments received in advance							
23 Grants received in advance							
24 Sept stipend paid in advance		1,273					-1,273
25 Net movement in funds		38,321	-20,392	1,230	1,750	2,637	23,546
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,486	117,335		31,448		1,205,269
27 Total funds carried forward		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022/23	Totals 2021/22
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	890,000					890,000	930
Investment properties		140,000					140,000	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,030,000	0	0	0	0	1,030,000	930
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept Stipend pd in advance)	BS2	6,876					6,876	9,023
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			94,743			2,635	97,378	117,335
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	114,340		1,273	17,647		133,260	182,527
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	2,120			3,480		5,600	11,809
Total current assets		123,336	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	243,114	320,694
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in advance	BS4	36,250					36,250	45,425
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		36,250	0	0	0	0	36,250	45,425
Net current assets/liabilities		87,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	206,864	275,269
Total assets less current liabilities		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,117,086					1,117,086	1,056,486
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			94,743				94,743	117,335
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5			1,273			1,273	
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,213,102	1,173,821
Restricted Funds	BS6				21,127		21,127	31,448
Endowment Funds						2,635	2,635	
Total Funds		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269

Signed

C. Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2023, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2023, based on a fair resale value using property prices from **rightmove.com**. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and realisable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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INCOME

A	Donations & Legacies	£
	Connexional Funds	6521
	Youth & Families Ministry	1525
	Private donations	25000
	TOTAL	33046

B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	4722
	TMCP interest	3000
	Trust interest	80
	TOTAL	7802

C	Assessments on Churches (2022#23)	
	Barwell	18750
	Burbage	24925
	Earl Shilton	19350
	Higham	3000
	Hinckley	48325
	Newbold Verdon	21300
	Sapcote	21950
	Sharnford	1200
	Stapleton	1725
	Stoke Golding	9600
	Stoney Stanton	3300
	TOTAL	173425
	Fy22 Ass pd Aug 22	45425
	Fy23 Ass.pd Aug 23	-36250
	(see note BS4)	182600

D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	0
	Families Ministry	800
	TOTAL	800

E	Other Income	
	Office Income	483
	Manse Phone/B'band**	106
	Salary Contrib	7527
	Cameo Reserve	4000
	Circuit Service	40
	Sundry	604
	TOTAL	12760

** Ministers contributions to cost of enhanced broadband package

*** Hinckley MC contribution to Children & Families Ministry Enabler salary

EXPENDITURE

F	Grants and Donations	£
	Connexional Funds	6116
	Grants	31904
	TOTAL	38020

G	Salaries & Assoc. costs	
	Stipends & assoc costs	92359
	Stipend adjustment**	874
	Salaries & assoc costs	60970
	Apprenticeship levy	625
	TOTAL	154828

** Sept stipends are paid in August

H	Property	
	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10788
	Service contracts/Maint	11744
	Sharnford	1578
	TOTAL	24110

I	Office Expenses	
	Photocopier costs	510
	Postage/Stationery	119
	Phone/B'band	347
	Website	105
	Equipment Hire	904
	sundry	412
	Professional fees	768
	New Equipment	719
	Books***	250
	TOTAL	4134

***CPD & Conference Minutes

J	Other Outgoings	
	Local Pastor expenses	448
	preaching	46
	youth & families ministry	2165
	travel (ministers)	2457
	P&S	458
	telephone (ministers)	1492
	EIW Refund	11112
	misc	265
	Training	390
	Ministers Sundry	1521
	Streaming Costs	976

TOTAL **21330**

KL Net value of Sharnford property. Gain/loss in resale value of Manses as valued by zoopla.co.uk

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BS1 Fixed Assets

	Resale value	
Manses*	1st Sept 2022	1st Sept 2023
Westminster Dr	420K	350K
Kirfield drive	270K	270K
Holly Lane	<u>280K</u>	270K
	970K	890K
Sharnford chapel and grounds**		140K

Loss in resale value = -80K

*The value of Kirfield Drive and Holly Lane manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2023, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from zoopla.co.uk. The value of Westminster Drive is based on an actual sales valuation.

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BS2 Stipends were paid to 2.5 full time Presbyters throughout the year. Ministers stipends are paid one month in advance, September stipend is paid in August

BS3 Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	10081	49918	-87112	32713	5600
CFB General (Deposit)	185599	174871	-195770	-32713	131987
CFB Manse (Deposit)	1230	43	0		1273
TOTAL	196910	224832	-282882	0	138860
Restricted Funds	33198	12846	-24917		-21127
Reserve					-67311
Available balance of general funds					50422

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 10 Churches (Sharnford closed in February) and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses.

BS6 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st December. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £800 was received towards expenses of the Baby Basics project. Local donations are received for community projects, and grants from the previous FY are held to cover the full employment cost of an Early Intervention Worker. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants and donations remaining as of 31st August 2022

Name of Circuit Hinckley..... No...23/11.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 20xx have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer C. Bacon..... Date 12/10/23..

Name and address of treasurer ...MRS CHRISTINE BACON, 4 CLEVELAND
ROAD, HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE..... Post Code LE10 0AJ.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th September 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Alan.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...P. A. Lomas..... Date 12/10/23.....

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

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 9. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
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- 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/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

[Handwritten Signature]

Name of independent examiner

DAVID JOHN BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address

11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

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Date

20.11.2023

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September 2021

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2023

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 12th October 2023

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			8,046		33,046
2 Income from monetary investments	B	4,759	3,000	43			7,802
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	173,425					173,425
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received	D				800		800
7 Other charitable income	E	8,760			4,000		12,760
8 Total income		211,944	3,000	43	12,846	-	227,833
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F	31,904	2,500		6,116		40,520
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	146,265			7,689		153,954
11 Property maintenance	H	24,110					24,110
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			2,424				2,424
13 District Assessment & Levy		41,335					41,335
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	I	4,134					4,134
16 Other outgoings	J	10,218	276		11,112	2	21,608
17 Total charitable expenditure		257,966	5,200	0	24,917	2	288,085
18 Gains/(losses) on investment property	K	140,000					140,000
19 Gains/(losses) on manse values	L	80,000					-80,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		13,978	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	-252
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance		9,175					9,175
23 Sept Stipends pd in advance		874					-874
23 Net movement in funds		22,279	-2,200	43	-12,071	-2	8,049
24 Total funds brought forward		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815
25 Total funds carried forward		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864

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Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,000					
2 Income from monetary investments		739	509		450	2,637	28,087
3 Income from investment properties							1,248
4 Assessments on Churches		178,250		6,750			0
5 Insurance Claim		14,584					185,000
6 Grants received							14,584
7 Other charitable income		9,188			5,800		5,800
8 Total income		227,761	509	6,750	6,250	2,637	243,907
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		100					100
10 Salaries and associated costs		164,132			4,000		168,132
11 Property maintenance		11,270		6,750			18,020
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			20,901				20,901
13 District Assessment & Levy		38,715					38,715
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,440					4,440
16 Other outgoings		8,280			500		8,780
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,937	20,901	6,750	4,500	0	259,088
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse values		40,000					40,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		40,824	-20,392	0	1,750	2,637	24,819
21 Transfers between funds		1,230		1,230			0
22 Assessments received in advance							
23 Grants received in advance							
24 Sept stipend paid in advance		1,273					-1,273
25 Net movement in funds		38,321	-20,392	1,230	1,750	2,637	23,546
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,486	117,335		31,448		1,205,269
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2022/23	Totals 2021/22
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	890,000					890,000	930
Investment properties		140,000					140,000	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,030,000	0	0	0	0	1,030,000	930
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept Stipend pd in advance)	BS2	6,876					6,876	9,023
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			94,743			2,635	97,378	117,335
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	114,340		1,273	17,647		133,260	182,527
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	2,120			3,480		5,600	11,809
Total current assets		123,336	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	243,114	320,694
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in advance	BS4	36,250					36,250	45,425
Grants payable within 2022-23							0	
Total current liabilities		36,250	0	0	0	0	36,250	45,425
Net current assets/liabilities		87,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	206,864	275,269
Total assets less current liabilities		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2022-23							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
							0	
Net assets		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,117,086					1,117,086	1,056,486
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			94,743				94,743	117,335
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	BS5			1,273			1,273	
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,213,102	1,173,821
Restricted Funds	BS6				21,127		21,127	31,448
Endowment Funds						2,635	2,635	
Total Funds		1,117,086	94,743	1,273	21,127	2,635	1,236,864	1,205,269

Signed

C. Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2023, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

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Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

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viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2023, based on a fair resale value using property prices from **rightmove.com**. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

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	TOTAL	33046

B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	4722
	TMCP interest	3000
	Trust interest	80
	TOTAL	7802

C	Assessments on Churches (2022#23)	
	Barwell	18750
	Burbage	24925
	Earl Shilton	19350
	Higham	3000
	Hinckley	48325
	Newbold Verdon	21300
	Sapcote	21950
	Sharnford	1200
	Stapleton	1725
	Stoke Golding	9600
	Stoney Stanton	3300
	TOTAL	173425
	Fy22 Ass pd Aug 22	45425
	Fy23 Ass.pd Aug 23	-36250
	(see note BS4)	182600

D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	0
	Families Ministry	800
	TOTAL	800

E	Other Income	
	Office Income	483
	Manse Phone/B'band**	106
	Salary Contrib	7527
	Cameo Reserve	4000
	Circuit Service	40
	Sundry	604
	TOTAL	12760

** Ministers contributions to cost of enhanced broadband package

*** Hinckley MC contribution to Children & Families Ministry Enabler salary

EXPENDITURE

F	Grants and Donations	£
	Connexional Funds	6116
	Grants	31904
	TOTAL	38020

G	Salaries & Assoc. costs	
	Stipends & assoc costs	92359
	Stipend adjustment**	874
	Salaries & assoc costs	60970
	Apprenticeship levy	625
	TOTAL	154828

** Sept stipends are paid in August

H	Property	
	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10788
	Service contracts/Maint	11744
	Sharnford	1578
	TOTAL	24110

I	Office Expenses	
	Photocopier costs	510
	Postage/Stationery	119
	Phone/B'band	347
	Website	105
	Equipment Hire	904
	sundry	412
	Professional fees	768
	New Equipment	719
	Books***	250
	TOTAL	4134

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J	Other Outgoings	
	Local Pastor expenses	448
	preaching	46
	youth & families ministry	2165
	travel (ministers)	2457
	P&S	458
	telephone (ministers)	1492
	EIW Refund	11112
	misc	265
	Training	390
	Ministers Sundry	1521
	Streaming Costs	976

TOTAL **21330**

KL Net value of Sharnford property. Gain/loss in resale value of Manses as valued by zoopla.co.uk

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2023

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

	Resale value	
Manses*	1st Sept 2022	1st Sept 2023
Westminster Dr	420K	350K
Kirfield drive	270K	270K
Holly Lane	<u>280K</u>	270K
	970K	890K
Sharnford chapel and grounds**		140K

Loss in resale value = -80K

*The value of Kirfield Drive and Holly Lane manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2023, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from zoopla.co.uk. The value of Westminster Drive is based on an actual sales valuation.

**From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and realisable value.

BS2 Stipends were paid to 2.5 full time Presbyters throughout the year. Ministers stipends are paid one month in advance, September stipend is paid in August

BS3 Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	10081	49918	-87112	32713	5600
CFB General (Deposit)	185599	174871	-195770	-32713	131987
CFB Manse (Deposit)	1230	43	0		1273
TOTAL	196910	224832	-282882	0	138860
Restricted Funds	33198	12846	-24917		-21127
Reserve					-67311
Available balance of general funds					50422

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 10 Churches (Sharnford closed in February) and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses.

BS6 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st December. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £800 was received towards expenses of the Baby Basics project. Local donations are received for community projects, and grants from the previous FY are held to cover the full employment cost of an Early Intervention Worker. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants and donations remaining as of 31st August 2022

Name of Circuit Hinckley..... No...23/11.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 20xx have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer C. Bacon..... Date 12/10/23..

Name and address of treasurer ...MRS CHRISTINE BACON, 4 CLEVELAND
ROAD, HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE..... Post Code LE10 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th September 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Alan.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...P. A. Lomas..... Date 12/10/23.....

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

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 9. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; 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/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

[Handwritten Signature]

Name of independent examiner

DAVID JOHN BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address

11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

Post Code

LE10 1LQ

Date

20.11.2023

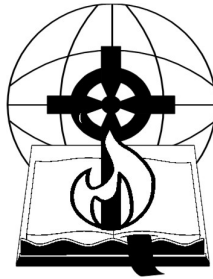
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

of

3rd October 2022

held at Barwell Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Dr Timothy Woolley	Superintendent Minister
Rev David Haseldine	Minister
Rev Patricia Mukorombindo	Minister
Mrs Sheila Grice	Senior Circuit Steward
Mr William Taylor	Circuit Steward – Finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mr Neville Spark	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mr Michael Holt	Circuit Steward
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Lay Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Lay Pastor

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of eleven Methodist Churches in the following localities:

Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stapleton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by three full time presbyters, who are aided by two Local Lay Pastors, and nine active Local Preachers.

During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in one administrative and two missional posts.

Administrator (part time)

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader (full time)

Children and Families Community Worker (part time)

Ministers are supported by the Circuit Stewards and Lay Workers by a Line Manager or Support Group

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader

Children and Families Community Worker

Way Ahead Champion

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

- A mission focused church outward and forward facing.
- Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.
- Encouraging a wide use of our premises
- Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.
- Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number of suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit

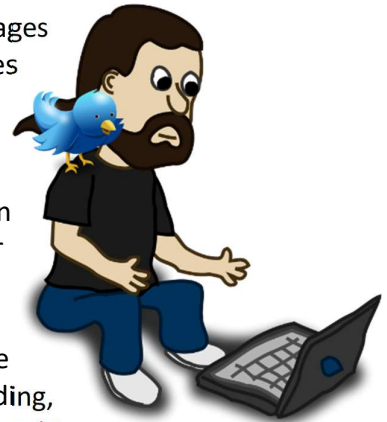
In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are carol services, prayer breakfasts and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.



Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services, and to the wider community through Messy Church and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Churches have continued to support families throughout the covid pandemic. Barwell Methodist Church, in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, handed out lunch/activity packs during school holidays. Churches which would normally run Messy Church and Holiday Clubs have distributed activity bags to families in their community. Our Children and Families Community Worker is active on Social Media and through a number of local initiatives including Community Allotment, Community Choir and Baby Basics (see Children and Families report below for more detail).

Face-to-face activities recommenced in accordance with guidance from the government and the Methodist Connexion.

The Circuit places an emphasis on youth work in the towns and villages served by our churches, employing a full time Youth and Communities Worker to plan and oversee youth work and outreach work amongst young people in the community. The Youth Team comprising a full time employed Youth and Communities Work Team Leader and volunteers works closely with local schools, Barwell and Earl Shilton Street Pastors, and the Northampton Methodist District. Support for young people has continued following safeguarding and covid safe guidance from the National Youth Council, with face to face initiatives such as Youth Café's and school groups resuming as appropriate alongside social media. Dependent upon the acquisition of grant funding, the Circuit is hoping to employ a full time Early Intervention Worker (EIW) in 2023, whose role will be to provide support, information and advice to young people on issues such as drug and alcohol dependency, partnering with local schools and other local support agencies.



From July 2021 churches began to reintroduce opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, mens breakfast, craft groups, lunch clubs etc. following safety guidance. Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times. A number of our smaller village churches have held Flower Festivals and Harvest Festivals open to visitors

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

We had a wonderful circuit service at Earl Shilton at the end of July, with Rev Tony Pick. Although I was away on holiday, many people have told me what a marvellous service it was. We look forward to circuit services once a quarter in future on the 5th Sunday in the month. The next circuit service will be on October 30th. It's always so encouraging and uplifting to worship together with our brothers and sisters in Christ, from across the circuit.

Thank you for to all those involved for submitting growth plan/end of life progress reports. It's hard to believe that a year has passed since these plans were submitted. We look forward to hearing how each church has made progress both growing members as disciples and providing opportunities for making new disciples. We are so grateful to Colin for continuing to lead and guide us through The Way Ahead process. We continue to pray for our friends at Sharnford as they prepare to close their doors at the end of December this year. Their final service will be a Carol Service on December 18th at 3pm and we do hope members around the circuit will come and share in this special service.

Stationing for 2023 is well under way. As you know Tim has now reduced to part-time, working as superintendent for us on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays. Thank you for your understanding that any circuit meetings will be held on Mondays until September 2023. We wish Tim well as he embarks on an exciting future with Church Army. We will work together to ensure the smooth running of the circuit over the next year, and we are so grateful to the Circuit Leadership Team, made up of ministers, paid workers and lay volunteers, who work tirelessly to lead us forward as we share God's love in our communities. Our thoughts and prayers are with Dave & Sarah as they determine God's plan for their future, and we trust the stationing process will find them the perfect match as they plan to move next year.

We look forward to hearing about Dave's recent sabbatical and wish Patricia well as she prepares for her sabbatical from December to February.

The Hinckley Circuit Superintendent Profile for September 2023 has been accepted by district and we wait now till October when stationing committee will receive all minister profiles and discern those most suited for this circuit. Chairs of District meet at the end of October to match ministers with circuits, and we hope to hear at the beginning of November if we have been successful in round 1 of stationing. Sadly, there are not enough ministers across the country to fill all the vacancies next year, but because we are looking for a new superintendent, Helen Cameron (Chair of District) has said we will definitely be matched, if not in round 1, then in round 2 in December. She asks us to pray for all those involved in stationing next year and for discernment that the right matches are made for ministers and circuits.

God bless you all and thank you for everything you do so willingly in God's name and to His glory.

Sheila Grice
Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

We were pleased to move Jennifer Baker to 'on trial' at our last Local Preacher's meeting. Jennifer's services are well received around the circuit, and we wish her well with her local preacher studies and future services.

In May we held our Circuit Service at Hinckley, linked in with Thy Kingdom Come. Rev Patricia led the service and prayer spaces set up by Chris Newlyn formed an integral part of the worship. In July the circuit service was held at Earl Shilton and led by Tony Pick. It has been good to see so many people attending the circuit services, which are now held on the 5th Sunday in a month.

We are very grateful to Colin Haddon for his faithful service producing the plan each quarter. It is becoming increasingly challenging to fill appointments and we are grateful to visiting preachers who have led worship for us this past year.

As we continue to work on our Growth plans or End of Life plans we wait on God to determine His plans for the future of our circuit. We look forward eagerly to the possibilities that exist for engaging, creative and heart-filled worship in our churches. We are so thankful to our local preachers for their energy, enthusiasm and passion for preaching God's Word across this circuit. We are blessed by faithful service.

Sheila Grice
Local Preachers Secretary



YOUTH WORK REPORT

Staffing

Chris continues to work hard and always has something new in his sights. We are regularly challenged by Chris to provide better quality experiences which will potentially lead our youngsters to know Jesus. He is an inspiration to us all.





Youth Cafes

Earl Shilton youth café is going well. Younger ones (years 7-9) meet one week and older ones (years 10+) meet the following week. Chris is indebted to the team of volunteers who help out so willingly.

Heath Lane Academy

The Midlands Academy Trust has employed a chaplain to work across their 4 schools and he works in Heath Lane on Tuesdays. The £10,000 grant from Police & Crime Commission (received for the Early Intervention Worker) will be used initially to fund some work over the next year – to pay for a portion of Chris's hours. Chris will be working in Heath Lane Academy each week, supporting pupils.



Hastings Academy

Holy Doughnut Club recommences this term and Chris is delighted that this group is finally restarting after the pandemic. It is great that he will have a regular presence in Hastings once again.

Friday Family Fun

Chris now leads a youth stream once a month at Sapcote Friday Family Fun sessions. He links in with the theme, providing suitable activities for youngsters, which usually include hot chocolate and marshmallows!



Prayer Walks

Weekly prayer walks are going well. These rotate around Thornton Reservoir, Sutton Cheney Wharf, Burbage Common and Fosse Meadows. Previously they have been on Monday mornings. But, from September the days are changing due to other commitments – see Hinckley Methodist Circuit Online on Facebook for more details. We are so thankful that Chris instigated and leads these walks.

Prayer Breakfasts

These have restarted face to face, with some sessions also being on Zoom, for those unable to attend in person. Future prayer breakfasts are planned bi-monthly on September 24th at Newbold Verdon and November 26th. Thanks so much to Lynda Coleman for coordinating these breakfasts and encouraging so many of our churches to get involved.



Please pray for the youth work across the circuit as we plan for the future. If you use social media, you can always find out what's going on by looking at **Hinckley Circuit Youthworkers** on Facebook. Thanks to Chris for all he does in God's name.

Sheila Grice

Outgoing circuit steward with responsibility for children & young people

Thanks to Rachel Cobb who is taking over responsibility for children and young people in our circuit.

Children and Families Ministry report

I absolutely love and feel so blessed to be part of the Hinckley Circuit, there have been so many fantastic opportunities and projects to be involved in over the last 12 months. Hopefully this report will give you a good idea of how God is working in our circuit and communities.

MESSY CHURCH is thriving in our circuit and is blessing children and families in four of our community churches.

Messy Church at Hinckley continues but is struggling to connect with new families, they meet with the Messy Church at the Baptist church for the big celebrations such as Easter and Christmas and this is a good way of bringing the two Messy churches together. We recently met on the park and had fun with the parachute and shared a picnic together.

Higham on the Hill – Ursula has been involved in getting Messy church up and running and it is run ecumenically.

Stoke Golding – This is a very busy and thriving Messy Church, we regularly have 40 children and at least 20 adults at our sessions, during the summer we met on a farm and enjoyed a bible story told with a puppet and a very refreshing water fight.

Burbage – we are very excited to announce that Burbage Messy Church will be starting on Friday 23rd September. Please pray for the team as they prepare and for the families that we will meet on this day.

HINCKLEY ALL AGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

This has been an amazing way to outreach into the community, we have members who are from our circuit and from the community. Rachel Fortescue is amazing at conducting and leading the choir and Ruth Peach accompanies the choir on the piano and I would like to thank them both for their hard work and commitment. We regularly have 30 people at rehearsals on Tuesday evenings. The choir was involved in the Easter offering service and the launch of Baby Basics. Rehearsals will start again on Tuesday 6th September at 6.30pm – 7.30pm, tea and coffee are served after rehearsals.

BABY BASICS - Hinckley - Rachel Cobb and I have been overwhelmed by the support of the circuit and we are particularly grateful to Hinckley Methodist Church for the space they have given to Baby Basics for the donations that we receive. Baby Basics began in March 2022, and we officially launched on 18th June 2022 the launch was attended by Mayor of Hinckley and the CEO of Baby Basics, it was a lovely afternoon. Since March we have supported 11 families, these families have been referred to Baby Basics by a health visitor, food bank or community outreach worker. We have been able to provide nappies, clothes, toiletries, cots, Moses' baskets, and pushchairs to those who are most in need in our community, that is Hinckley and surrounding areas. This is a message recently received from a Health Visitor,

Dear Claire, thank you so much for all the lovely clothes and toys, nappies, and toiletries that I have been able to pass on to my client.

*It was so appreciated, and I just wanted to let you know this.
Thank you again*

We have some fantastic volunteers who come and help to sort all the donations, some volunteers are from our churches, but some are from the community, and this has been a great outreach and mission project. We were given a grant from the Northampton District and Matt Forsyth (District Mission Enabler) visited Baby Basics recently and we were able to share with him the amazing work that Baby Basics – Hinckley is involved in.

GROWING TOGETHER -SAPCOTE Unfortunately this project has come to a natural end, we have struggled to engage the community in this project, therefore it was left to a handful of people to maintain and keep the allotment going.

PARADE SERVICES – Hinckley Methodist Church. A team and I from Hinckley have been involved in making the parade services for the uniformed organisations more relevant and interesting for the young people that attend the services. At the last service we were celebrating the Queens Jubilee and we had a short interactive talk on justice and there were crafts for all to be involved in, we even made a Queen out of a toilet roll. These services have been well received by the leaders and the young people.

SCHOOLS – COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND PRAYER SPACES – I am part of the collective worship team at Sharnford and Sapcote primary schools and it is a joy to be able to lead the worship in these schools. Sapcote and Sharnford schools have agreed to take part in Prayer Spaces for Schools, Chris Newlyn and myself are really excited to be able to deliver this great resource to these two schools, this will take place at the beginning of September across two weeks.

TOTS and TOYS at Hinckley Methodist Church

This is a thriving mum and baby group, after the pandemic we were unsure if parents would return. But we are busier than ever, and it is a lovely group of children and parents.

BARWELL LUNCH CLUB FOR FAMILIES

This is a successful way of outreaching to the community of Barwell, families attend an afternoon of fun and have lunch. This was supported by the Council but unfortunately this support is no longer available due to funding. This was held in August and 40 children, and 25 adults attended the afternoon. There was a bouncy castle, face painting and crafts the weather was lovely so it was held in the church garden. Members of the church do an amazing job providing lunch for all that attend.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those that have supported my work in the circuit over the last year. There are still lots of mission opportunities out there and I hope we can continue in the Hinckley Circuit to take these opportunities, to reach out into our communities and to make new disciples along the way.

As many of you know I have been accepted by the Methodist Church and to attend Queens College, in Birmingham to start my training as a minister, so going forward I will be juggling work, studying and family life and I ask for your prayers as I go forward in the next part of my faith journey.

Claire

hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Children and Families Community Worker

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – September 2022

Since the previous report we have held another Circuit Safeguarding meeting at Earl Shilton in July. At that meeting we reviewed our progress with continuing progress with training and also discussed changes to forms related to safeguarding in the church which have been made during the pandemic (more on this to follow).

We have continued to deliver the Creating Safer Space Foundation module in both online and face to face formats, in collaboration with the Loughborough, Leicester Trinity and West Leicester circuits. Continuing thanks to Colin Haddon and Richard Smith who have organised and delivered training locally. The requirement is that training is undertaken every 4 years. We will be running further sessions so if you do need to attend please inform Chris at the Circuit Office so that you will receive invites as dates become available.

The Advanced module is now also available online so please contact Chris if you need to do this training. It is a requirement that all active ministers, local preachers, worship leaders, circuit safeguarding officers, those in paid employment involving work with children or vulnerable adults, and a number of other specified groups must attend the Advanced Module. It has been decided at Connexional level that all Local Preachers and Worship leaders will be given until 31st August 2022 to complete the Advanced Module training. This must be

completed and local preachers must also have a valid DBS at this date before they will be included on the Circuit Preaching plan. All Advanced module course participants are required to have undertaken Foundation Module training since 2016 or the previous leadership module before attending the Advanced module training.

We would like to remind you that it is Methodist policy that renewals of DBS checks should be carried out every 5 years, unless as a result of a role change, a higher level of check is required, in which case a new DBS check must be sought, usually by approaching your church safeguarding lead.

Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at

<https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding67901/northampton-district-safeguarding/>

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough

Circuit Safeguarding Lead

Tel - 01455618739/07775540072

nigel.scarborough@hee.nhs.uk

PROPERTY REPORT

Church Property Returns - for the year ending 31st August 2021. Thank you to the 4 or 5 churches that completed their return by early October, and those who completed by December, ready for inclusion in the Circuit report. Hinckley and Higham on the Hill did not complete their returns. Completing the annual church return soon after the September Church Council meeting makes life easier as most of the information is available from the reports.

Capital Projects, Stoke Golding, Alteration / repair to church hall to create café. No.51038, created 28th May 2022. Led by Sheila Grice. The double-glazed windows are now installed. Quotations for the building work are being assessed prior to placing an order in the next few weeks.

Quinquennial inspections are not due to take place at Burbage and Sapcote until 14th September 2022. Inspections are due at Newbold Verdon and Stapleton churches and Barwell manse in 2023.

Manses have their own separate report prepared by Michael Holt.

District Property Day on 18th June 2022. Towards Net Zero – what can your Church do?

This was a District event at Rothwell MC, although most of us watched the presentation on zoom. Peter Pemrose is a local, highly qualified energy (gas and electricity) consultant, explored the many questions arising from the present energy crisis. He covered energy

sources, reviewed how we use energy, and *how we can waste it in our churches*. As well as external resources, he covered onsite generation and storage of electricity, the Eco-church, and the practicalities of heating our churches. Burbage is generating electricity with solar panels, and has battery storage.

Peter Pemrose's PowerPoint presentation is running on a laptop at the back. It's available for you, if you want to look at it, although there is no sound, it should be easy to follow.

Ian Baker
Circuit Property Secretary

MANSE REPORT

The annual returns for Manses have been made. The manse logbooks have also been updated. During the year I have visited each Manse to carry out visual inspections. Thanks to the Ministers' and Families for allowing this to happen.

Barwell -Holly Lane

Finally the Dining/ Lounge wooden floor problem has been fixed. A new floor was fitted earlier this year. It necessitated taking up the old one replacing the wooden joints and laying the new floor. As a result redecoration was required, my thanks to Dave and Sarah for doing the work themselves, with the circuit providing the materials.

None of the Manses have had an electrical inspection since 2009, this has been rectified now. Unfortunately, this has resulted in significant work having to be done at Holly Lane including isolator switch and new consumer unit . Repointing and roof work still outstanding. Quinquennial due 2023.

Burbage Westminster Drive

The electrical inspection was approved, with no further action. Various remedial items have been fixed broken down pipes, repair roof valley. etc. Alarm for study still outstanding, on hold until a final decision for the Burbage Manse.

Possible major problem with conservatory to be investigated. Also currently obtaining estimates of sale value and rental income for Burbage Manse

Hinckley -Kirfield Drive

Smoke and Carbon monoxide sensors now fitted. Broken curtain rails replaced. Gutters and downpipe couplings replaced. New doorbell fitted; iron gate repaired. Rev Patricia in contact with pest control company regarding ant and insect problem survey due late August. Electrical inspection found similar issues to those at Holly Lane, so possible replacement consumer unit, in hand awaiting date for work to be carried out.

Recently the downstairs toilet have not been working properly, should be resolved by the end of August

All Manses are on contract for Alarm servicing. Gas Certificates also complete.

Michael Holt

Circuit Manse Secretary

ARCHIVIST REPORT AUGUST 2022

The process of reading documents and then either shredding them or listing them to be stored in the Leicester Records Office has continued since the last report in February 2020. Most of the relevant documents in the Circuit Office were taken to my house in order that the weeding process could continue throughout the pandemic. In July 2022 boxes of documents were taken to the Leicester Records Office. A listing of the items deposited has been placed in the Circuit safe with the listings of previous deposits.

The Circuit safe now holds a folder for each church which contains documents which should be retained in the Circuit safe. These will be reviewed periodically to determine whether the items are relevant or need to be archived or shredded.

I have just completed checking and preparing the last documents either taken from the Circuit Office or handed to me directly. These will be taken to the Records Office in the near future. The next step is to see what is in the safes, cabinets and cupboards in each chapel. I will require the help of Church Stewards and in some cases, the Ministers, to carry out this review. This task has already been completed, with the help of Judith Cooke, at Stapleton.

Keith Ware

Circuit Archivist

14/08/2022

DATA PROTECTION REPORT

The Circuit Office carried out a review of Data Mapping and Personal Data held at the Circuit Office in June 2022 and has submitted a revised Data Checklist and Processor Record to the Northampton District

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT

By way of introducing the Methodist Connexion's JDS (Justice, Dignity and Solidarity) Strategy, the Circuit included a "Celebrating Diversity" presentation at the March 2022 Circuit Meeting. An EDI steering group has been formed with 3 members, headed up by our Youth and Communities Team Leader, with administrative support from the Circuit Office.

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

Financial Review

General Summary

Funds



The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c of the Circuit Reserves Policy. The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment.

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities.

Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding and donations. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds.

The Circuit Youth Work this year has been part funded by a district grant of £4K. The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities, are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

Children and Families projects have been funded by grants from the Northampton District (£800) and Arnold Clarke Community Fund (£1K) and donations from Hinckley Rotary Club (£100) and Hinckley Lions (£150)

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.



We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7K. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet

Christine Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

September 2022

Circuit Reserves Policy

March 2022

1. Mission Policy

The Circuit Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and is published on the Circuit web site www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Essentially, it provides for:

- a. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 11 local churches in the circuit.
- b. The support of a ministry team of 3 Presbyterian Ministers with the support of 3 local Pastors, a part-time Circuit Administrator, a full-time Youth & Communities Worker with a part-time Child and Families Community Worker. The circuit calls on the support of an associate minister to lead services once or twice a quarter.
- c. The maintenance of 3 circuit manses

2. Financial Plans

- The circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c.
- The Youth & Communities Worker is part funded by a district grant totalling £30,000 paid over five years (2018 to 2022 inclusive). The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall £7,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- The Children and Families Community Worker post (1st January 2020 to 31st December 2022) is funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £12,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7000. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet
- The Circuit general funds at year end Aug 2021 were as follows
 - Unrestricted general fund £126,486 (excludes Circuit Model Trust Fund)
 - Restricted fund £31,448
- Under standing orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the upkeep of manses. The total cost for last year was £204,587 including the salaries and related costs of the lay workers. The total

expenditure for the circuit including payments to the District and Connexion, grants and other general expenditure was £270,318

- The Circuit Model Trust Fund at year end Aug 2021 was £117,335. This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

3. Reserves Policy

The charities commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

- Our policy is to hold at least 6 months expenditure relating to the Minister, Manses and Lay worker direct costs. Based on last year's accounts this equals $£204,587/2 = £102,294$.
- Our policy is to hold funds to meet commitments to Lay Workers (Mission Staff) on Fixed Term Contracts. There is currently one post meeting this criterion:

Post	Contract end date	Financial Commitment
Children and Families Community Worker	31/12/2022	15,512
Total commitment to fixed term mission projects		15,512

- We are required therefore to hold $102,294 + 15,512 = £117,806$. Funds held in the general account satisfy this criterion, with £8,680 remaining.
- Money held at year end 31st Aug 21 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund has been earmarked by the trustees for the following purposes:
 - £16,000 to cover the direct costs of employing the Children and Families Community Worker from September 2021 to December 2022.
 - The remaining £101,335 (as of 31st Aug 21 and excluding repayment of loans) is held in reserve pending the decision of the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit appreciates the importance of the youth and family ministry. The Youth & Communities Worker now has a permanent rather than fixed term contract and the circuit is seeking to extend the current fixed term contract of the Children and Families Community Worker beyond December 2023. The current unallocated fund if used to extend the contracts would be fully used within 3 years

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2022

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 3rd October 2022

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021- 22 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			450	2,637	28,087
2 Income from monetary investments	B	739	509				1,248
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	178,250		6,750			185,000
5 Insurance claim	E	14,584					14,584
6 Grants received	D	-			5,800		5,800
7 Other charitable income	E	9,188					9,188
8 Total income		227,761	509	6,750	6,250	2,637	243,907
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F	100					100
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	164,132			4,000		168,132
11 Property maintenance	H	11,270		6,750			18,020
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			20,901				20,901
13 District Assessment & Levy		38,715					38,715
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	I	4,440					4,440
16 Other outgoings	J	8,280			500		8,780
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,937	20,901	6,750	4,500	0	259,088
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse values	K	40,000					40,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		40,824	-20,392	0	1,750	2,637	24,819
21 Transfers between funds		1,230		1,230			0
22 Assessments recd in advance							
23 Grants recd in advance							
24 Sept Stipend pd in advance		1,273					-1,273
25 Net movement in funds		38,321	-20,392	1,230	1,750	2,637	23,546
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,486	117,335	-	31,448	-	1,205,269
27 Total funds carried forward		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,000			6,820		31,820
2 Income from monetary investments		231	413				644
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		184,750		7,700			192,450
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received					4,000		4,000
7 Other charitable income		11,674					
8 Total income		221,655	413	7,700	10,820	-	240,588
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations			5,000		5,220		10,220
10 Salaries and associated costs		162,978			5,600		168,578
11 Property maintenance		25,308		10,701			36,009
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		35,799	3,798				39,597
13 District Assessment & Levy		6,870					6,870
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		3,688					3,688
16 Other outgoings		10,104	252				10,356
17 Total charitable expenditure		244,747	9,050	10,701	10,820	0	275,318
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale value		30,000					30,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		6,908	-8,637	-3,001	0	0	-4,730
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments received in advance		7,450					-7,450
23 EIW grants rec'd in advance	D				16,399		16,399
24 Sept stipend pd in advance		106					106
25 Net movement in funds		-436	-8,637	-3,001	16,399	0	4,325
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049		1,200,944
27 Total funds carried forward		1,056,486	117,335	-	31,448	-	1,205,269

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
Fixed Assets								
			BS6	BS5				
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	970,000					970,000	930,000
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		970,000	0	0	0	0	970,000	930,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept stipend pd in advance)	BS2	7,750					7,750	9,023
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			96,943			2,637	99,580	117,335
Central Finance Board Deposits		154,331		1,230	31,268		186,829	182,527
Cash at Bank and in hand		8,151			1,930		10,081	11,809
Total current assets	BS3	170,232	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	304,240	320,694
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in advance	BS4	45,425					45,425	45,425
Grants payable within 2021-22							0	
Total current liabilities		45,425	0	0	0	0	45,425	45,425
Net current assets/liabilities		124,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	258,815	275,269
Total assets less current liabilities		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815	1,205,269
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	2,637	1,228,815	1,205,269
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,094,807					1,094,807	1,056,486
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			96,943				96,943	117,335
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				1,230			1,230	
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,192,980	1,173,821
Restricted Funds					33,198		33,198	31,448
Endowment Funds						2,637	2,637	
Total Funds		1,094,807	96,943	1,230	33,198	0	1,228,815	1,205,269

Signed

C. Baxen.

Circuit Treasurer

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2022, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2022, based on a fair resale value using property prices from *rightmove.com*. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and reliable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,F below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group (comprising mostly, but not exclusively) of Circuit trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Bursar (who is not a trustee)

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

CPD: The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Notes to the Accounts 3 -

INCOME

A	Donations & Legacies	£
	Connexional Funds*	5,784.00
	Youth & Families Ministry	450.00
	Private donations	25,000.00
	TOTAL	31,234.00
	* not included in accounts	
B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	737.00
	TMCP interest	404.00
	Trust interest	2.00
	TOTAL	1,143.00
C	Assessments on Churches (2020#21	
	Barwell	25000.00
	Burbage	24400.00
	Earl Shilton	19300.00
	Higham	3000.00
	Hinckley	50300.00
	Newbold Verdon	21300.00
	Sapcote	21700.00
	Sharnford	4800.00
	Stapleton	2300.00
	Stoke Golding	9600.00
	Stoney Stanton	3300.00
	TOTAL	185,000.00
	Fy22 Ass pd Aug 21	45425.00
	Fy23 Ass.pd Aug 22	-46,250.00
	(see note BS4)	184,175.00
D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	4,000.00
	Families Ministry	1,800.00
	TOTAL	5,800.00
E	Other Income	
	Office Income	280.00
	Manse Phone/B'band**	413.00
	Salary Contrib - Hinckley***	7,958.00
	Insurance Claim	14,584.00
	Gift Aid	401.00
	Sundry	136.00
	TOTAL	23,772.00

** contributions from the Ministers to cover personal calls plus the cost of enhanced broadband package

*** Hinckley MC contribution to Children & Families Ministry Enabler salary

EXPENDITURE

F	Grants and Donations	£
	Connexional Funds*	5,784.00
	Donation for Church use	100
	TOTAL	5,884.00
G	* not included in accounts	
	Salaries & Assoc. costs	
	Stipends & assoc costs	107,776.00
	Stipend adjustment**	1,273.00
	Salaries & assoc costs	59,686.00
	Apprenticeship levy	670.00
	TOTAL	169,405.00
H	** Sept stipends are paid in August	
	Property	
	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10614
	Service contracts/Maint	7405
	TOTAL	18,019.00
I	Office Expenses	
	Photocopier costs	316.00
	Heat & Light	279.00
	Postage/Stationery	145.00
	Phone/B'band	406.00
	Website	302.00
	Equipment Hire	903.00
	sundry	251.00
	Professional fees	580.00
	New Computer	1,258.00
	Books***	
	TOTAL	4,440.00
	***CPD & Conference Minutes	
J	Other Outgoings	
	Local Pastor expenses	572.00
	preaching	566.00
	youth & families ministry	2,568.00
	travel (ministers)	2,253.00
	P&S	220.00
	telephone (ministers)	1,526.00
	Travel (volunteers)	0.00
	misc	0.00
	Training	832.00
	Ministers Sundry	242.00
	TOTAL	8,779.00
K	Gain in resale value of Manses as valued by www.zoopla.co.uk	

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

Manse	Resale value	
	1st Sept 2021	1st Sept 2022
Westminster Dr	400K	420K
Kirfield drive	260K	270K
Holly Lane	<u>270K</u>	<u>280K</u>
	930K	970K

Gain in resale value = 40K

The value of the manse is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2022, based on a fair resale value using estimated property prices from zoopla.co.uk. See also note J above

BS2 Stipends were paid to 3 full time Presbyters throughout the year. Ministers stipends are paid one month in advance, September stipend is paid in August

BS3 Current Assets

	OB	income	expenditure	transfers	closing balance
Co-op current a/c	11809	77635	-36643	-42720	10081
CFB General (Deposit)	180305	168902	-207328	43720	185599
CFB Manse (Deposit)	2222	8	0	-1000	1230
TOTAL	194336	246545	-243971	0	196910

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 11 Churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st December. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £4000 was received towards the employment cost of the Youth & Communities Team Leader. A grant from the DAF of £800 was received towards expenses of the Baby Basics project. Local donations are received for community projects, and grants from the previous FY are held to cover the full employment cost of an Early Intervention Worker. The restricted current assets shows the value of these grants and donations remaining as of 31st August 2022

BS6 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses.

Name of Circuit: Hinckley

No: 23/11

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *C. Bacon* Date... *22/09/22*

Name and address of treasurer: Mrs Christine Bacon, 4 Cleveland Road, Hinckley, Leics
Post Code: LE10 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 3rd October 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *Tim Woolley*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Rev Dr Tim Woolley Date: 3/10/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 10. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; 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 *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P 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/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: DAVID JOHN BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CIMA

Name of firm (where appropriate): AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address: 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

..... Post Code: LE10 1LQ

Date: 30 / 11 / 2022

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September 2022

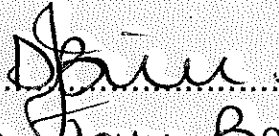
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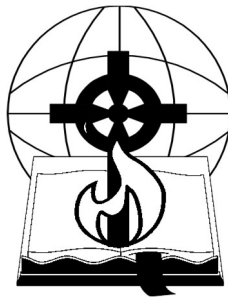
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September 2022

Accounts

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Northampton District
Hinckley Circuit **23/11**
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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

of

16th September 2021

**held at Earl Shilton Methodist
Church or on Zoom**

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2020 to 31st August 2021

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Dr Timothy Woolley	Superintendent Minister
Rev David Haseldine	Minister
Rev Patricia Mukorombindo	Minister
Mr Colin Haddon	Senior Circuit Steward
Mrs Sheila Grice	Circuit Steward
Mr William Taylor	Circuit Steward - Finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mr Neville Spark	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mr Michael Holt (appointed June 2021)	Circuit Steward
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Pastor
Mr John Cooke (RIP June 2021)	Local Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Pastor

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of eleven Methodist Churches in the following localities:

Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stapleton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by three full time presbyters, who are aided by three Local Pastors, and eleven active Local Preachers.

During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in one administrative and two missional posts, and supported the training of a young person under the Methodist Young Leader scheme as well as providing a Youthwork and Community Placement for a student at De Montfort University:

Administrator (part time)

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader (full time)

Children and Families Community Worker

Young Leader

Ministers are supported by the Circuit Stewards and Lay Workers by a Line Manager or Support Group

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers

Circuit Stewards

Local Pastors

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader

Children and Families Community Worker

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT - MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

- A mission focused church outward and forward facing.
- Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.
- Encouraging a wide use of our premises
- Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.
- Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number of suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING& SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit

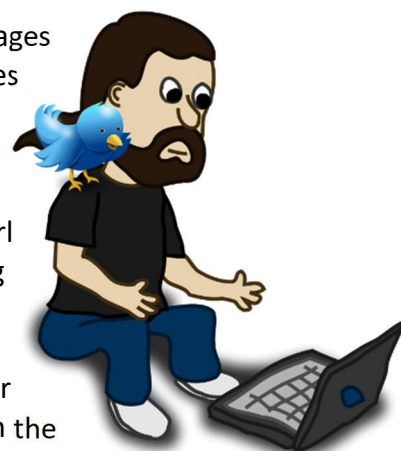
In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. During the pandemic, services have continued online, and it is hoped to continue this ministry to members and the wider public. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are carol services, prayer breakfasts and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.



Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services, and to the wider community through Messy Church and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Churches have continued to support families throughout the covid pandemic. Barwell Methodist Church, in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council, handed out lunch/activity packs during school holidays. Churches which would normally run Messy Church and Holiday Clubs have distributed activity bags to families in their community. Our Children and Families Community Worker has remained active on Social Media throughout the pandemic, and has led a number of community initiatives including an allotment project (see Children and Families report below for more detail).

It is anticipated that face-to-face activities will recommence as it becomes safe to do so, following guidance from the government and the Methodist Connexion.

The Circuit places an emphasis on youth work in the towns and villages served by our churches, employing a full time Youth and Communities Worker to plan and oversee youth work and outreach work amongst young people in the community. The Youth Team comprising a full time employed Youth and Communities Work Team Leader, Young Leader and volunteers works closely with local schools, Barwell and Earl Shilton Street Pastors, and the Northampton Methodist District. During the pandemic support for young people has continued following safeguarding and covid safe guidance from the National Youth Council. Work has been mainly via social media, with some outdoor activities taking place including an allotment project. Dependent upon the acquisition of grant funding, the Circuit is hoping to employ a full time Early Intervention Worker (EIW) in January 2022, whose role will be to provide support, information and advice to young people on issues such as drug and alcohol dependency, partnering with local schools and other local support agencies (see Youth report below for more detail).



From July 2021, churches are beginning to reintroduce opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, mens breakfast, craft groups, lunch clubs etc. following safety guidance. Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times.

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Worship in the Circuit and work in the community has been seriously impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. Please see individual reports below for an account of how the Circuit has responded in this national crisis

The Way Ahead

The Circuit has begun an extensive internal review of its structure and activities in response to a general trend of falling church attendance and the resultant reduction in church incomes. It is the intention of the managing trustees to meet the challenges this presents in a planned and well managed way, whilst supporting those churches and individual members who will be impacted by the outcomes of the Way Ahead review. It is hoped to have a working plan for the future viability of the Circuit in place by September 2022. The Circuit plans to reduce the number of serving Ministers from 3 to 2 from September 2023, but it is anticipated that the outreach work of the Lay Missional team will continue to develop and expand.

Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

The time between the March Circuit meeting and the writing of this report was once again dominated, to a certain extent, by the continuing Covid-19 pandemic and the constraints this has put on the activities of individuals, churches and the Circuit. The loosening of national regulations is a cause for (cautious) thankfulness as we begin to be able to return to something like what previously passed for normality. Much however has changed and many lessons have been learnt over the last eighteen months, not least that, while we have been saddened to be unable to meet in our buildings many, though not all, have been able to take advantage of broadcast or online services including Zoom Worship. Although compared to some churches we have “come late to the party” I believe that we must now seize the opportunity to develop further our online presence and not just in the form of online worship. In an age when many people inhabit a virtual world almost as much as the physical it is crucial that we see that online world as a mission field where the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ can reach people who would not even think of entering one of our buildings. To that end, a group of people from churches across the circuit have agreed to meet to begin an exploration of the practicalities of livestreaming, be that live worship or other content.

It is good to be able to report this exciting and new development but, more soberingly, we face considerable challenges as a circuit; declining congregations, ageing buildings, a shortage of Local Preachers and, from September 2023 a reduction from three to two presbyteral ministers. We agreed, at an additional Circuit Meeting in June, to face up to these realities and recognised the impossibility of remaining as a circuit of eleven churches. We also agreed that, as part of our “Way Ahead” process, all churches would, in the next six to eight months, work to complete the task set by the Methodist Conference in 2018 and produce either a realistic plan for growth or a plan for “end of life”. The Circuit Leadership Team gave a commitment to supporting churches and a timetable for completion of steps in the process was agreed. It is my conviction that the Hinckley Circuit has a future, under God, as a vibrant and growing community of disciples of Jesus. To ensure that it has we will need the courage to make some hard decisions in the short term and in the longer term to plan and work increasingly as a single, united entity rather than connected but essentially separate churches. Above all, we will need to seek God’s will in prayer and depend ever more fully on the guidance and empowering of The Holy Spirit.

You will be aware that this is my last report as Senior Circuit Steward as by the time of the Circuit Meeting I will have ceased to be a member of the stewards’ team. It is good, therefore, for me to be able to report that, at last, the major work on the Burbage manse has been completed. Sheila Grice has agreed to become Senior Circuit Steward for the Connexional Year 2021/22 and Mike Holt has taken on, for a maximum of three years, the role of Circuit Steward with responsibility for manses. Please continue to give them the support I have enjoyed from around the circuit; it has been a privilege to serve as a Circuit Steward for the past nine years. I will not, however, be leaving the Circuit Leadership Team entirely for a while

yet as I have agreed to remain, for the time being, to help navigate the circuit through the “Way Ahead” process.

God bless you all

Coin Haddon

Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

It is with great sadness that I begin this by reporting the death of John Cooke. John was the secretary of the Local Preachers meeting for many years and a much-loved local preacher around the circuit. Our thoughts and prayers are with Judith and family as they adjust to life without their beloved John. We are grateful to John for his faithful ministry and willing service within the Hinckley Circuit.

We are pleased to have given Simon Mapp, a member at Barwell Methodist Church a note to preach in this circuit and Gwen Coley has kindly agreed to be his mentor. Jennifer Baker is also currently on note. We wish them both well in their training and preaching and look forward to welcoming them when they lead our services.

All our churches are now open, having resumed services during May. Some Covid -19 measures are still in place, including wearing masks when singing, using track and trace and hand sanitizer. It is good to be back sharing worship and fellowship within our church families. Covering services during the present quarter has been challenging and we are grateful to the visiting ministers who agreed to taking services during this time. The planned reduction of services at Higham, Sharnford, Stapleton, Stoke Golding and Stoney Stanton was brought forward from September to August to reduce the number of services requiring a preacher.

The circuit zoom service has now reduced to being fortnightly, rather than weekly. We are also enormously grateful to Colin Haddon for the wonderful work he does putting the plan together each quarter.

As we continue to have discussions about The Way Ahead, we wait on God to determine His plans for our services in the future. We look forward eagerly to the possibilities that exist for engaging, creative and heart-filled worship in our churches. We are continually thankful to our local preachers for their energy, enthusiasm and passion for preaching God’s Word across this circuit. We are blessed by faithful service.

Sheila Grice

Local Preachers Secretary



YOUTH WORK REPORT

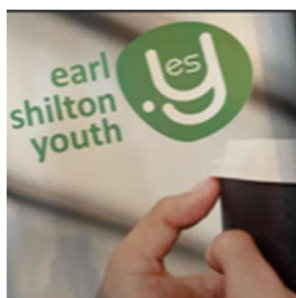
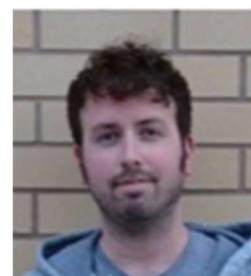


I apologise that this report is not colourful and engaging as the one done by Ollie last time!

We celebrate the continued success of youth worker in this circuit, despite the challenging times we have all been through as a result of the pandemic.

Staffing

- Ollie McAlister's time with us ended officially earlier this year, but he has continued to help out as a volunteer on the Allotment project in Earl Shilton.
- Olly Woolley has been working with us for 2 years now under the Young Leader's scheme. His contract ended in August as he is off to Sheffield University to study journalism. It has been a joy to watch Olly's confidence grow and he has made a valuable contribution to the team. Sadly, I missed his farewell barbecue a few weeks ago but I am told he spoke very well. We wish Olly all the best in the future and pray his faith grows and deepens in the coming years.
- Chris continues to work tirelessly and always has something new in his sights. We are regularly challenged by Chris to provide better quality experiences which will potentially lead our youngsters to know Jesus. During much of the pandemic face to face youth work has been impossible, but Chris has used his time wisely and fruitfully. He has been volunteering weekly at Hinckley Area Food Bank, helping vulnerable families.



Youth Cafes

All the youth cafes ceased to meet during the pandemic, but the one at Earl Shilton has now restarted! Sessions were relaunched in August with younger ones (years 7-9) meeting one week and older ones (years 10+) meeting the following week. At the first session of the younger group there were 17 youngsters attending which was great.

The Youth Allotment project continued despite Lockdown and has provided a safe space for small groups of youngsters to meet together to develop their physical and mental well-being. In July the group harvested the fruits (and vegetables) of their labour.





Shilton by the Sea was well supported this year and some of the Lads offered to help sort the 15 tonnes of sand that was used. Young people attending the event were able to grab a free lunch! Thanks to Chris for the hard work he put into this event. His presence was a great witness.



Hastings Academy

Chris was asked to visit Hastings Academy last term and talk to some students following a stabbing. As a result of this he has now been invited to run some workshops in small groups on anger management, knife crime, well-being and self esteem. This is a wonderful opportunity for Chris to build relations

with some of the young people in Burbage.

Early Intervention worker the part time post was advertised in the Spring, but no applicants were forthcoming. We are looking at the possibility of creating a full- time post, which would probably be more attractive when trying to recruit for a January start. Chris will give us an update at the meeting.

Prayer Breakfasts

These have continued on Zoom during the pandemic, and it has been wonderful to gather together in prayer, despite the lack of breakfast provided! Future prayer breakfasts will hopefully be face to face. These are planned bi-monthly till the end of the year: September 25th, November 27th.

Thanks to Lynda Coleman for coordinating these breakfasts and encouraging all our churches to get involved.

I do encourage you to pray for the youth work across the circuit as we plan The Way Ahead. If you use social media, you can always find out what's going on by looking at **Hinckley Circuit Youthworkers** on Facebook. Thanks to Chris for all he does

Sheila Grice

Children and Families Ministry report August 2021

GROWING TOGETHER PROJECT

This is a really exciting community project and I need your help!

This project has really taken off, we have three young people who are taking part in their Duke of Edinburgh awards and are volunteering for us on the allotment, they have been a big help with clearing the many weeds.

I have just harvested our first crop of potatoes, these were given away to people in the community of Sapcote. We have pumpkins too.

This is a circuit project and I would love for more people to be involved, we are wanting to start working on the communal area as we now have some grant money coming in to help with the cost of this.

I need some volunteers to keep the allotment running, and if anyone can spare an hour to come and to the allotment when the young people are there that would be great, for safeguarding reasons. You can bring a chair and just sit if gardening and digging isn't your thing! if you are passionate about outreach, want to come alongside the community and make disciples of Christ, then please do get in touch with me by email, so even if you think your days of digging on an allotment are gone please come and be part of this amazing project.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE 2021

After the success of Let Your Light shine 2020, it is back for Christmas 2021! But this year we would like to give out as many angels as we can to the community so please get knitting and crocheting, if we start now we may be ready for Christmas!

TUESDAY EVENINGS

Every Tuesday evening Chris Newlyn and I run a rolling 4-week program of different activities, discussion sessions and quizzes.

Week 1 - Tuesday Trivia (quiz evening)

Week 2 - Sofa session (watch a video and then lively friendly discussion)

Week 3 - Bible doodling (we pick a bible passage and then doodle whatever comes to mind) and have a good chat about the bible passage.

There will be a wellbeing course running soon, so please do look out for that and get involved.

These sessions are run on Zoom and have been well attended and a great way for me to get to know some of you across the Hinckley Circuit. If anyone would like the details please email me on hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

MESSY CHURCH

I continue to be involved with Hinckley Messy Church and this continues to run every month. We have also started a Messy Church in Stoke Golding, this is really exciting so please do pray for our first Messy Church on 9th September, please pray for the team leading Messy Church and for the families that we are yet to meet.

TOTS AND TOYS – Hinckley

Our toddler group started meeting again at the end of last term and it was great to be able to meet outside and see so many of our families again after so long. This continues to run term time on Thursday afternoons.

SCHOOL WORK

I am very excited to join the team at Sapcote and Sharnford Primary schools in leading their collective worship. This is a great opportunity and I look forward to building relationships with the schools, teachers, pupils and their families. There may be opportunities for Prayer spaces to be developed with the school and Godly Play.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you all in person very soon! Please do get in touch if you have any ideas for mission and outreach for the circuit.

Every Blessing

Claire

hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Children and Families Community Worker

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

We have now started delivering the online version of the Creating Safer Space Foundation module, in collaboration with three other local Methodist circuits. Thanks very much to Colin Haddon and Richard Smith who have organised and delivered training. Our next local online session will be held on the afternoon of Friday 8th October and if you require training because of a change in role in the church, or because your previous training needs updating (i.e. was more than 4.5 years ago) then you can book by using this link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/167372584907>

Capacity at these sessions is limited so if this session is full or is not convenient to you please inform Chris at the Circuit Office so that you will receive invites to future sessions. We hope to resume face to face sessions soon and we will inform churches when they have been organised.

The Advanced module is now also available online so please contact Chris if you need to do this training. It is a requirement that all active ministers, local preachers, worship leaders, circuit safeguarding officers, those in paid employment involving work with children or vulnerable adults, and a number of other specified groups must attend the Advanced Module. All course participants are required to have undertaken Foundation Module training since 2016 or the previous leadership module before attending the Advanced module training.

We would like to remind you that it is Methodist policy that renewals of DBS checks should be carried out every 5 years, unless as a result of a role change, a higher level of check is required, in which case a new DBS check must be sought, usually by approaching your church safeguarding lead.

I have attended several Circuit Safeguarding online meetings and we will be holding a Circuit Safeguarding meeting this autumn.

Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding67901/northampton-district-safeguarding/>

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough

Circuit Safeguarding Lead

Tel - 01455618739/07775540072

nigel.scarborough@hee.nhs.uk

PROPERTY REPORT

The District Property Meeting was held on Zoom on 8th May 2021.

Steven Hetherington is the new Director of Property Support, heading up Joanne Balmforth, with a part time support officer, and external support provided by a panel of Solicitors and Surveyors.

If you have not seen it before, I refer you to The House of Good Report www.houseofgood.nationalchurchestrust.org, (and click on “Download the House of Good Report” a little down the page). This could be of use as we consider the future of our buildings.

Annual Returns – 9 out of our 11 Churches have completed their annual returns on-line. Thanks to the Property Secretaries for completing these returns despite difficult times. This coming year the returns should be completed by 1st December, and as a reminder, September is a good time to inspect your buildings, and most of the information for the return is available for the Church Council meeting.

Quinquennial Inspections – The inspections have been completed at the following

Note - *Work of utmost urgency is shown in italics*

Manses:-

15 Westminster Drive, Burbage. *Carbon Monoxide sensor and renew felt on roof of the shed.*

At the Burbage Manse. The Inspector identified 7 items that were essential within the next 12 months, and noted the kitchen and utility room will need refitting in the next 5 years.

46 Kirfield Road, Hinckley. *Carbon Monoxide and Smoke sensors*

Churches –

Barwell. *None*

Earl Shilton. *None*

Higham on the Hill. *None*

Stoney Stanton. *None*

Quinquennial Inspections due in 2021-22 – Barwell Manse and Sapcote Church

Ian Baker

Circuit Property Secretary

MANSE REPORT

Thanks to Colin Haddon and Chris Bacon for their help in getting back into looking after the Manses. Since being appointed I have been ensuring that all the necessary documentation is up to date so that the annual returns can be made. The manse logbooks have all been updated.

I hope within the next few weeks to visit each Manse to review where we are and to put together a schedule of work which needs doing in the next twelve months. This will then be prioritised with the most urgent items at the top of the list.

Hopefully the Burbage Manse should not require too much attention in the next year. The quinquennial inspection took place on 8th July 2021, and I am pleased to report there are no urgent items to attend to, however it is recommended that the gutters and down pipes be replaced within the next 12 months. Within five years we should consider replacing the kitchen units.

Barwell Manse needs the Dining room wooden floor repairing and some roof tiling and re-pointing.

Hinckley Manse Quinquennial took place on 8th July with the following recommendations. As soon as possible fit smoke sensor and Carbon monoxide sensors. Within 12 months check gutters and downpipe coupling's and replace. Contact a pest control company to deal with ant problem on the lawn.

Michael Holt

Circuit Manse Secretary

DATA PROTECTION REPORT

The Connexion has recently revised and updated the document retention schedule for Churches, Circuits and Districts. In the light of this, Keith Ware our Circuit Archivist has updated the Circuit Policy and Procedures for Record Management. The revised document, which can be found in Appendix I, must be submitted for approval to the Circuit Meeting.

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

Financial Review

General Summary

Funds



The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c below (see Reserves Policy). The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment.

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities.

Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds.

The Circuit Youth Work this year has been part funded by a district grant of £4K. £1.6K was gifted by a private donor towards the cost of employing a Young Leader under the Northampton Methodist District Young Leader Scheme. The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities, are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.



We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7K. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet

Circuit Reserves Policy March 2021

1. Mission Policy

The Circuit Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and is published on the Circuit web site www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Essentially, it provides for:

- a. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 11 local churches in the circuit.
- b. The support of a ministry team of 3 Presbyterian Ministers with the support of 3 local Pastors, a part-time Circuit Administrator, a full-time Youth Worker with a part-time Child and Families Ministry Enabler and a part-time trainee Young Leader. The circuit calls on the support of an associate minister to lead services once or twice a quarter.
- c. The maintenance of 3 circuit manses

2. Financial Plans

- The circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c.
- The Circuit Youth Worker is part funded by a district grant totalling £30,000 paid over five years (2018 to 2022 inclusive). The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £7,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- The Children and Families Ministry Enabler post (1st January 2020 to 31st December 2022) is funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £18,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7000. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet
- The Circuit general funds at year end Aug 2020 were as follows
 - Unrestricted general fund £159,923 (excludes Circuit Model Trust Fund)
 - Restricted fund (EIW) £15,049
- Under standing orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the upkeep of manses. The total cost for last year was £176,510 including the salaries and related costs of the lay workers but excluding the costs in relation to the Early Intervention Worker. The total expenditure for the circuit including payments to the District and Connexion, grants and other general expenditure was £254,158
- The Circuit Model Trust Fund at year end Aug 2020 was £125,972. This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

3. Reserves Policy

The charities commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

- Our policy is to hold at least 6 months expenditure relating to the Minister, Manses and Lay worker direct costs. Based on last year's accounts this equals $\text{£}176,510/2=\text{£}88,255$.
- Our policy is to hold funds to meet commitments to Lay Workers (Mission Staff) on Fixed Term Contracts. There are currently three posts meeting this criterion:

Post	Contract end date	Financial Commitment
Youth Work Team Leader	31/08/2021	30,000
Young Leader	31/08/2021	2,000
Children and Families Ministry Enabler	31/12/2022	20,700
Total commitment to fixed term mission projects		52,700

- We are required therefore to hold $88,255 + 52,700 = £140,955$. Funds held in the general account satisfy this criterion, with £18,968 remaining.
- Money held at year end 31st Aug 20 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund has been earmarked by the trustees for the following purposes:
 - £18,000 to cover the direct costs of employing a Child and Families Ministry Enabler from January 2020 to December 2022.
 - £7,000 to cover the direct costs of Circuit Youth Worker to 31st August 2021
 - £4,000 grant to Sharnford MC
 - £5,000 grant to Barwell MC
 - The remaining £91,972 (as of 31st Aug 20 and excluding repayment of loans) is held in reserve pending the decision of the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit appreciates the importance of the youth and workers and is seeking to extend the current contracts. The current unallocated fund if used to extend the contracts would be fully used in 15 months

Bank Accounts

The Circuit continues to hold the bulk of its funds in the CFB General and Manse accounts. Balances on 31st August 2020 are as follows:

Co-op Current: £20129.99

CFB General: £177,686.01

CFB Manse: £6214.02

The Circuit also holds circa £126K in the TMCP account.

Current Funds are held with the Co-op Bank. In accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Connexion, internet transactions on this account will be subject to the same dual authorisation as cheque transactions.

Christine Bacon
Circuit Treasurer
September 2021

Appendix I – Update to the Policy and Procedures for Record Management within the Hinckley Circuit

Wording not in the new revision has been ~~struck through~~. New wording is in **bold type**

Policy and Procedures for Record Management within the Hinckley Circuit (July 2021 update)

The Purpose of this Document

This document is intended to provide the churches within the circuit with guidelines and procedures for the systematic and consistent management of their records. Every church needs records to meet their operational, fiscal and statutory requirements. Effective management allows fast, accurate and reliable access to records and the correct processing of redundant records. This applies to records held as paper copies and records held electronically. All records created by the Methodist Church are the property of the Methodist Church.

Responsibility for Record Management

Although the Superintendent Minister is ultimately responsible for the maintenance of records within the circuit it is the responsibility of all office holders and leaders to manage individual records and store them securely.

Record Retention Periods

All records should be reviewed annually to determine whether they are still required or whether their retention period has expired. The retention periods for different record types are listed ~~Appendix 1 in~~ **the Retention Schedule for Methodist Records (revised 12th April 2021)** with the action to be taken when the retention period expires. ~~These retention periods and actions are as currently agreed by the Connexion.~~

Record Destruction

Records containing personal data (e.g. name, address, telephone number, email address) must be destroyed using a cross cut shredder.

Records with no personal data can be destroyed in a rubbish bin without being shredded.

~~**Records sent to the Circuit Office**~~

~~Details of records passed to the Circuit Office must be recorded and retained in the Church safe / locked cupboard indefinitely. This will provide an audit trail for any inspections conducted by the Information Commissioner and will aid in addressing Freedom of Information requests.~~

Records to be Archived

Records which are to be archived must be passed to the Circuit Office. Details of the records passed to the Circuit Office must be recorded and retained in the Church safe / locked cupboard indefinitely. This will provide an audit trail for any inspections conducted by the Information Commissioner and will aid in addressing Freedom of Information requests.

Data Sharing

Where data is passed from one church body to another only the original record should be retained as detailed above. **All duplicate records should be destroyed as detailed above. If duplicate records have been annotated the original document should be amended as required.**

~~Where records are shared within the Circuit it is the responsibility of the person managing those records to ensure that the recipients will manage them in accordance with the Circuit's policies and relevant legislation and regulations~~

This has implications for all meetings where photo-copies of minutes, accounts, reports, etc are handed out. They should be collected in at the end of the meeting. Only the agenda should be taken away and any notes made during the meeting by attendees should be included in the minutes of the meeting.

Where records are shared with bodies outside the Circuit it is the responsibility of the person managing those records to ensure that the outside body will manage them in accordance with the Circuit's policies and relevant legislation and regulations.

Archiving

When records are sent to the Circuit Office they will be prepared, listed and then deposited (on indefinite loan - not donated) with the Leicestershire Records Office in Wigston Magna. The general public will not be able to view records not previously in the public domain for 30 years. Sensitive records will not be available to the general public for 75 years. The Leicestershire Records Office will provide a signed declaration that they have received the deposited records. This receipt must be stored in the safe in the Circuit Office indefinitely.

Circuit Records

Circuit records are treated in a similar manner to church records **as listed in the Retention Schedule for Methodist Records (revised 12th April 2021)**. ~~Records which relate to the Circuit rather than individual churches are listed in Appendix 2.~~

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2021

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 16th September 2021

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			6,820		31,820
2 Income from monetary investments	B	231	413				644
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	184,750		7,700			192,450
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received	D				4,000		4,000
7 Other charitable income	E	11,674					11,674
8 Total income		221,655	413	7,700	10,820	-	240,588
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F		5,000		5,220		10,220
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	162,978			5,600		168,578
11 Property maintenance	H	25,308		10,701			36,009
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		35,799	3,798				39,597
13 District Assessment & Levy		6,870					6,870
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	I	3,688					3,688
16 Other outgoings	J	10,104	252				10,356
17 Total charitable expenditure		244,747	9,050	10,701	10,820	0	275,318
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values	K	30,000					30,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		6,908	-8,637	-3,001	0	0	-4,730
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments received in advance	-	7,450					-7,450
23 ElW grants rec'd in advance	D				16,399		16,399
24 Sept stipend pd in advance		106					106
25 Net movement in funds		-436	-8,637	-3,001	16,399	0	4,325
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049		1,200,944
27 Total funds carried forward		1,056,486	117,335	-	31,448	-	1,205,269

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,215					25,215
2 Income from monetary investments		1,333	1,079				2,412
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		179,375		7,000			186,375
5 Capital Receipts		1,000					1,000
6 Grants received					13,500		13,500
7 Other charitable income		7,172					7,172
8 Total income		214,095	1,079	7,000	13,500	-	235,674
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		150			58		208
10 Salaries and associated costs		156,240			15,441		171,681
11 Property maintenance		12,726		7,544			20,270
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			3,955				3,955
13 District Assessment & Levy		43,961					43,961
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,575					4,575
16 Other outgoings		8,984	258		266		9,508
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,636	4,213	7,544	15,765	0	254,158
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		115,000					115,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		102,459	-3,134	-544	-2,265	0	96,516
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments rec'd in advance		2,825					2,825
23 EIW grant rec'd Aug 2019					15,000		15,000
24 Sept stipend pd in advance		237					237
25 Net movement in funds		105,521	-3,134	-544	12,735	0	114,578
26 Total funds brought forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314		1,086,366
27 Total funds carried forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	-	1,200,944

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £
				BS6	BS5			
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	930,000					930,000	900,000
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		930,000	0	0	0	0	930,000	900,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept stipend pd in advance)	BS2	9,023					9,023	8,917
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			117,335				117,335	125,972
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	151,259			31,268		182,527	183,900
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	11,629			180		11,809	20,130
Total current assets		171,911	117,335	0	31,448	0	320,694	338,919
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in advance	BS4	45,425					45,425	37,975
Grants payable within 2021-22							0	0
Total current liabilities		45,425	0	0	0	0	45,425	37,975
Net current assets/liabilities		126,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	275,269	300,944
Total assets less current liabilities		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,056,486					1,056,486	1,056,922
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			117,335				117,335	125,972
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	3,001
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,173,821	1,185,895
Restricted Funds					31,448		31,448	15,049
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944

Signed

C. Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2020, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2021, based on a fair resale value using property prices from *rightmove.com*. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and reliable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,F below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group (comprising mostly, but not exclusively) of Circuit trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Bursar (who is not a trustee)

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

CPD: The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

Notes to the Accounts 3 -

INCOME

A	Donations & Legacies	£
	Connexional Funds*	5,220.00
	Young Leader	1,600.00
	Private donations	25,000.00
	TOTAL	31,820.00

* not included in accounts

B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	227.05
	TMCP interest	413.60
	Trust interest	3.63
	TOTAL	644.28

C	Assessments on Churches (2020#21)	
	Barwell	31250.00
	Burbage	24400.00
	Earl Shilton	19300.00
	Higham	3000.00
	Hinckley	50300.00
	Newbold Verdon	21300.00
	Sapcote	21700.00
	Sharnford	6000.00
	Stapleton	2300.00
	Stoke Golding	9600.00
	Stoney Stanton	3300.00
	TOTAL	192,450.00
	Fy21 Ass pd Aug 20	37975.00
	Fy22 Ass.pd Aug 21	-45,425.00
	(see note BS4)	185,000.00

D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	4,000.00
	Early Intervention Worker	16,399.00
	TOTAL	20,399.00

E	Other Income	
	Office Income (photocopying)	52.45
	Manse Phone/B'band**	326.40
	Salary Contrib - Hinckley***	7,657.80
	Sundry	3,637.50
	TOTAL	11,674.15

** contributions from the Ministers to cover personal calls plus the cost of enhanced broadband package

*** Hinckley MC contribution to Children & Families Ministry Enabler salary

EXPENDITURE

F	Grants and Donations	£
	Connexional Funds*	5,220.00
	TOTAL	5,220.00

* not included in accounts

G	Salaries & Assoc. costs	
	Stipends & assoc costs	107,679.72
	Stipend adjustment**	-106.32
	Salaries & assoc costs	60,190.02
	Apprenticeship levy	708.38
	TOTAL	168,471.80

** Sept stipends are paid in August

H	Property	
	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10690.63
	Service contracts/Maint	16641.05
	Rental Property costs	8677.04
	TOTAL	36,008.72

I	Office Expenses	
	Photocopier costs	310.64
	Heat & Light	237.02
	Postage/Stationery	338.97
	Phone/B'band	395.12
	Website	91.74
	Equipment Hire	903.76
	sundry	157.13
	Professional fees	580.00
	Membership tickets	91.50
	Books***	582.50
	TOTAL	3,688.38

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J	Other Outgoings	
	Local Pastor expenses	59.22
	preaching	263.80
	youth & families ministry	2,274.33
	travel (ministers)	390.07
	P&S	73.32
	telephone (ministers)	1,603.38
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Hinckley Methodist Circuit

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting Dadley.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr Tim R Wadley Date 16/9/21.....

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner D.J. BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD,

..... HINCKLEY Post Code LE10 1LQ

Date 10.11.2021

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September 2021

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2021

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 16th September 2021

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,000			6,820		31,820
2 Income from monetary investments	B	231	413				644
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	184,750		7,700			192,450
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received	D				4,000		4,000
7 Other charitable income	E	11,674					11,674
8 Total income		221,655	413	7,700	10,820	-	240,588
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F		5,000		5,220		10,220
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	162,978			5,600		168,578
11 Property maintenance	H	25,308		10,701			36,009
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		35,799	3,798				39,597
13 District Assessment & Levy		6,870					6,870
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	I	3,688					3,688
16 Other outgoings	J	10,104	252				10,356
17 Total charitable expenditure		244,747	9,050	10,701	10,820	0	275,318
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values	K	30,000					30,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		6,908	-8,637	-3,001	0	0	-4,730
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments received in advance	-	7,450					-7,450
23 ElW grants rec'd in advance	D				16,399		16,399
24 Sept stipend pd in advance		106					106
25 Net movement in funds		-436	-8,637	-3,001	16,399	0	4,325
26 Total funds brought forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049		1,200,944
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Income							
1 Donations and legacies		25,215					25,215
2 Income from monetary investments		1,333	1,079				2,412
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		179,375		7,000			186,375
5 Capital Receipts		1,000					1,000
6 Grants received					13,500		13,500
7 Other charitable income		7,172					7,172
8 Total income		214,095	1,079	7,000	13,500	-	235,674
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		150			58		208
10 Salaries and associated costs		156,240			15,441		171,681
11 Property maintenance		12,726		7,544			20,270
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			3,955				3,955
13 District Assessment & Levy		43,961					43,961
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		4,575					4,575
16 Other outgoings		8,984	258		266		9,508
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,636	4,213	7,544	15,765	0	254,158
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		115,000					115,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		102,459	-3,134	-544	-2,265	0	96,516
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments rec'd in advance		2,825					2,825
23 EIW grant rec'd Aug 2019					15,000		15,000
24 Sept stipend pd in advance		237					237
25 Net movement in funds		105,521	-3,134	-544	12,735	0	114,578
26 Total funds brought forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314		1,086,366
27 Total funds carried forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	-	1,200,944

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2020/21 £	Totals 2019/20 £
				BS6	BS5			
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	BS1	930,000					930,000	900,000
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		930,000	0	0	0	0	930,000	900,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept stipend pd in advance)	BS2	9,023					9,023	8,917
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			117,335				117,335	125,972
Central Finance Board Deposits	BS3	151,259			31,268		182,527	183,900
Cash at Bank and in hand	BS3	11,629			180		11,809	20,130
Total current assets		171,911	117,335	0	31,448	0	320,694	338,919
Current liabilities								
Assessments recd in advance	BS4	45,425					45,425	37,975
Grants payable within 2021-22							0	0
Total current liabilities		45,425	0	0	0	0	45,425	37,975
Net current assets/liabilities		126,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	275,269	300,944
Total assets less current liabilities		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,056,486					1,056,486	1,056,922
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			117,335				117,335	125,972
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	3,001
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,173,821	1,185,895
Restricted Funds					31,448		31,448	15,049
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,056,486	117,335	0	31,448	0	1,205,269	1,200,944

Signed

C. Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2020, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 31st August 2021, based on a fair resale value using property prices from *rightmove.com*. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and reliable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,F below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

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GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group (comprising mostly, but not exclusively) of Circuit trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Bursar (who is not a trustee)

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

CPD: The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

Notes to the Accounts 3 -

INCOME

A	Donations & Legacies	£
	Connexional Funds*	5,220.00
	Young Leader	1,600.00
	Private donations	25,000.00
	TOTAL	31,820.00

* not included in accounts

B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	227.05
	TMCP interest	413.60
	Trust interest	3.63
	TOTAL	644.28

C	Assessments on Churches (2020#21)	
	Barwell	31250.00
	Burbage	24400.00
	Earl Shilton	19300.00
	Higham	3000.00
	Hinckley	50300.00
	Newbold Verdon	21300.00
	Sapcote	21700.00
	Sharnford	6000.00
	Stapleton	2300.00
	Stoke Golding	9600.00
	Stoney Stanton	3300.00
	TOTAL	192,450.00
	Fy21 Ass pd Aug 20	37975.00
	Fy22 Ass.pd Aug 21	-45,425.00
	(see note BS4)	185,000.00

D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	4,000.00
	Early Intervention Worker	16,399.00
	TOTAL	20,399.00

E	Other Income	
	Office Income (photocopying)	52.45
	Manse Phone/B'band**	326.40
	Salary Contrib - Hinckley***	7,657.80
	Sundry	3,637.50
	TOTAL	11,674.15

** contributions from the Ministers to cover personal calls plus the cost of enhanced broadband package

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EXPENDITURE

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G	Salaries & Assoc. costs	
	Stipends & assoc costs	107,679.72
	Stipend adjustment**	-106.32
	Salaries & assoc costs	60,190.02
	Apprenticeship levy	708.38
	TOTAL	168,471.80

** Sept stipends are paid in August

H	Property	
	Council Tax/Water/Ins	10690.63
	Service contracts/Maint	16641.05
	Rental Property costs	8677.04
	TOTAL	36,008.72

I	Office Expenses	
	Photocopier costs	310.64
	Heat & Light	237.02
	Postage/Stationery	338.97
	Phone/B'band	395.12
	Website	91.74
	Equipment Hire	903.76
	sundry	157.13
	Professional fees	580.00
	Membership tickets	91.50
	Books***	582.50
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***CPD & Conference Minutes

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Signature of treasurer C. Bacon..... Date 15/09/21.....

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Hinckley Leics..... Post Code LE10 0AJ.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting Dadley.....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr Tim R Wadley Date 16/9/21.

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

Charity Number 1134382

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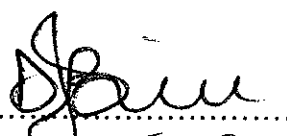
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- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which 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/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner D.J. BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD,

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Date 10.11.2021

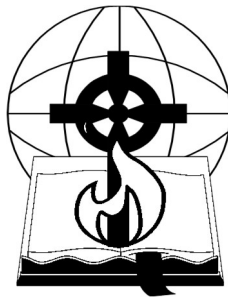
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**TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE
CIRCUIT MEETING**

of

17th September 2020

held via Zoom

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2019 to 31st August 2020

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

Rev Dr Timothy Woolley	Superintendent Minister
Rev David Haseldine	Minister
Rev Wes Hampton	Minister
Mr Colin Haddon	Senior Circuit Steward
Mrs Sheila Grice	Circuit Steward
Mr William Taylor	Circuit Steward - Finance
Mr Arthur Bennett	Circuit Steward
Mr Neville Spark	Circuit Steward
Mrs Rachel Cobb	Circuit Steward
Mrs Judith Cooke	Local Pastor
Mr John Cooke	Local Pastor
Mrs Anne Haddon	Local Pastor

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

The Charity Trustees are the Members of the Circuit Meeting, comprising the following officers and elected members, when such persons are members of the Methodist Church of Great Britain:

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumery Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Additional Members: In addition to the Treasurer and a Steward, further representatives elected by each church council in numbers specified by the Circuit Meeting, currently

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

Details of current trustees can be found in our charity details on the Charities Commission website

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe

Structure, Governance and Management

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit is part of the Methodist Church of Great Britain and as such is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (known as CPD) of the Methodist Church of Great Britain.

The Hinckley Circuit oversees and supports the work and mission of eleven Methodist Churches in the following localities:

Barwell, Burbage, Earl Shilton, Higham, Hinckley, Newbold Verdon, Sapcote, Sharnford, Stapleton, Stoke Golding, Stoney Stanton



The Northampton Methodist District oversees and supports the work and mission of the Circuit.

The Circuit is staffed by three full time presbyters, who are aided by three Local Pastors, ten active Local Preachers, and an Associate Minister.

During the year, the Circuit has employed lay workers in one administrative and four missional posts, and supported the training of a young person under the Methodist Young Leader scheme:

Administrator (part time)

Youth Work Team Leader (full time)

Youth Support Worker (part time)

Early Intervention Worker (full time to 31st December 2019)

Children and Families Ministry Enabler (part time from 1st January 2020).

Young Leader (part time from 1st March to 31st August 2020)

The Circuit Meeting takes place twice yearly in September and March, plus any extraordinary meeting if required. Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken on behalf of the Circuit Meeting by the Circuit Leadership Team meeting approximately 6 times a year, comprising:

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers

Circuit Stewards

Local Pastors

Youth Work Team Leader

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

The Mission Statement of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit (2015) is as follows:

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT - MISSION POLICY

We are called as Methodists to be a people who express and experience their interconnection in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help (Standing Order 500), to share “scriptural holiness” and the radical life-transforming Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is ‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

everything which we aspire to do needs to have this vision as the goal.

We will strive to be:

- A mission focused church outward and forward facing.
- Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.
- Encouraging a wide use of our premises
- Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.
- Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

A sufficient number suitable premises to enable people across the circuit to worship in a variety of styles

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING& SERVICE

To develop resources to care for church members and the wider community.

EVANGELISM

To equip and empower people to live lives where the love of Jesus shines through.

We will continue to develop our Mission Document (February 2015) and to encourage our various congregations to discuss and take action on the “Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations” (Robert Schnase).

Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit

In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each Sunday. There are also occasional services midweek. Examples are Carol services, prayer days and café worship. The churches seek to be a friendly and welcoming community and anybody is free to attend these services.



Some churches provide a full programme of children's and family-based activities during services and to the wider community through Messy Church and Holiday Clubs. Four churches in the Circuit are home to Scout and/or Guide groups. Barwell Methodist Church runs a Lunch Club event in school holidays in partnership with Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council enabling families with children aged 5 to 12 years to come together and share a wide range of play activities and a meal.

During 2019/20, the Circuit extended its children and families work in the churches and in the wider community, through the part-time employment of a Children and Families Ministry Enabler from January 2020.

The Circuit places an emphasis on youth work in the towns and villages served by our churches, employing a full time youth worker to plan and oversee youth work around the Circuit, including youth clubs, school discussion groups, day trips and outreach work amongst young people in the community. The Youth Team comprising a full time employed Youth Work Team Leader, a part time employed Youth Support Worker and volunteers works closely with local schools, Barwell and Earl Shilton Street Pastors, and the Reality Youth Project based at St. Martins House in Leicester. The Circuit also employed a full time Early Intervention Worker (EIW) until 31st December 2019 whose role was to provide support, information and advice to young people on issues such as drug and alcohol dependency and anger management. The EIW was based at Heath Lane Academy in Earl Shilton, and worked largely among the students there, but also provided support in other high schools and local youth initiatives. From January to July 2020, this work was continued by the Youthwork Team Leader and Youth Support Worker. The Circuit hopes to secure funding for an expanded Phase 2 of the Early Intervention Worker project to begin in 2021.



Several of the churches provide opportunities during the week for local residents to meet and socialise via coffee mornings, mens breakfast, craft groups, lunch clubs etc. Those churches with hall facilities provide a venue for a wide variety of community groups, with four churches in the Circuit providing accommodation for playgroups during term times.

The circuit acknowledges the invaluable contribution of its many volunteers to its work and mission.



Worship in the Circuit and work in the community has been impacted by the Covid 19 pandemic. Please see individual reports below for an account of how the Circuit has responded in this national crisis

Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

My computer informs me that I completed my report to the March Circuit Meeting on 24th February this year. At that time, and even on the date of the meeting itself two weeks later, none of us, I think, could have imagined how quickly and how radically our lives were about to change. Within a fortnight of that meeting the country entered full lockdown and freedoms we took for granted were curtailed and the rising tide of Covid-19 infections brought with them immense pressure on our health service and unprecedented economic and social consequences which will last for a lifetime. I will not catalogue the events which have followed up to now; this is not a news item or a journalistic essay but a report on the life of our circuit and what God has been doing with, and amongst us in the last six months.

In the days before the lockdown was announced we had already taken the decision, following the advice of the Methodist Church, to cancel Sunday worship in our churches, the planned for and long anticipated Worship Works weekend led by Roger Jones had been postponed indefinitely and, in what would be the last face to face meeting for several months Tim, Wes, Dave and I had sat at the four corners of an imaginary square in the church building at Burbage to discuss plans for the immediate future. I can't remember all the details of that meeting but I do recall discussing the production of a monthly newsletter and the possibility of ministers and Local Preachers being willing to produce "worship at Home" sheets for distribution around the circuit if the Connexional Team did not continue to publish these (it did, and is still doing so).

The first document to appear as a result of our meeting rejoiced in the unmemorable title of "Covid-19 Information Sheet " and was the first of what became a weekly newsletter for which we are indebted to Chris Bacon, our Circuit Administrator who produced this every week until the end of July, when we agreed that the time was right for it to be replaced by a simpler bulletin.

Mention of Chris leads me to a decision taken in the early days of the lockdown that we would not furlough our circuit employees and would allow Chris B, Chris N and Claire the freedom to use their time as they felt led. Chris, Chris and Claire we are enormously grateful to you for what you have done; from the newsletter to sofa sessions, from Crafternoons to the Quarantine Quiz and much more besides.



Among all the changes we have had to make perhaps the one which we would have least predicted has been the complete cessation of public worship in the churches (not to mention mosques, temples synagogues etc) of this country. Never before has this happened but we can praise God for the timing. Thirty, even twenty years ago we would not have had the wealth of technological resources which have enabled us to continue to be spiritually sustained and fed and for corporate worship of God to continue (hands up those who had heard of Zoom before March 2020!) We have been blessed by this and other connectivity platforms.

My hope and prayer is that what we have learnt from this enforced time will not simply be forgotten in a rush to resume “doing what we have always done” but will re-evaluate what is important and what is effective whether that be in the use internet communication technology in mission as with the recently ended Online Alpha Course, hosted by Chris and Claire, or the development of new worshipping communities or simply in saving time and travel when we have to meet to discuss the business of circuit life. The hard questions and challenges regarding, for example, how we continue to resource worship in terms of ministers, preachers and worship leaders, how we continue to offer pastoral support to members of our congregations and how we continue to afford to maintain church buildings, have not gone away and in some ways have been brought into sharper focus. However we have learnt much in the last six months which might help us as we face these. The introduction of the Circuit Zoom Service at the beginning of August, for example, is one attempt to extend what we have been doing as individual churches to reach not only those who continue to shield but perhaps also the housebound and those whose health does not allow them to continue attending a place of worship and, as such, the intention is that this should continue for the foreseeable future.

Moving to more specific events in the life of our circuit; Wes and Cherry Hampton have left us to move to Broadstairs, as Wes prepares to begin the next phase of his ministry. We wish them well and ask God to continue to bless them and pray that the Canterbury and East Kent Circuit will benefit, as much we have done in the Hinckley Circuit from Wes’s, experience and gifts. Patricia Mukorombindo and her husband Peter have moved Into the Kirfield Drive manse and, when you read this, she will have officially begun her ministry among us and for her too we pray God’s blessing. The period of three weeks for which the manse remained empty was an intense one in terms of work being done on the house and in the garden, by both contractors and volunteers. It would be invidious to mention names here but I am enormously personally grateful to those who helped in any way with the work. Patricia and Peter were delighted with what you achieved. Some items of work remain outstanding but are in hand.



In Burbage, Tim and his family have had to endure several more months of living in a house with major work pending. I am pleased to be able to report that we have agreed a six-month let on an alternative property in Burbage and the work, funded by insurance money, will at last be able to take place. Please continue to pray that all may go smoothly with this and that the disruption to the Woolley family’s lives will be for as short a time as possible.

The forgoing has not been an exhaustive list of everything which has happened over the last six months but has, I hope, given a picture of a circuit which, despite the closure of our churches and the associated problems of the pandemic, has continued to function and to carry out God’s work. Whatever the future may hold, with all its uncertainty, we can be confident that the One who is our Rock and our Redeemer will not change and that as long as our focus is on Him we will be able to meet the challenges which lie ahead.

Coin Haddon
Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

Well what a year it has been and still another 5 months to go. A large number of people have expressed to me "I'll be happy when we get back to normal and do what we are happy doing. As I often respond, we must not look back to the old normal but look forward to the new normal. The church has suffered difficulties with our buildings being out of bounds, but some have had the benefit of zoom services and zoom meetings for eg. Bible study and Alpha courses.

However, we consider ourselves as dinosaurs we must accept there will be and must be changes in how we do things and be ready to embrace new ways of being church. Local preachers will have their part to play as will individual churches to enable us to take on board the up and coming technological advances that are already here. Unfortunately some of the changes are prompted as a result of the shortage of local preachers and reduced ministerial staff to fill all our pulpits. Sadly we have lost the services of 3 local preachers in the last 12 months Hilary Fenby, Charles Davies and John Marfleet. So as we go forward into the new normal I pray we both local preachers and church congregations do it with a spring in our steps and renewed hope in our hearts



John D Cooke

Local Preachers Secretary

YOUTH WORK REPORT

I have used the annual monitoring report submitted to District (in lieu of the grant we receive) as the basis of this report to circuit meeting. With just a couple of additions this summarises progress to date re Youth Work in our circuit at the present time. Due to the pandemic all previous face to face work has ceased and it is not clear when this work will resume. However, the team has been hard at work since the last circuit meeting and we are indebted to them all for their enthusiasm, resilience and powerful witness.

- Chris now heads up a team of 4. For part of the year he has had supervisory oversight of a full time Early Intervention Worker (Lynn) based within two communities and at a local secondary academy and sole responsibility for a part time Youth Support Worker. This has broadened our mission, focussing on real needs within communities which is already having a huge recognised impact. Lynn left at Christmas to take up a new position and we are currently looking at securing funding for this post for the next 3 years, hoping to recruit again later this year. A new addition to the team has been Olly Woolley on the Young Leaders' Scheme, focussing on media and looking at ways of reaching out as a circuit using different media platforms. Netty Alesbrook continues to provide valuable support to Chris in her role as Assistant Youth Leader.

- The employment of Chris is critical to the connection of the current culture and the problems faced by young people today with the older members of the established church congregations.
- Until Lockdown, Youth Cafes ran in three of our churches and relationships were deepening all the time. Following the stabbing and death of one of the youngsters attending Earl Shilton Youth Café, Chris provided invaluable support to the victim's family and friends up to and including the court case earlier this year when the accused was convicted of manslaughter.



- Since Lockdown started in March, Chris has worked tirelessly to keep our circuit connected. He has instigated Hinckley Circuit Online Facebook page, Quarantine Quiz, Sofa Sessions, Prayer sessions and Alpha. It has been wonderful to see families engage in the Quarantine Quiz and Alpha has proved to be a powerful tool for mission across the circuit. Claire Sutcliffe (Children & Families Ministry Enabler) has worked very effectively with Chris providing a lead in all the different activities taking place during Lockdown. She and Chris complement each other and share a passion for mission and outreach within our local communities.

- The Youthwork Prayer Breakfasts now include a focus on Children's and Families work. These continue to run every two months and are essential in motivating those in the circuit to pray for our mission among the missing generations. Work is put in to make these prayer breakfasts interactive, aiming to educate on the issues affecting young people, highlight our work for people to be better informed to pray and showcase some of the resources that we're using. Currently these are run via zoom. The next one is planned for September 26th.
- Netty Alesbrook's contract finishes on August 31st and sadly Netty has taken the decision to cease working for the circuit due to her other work commitments. She will continue to support Earl Shilton Youth Café in a voluntary capacity, which is great news. We will miss Netty's sparkling personality and are so grateful for all her achievements over the past couple of years.
- Olly Woolley has finished the year's Young Leader's Scheme, working for just 3 hours a week. It has been great to see Olly lead the weekly Burbage prayer sessions on Zoom and become involved in the District weekly Zoom Young People's network. We have been asked by District to consider extending Olly's contract for a further year and by the time of circuit meeting we will have more information about this to bring to you.

Tremendous thanks go to the team for all their achievements over recent months through very challenging times. Please continue to pray for them over the coming weeks and months as the way forward for their work becomes clear.



Sheila Grice

Children and Families Ministry Enabler report August 2020

Since I took up the post as Children and Families Ministry Enabler this year certainly hasn't gone the way I was expecting!

The first 3 months of the post I spent time building relationships with the various churches and visiting the groups that the churches are running, the lunch club at Barwell, toddler group and Refresh at Burbage, Friday Family Fun at Sapcote and Messy Church and toddler group at Hinckley and the Prayer Breakfast. Also chatting with Anne Haddon about Sharnford and maybe giving the congregation there a Godly Play session.



I was trying to get round to the various churches on a Sunday morning so that everyone knows who I am and to get to know people in their context and how they might want to move forward in the children and families work.

Unfortunately, this all came to a very sudden stop when we were all locked down in March.

But thankfully I have managed to keep up relationships with some people in the circuit by the Quarantine Quiz, Pause to Pray, Sofa Sessions and Crafternoons. The Alpha course which has been running has been great to be involved in and has been a great way to disciple to those who feel so far away at this present time. The Holy Spirit can do amazing things even on Zoom! I have also been recording stories for church Facebook pages. I was also involved in Newbold Verdons Holiday Club, which was the giving out of bags of crafts and a treasure hunt for families, which received some lovely comments on the FB page. Hinckley MC holiday club was a little different this year with it being recorded via Zoom and it was fantastic to be involved in the planning and to take part with the stories and crafts.

As our churches begin to open and conversations are being had about the re-opening of toddler groups and the running of Messy Church. I pray that we do not rush into these things because we "think we have" and because "that is what we have always done"!

There are some exciting things coming soon we are looking to move the Sofa sessions to an evening, as requested by those on the Alpha course to make it more accessible for those returning to work and those with children. The Sofa sessions are watching a video together and then a discussion afterwards.

I am here to help the circuit to grow in the outreach and mission of the circuit, but I cannot do it on my own, if you have any ideas at all about how we as a circuit could be doing more in this area please do get in touch. This could be the perfect time to start something new, maybe a bereavement group or even a group for people to come and talk about their experiences during lockdown, or a support group for parents of school age children or teenagers.

Please do get in touch

Claire

Children and Families Ministry Enabler

families@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

SAFEGUARDING REPORT

We have held several more Creating Safer Space training sessions this last year and will run further sessions as required, when we are able to. If you or anyone you know needs to attend either session, because of a change in role, etc please contact the Circuit Office. Our activities in terms of training have been curtailed by Covid and we are awaiting guidance from District about future training at both Foundation and Advanced levels.

We attended the latest District Safeguarding morning on 2nd November including a talk on risk assessment and safer recruiting, but the subsequent meeting was another victim of Covid.

Following a recent review of our Circuit Safeguarding procedures we are planning another Circuit Safeguarding meeting, either virtually or face to face, once we have had further information from our District Safeguarding Team. Church Safeguarding leads will be invited but if you would like to find out more about this work or would be interested in becoming a safeguarding trainer please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please remember that the District Safeguarding webpages are regularly updated and can be accessed at <https://www.northamptonmethodistdistrict.org.uk/safeguarding/>

[Thank you all for your support at this difficult time](#)

Nigel Scarborough, Circuit Safeguarding Lead

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CIRCUIT MISSIONS REPORT

A Circuit Home Missions supper evening was held in October 2019 at Sapcote Methodist Church in aid of the charity, 'Newlife' - a charity which supports children with terminal and life-limiting illnesses.

The Circuit would like to extend its grateful thanks to Sally Tuckwell, who stepped down from the role of Missions Secretary in March 2020

The Missions Secretary role going forward will be discussed at the September 2020 Circuit Meeting



JMA REPORT

The Circuit would like to express our condolences to the family of Mrs Barbara Howarth who passed into glory earlier this year. Barbara, the Circuit JMA Secretary was well loved by her Church family at Newbold Verdon and will be sadly missed

The JMA Secretary role going forward will be discussed at the September 2020 Circuit Meeting

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

MANSE REPORT

Westminster Drive

The builders are due to start the remedial work caused by the leaking en-suite in the next 3 weeks – the work could take upwards of 6 weeks due to the extent of the damage – Colin and the circuit Stewards have secured a rental accommodation for the family to move into for the duration of the work.

Additional leaks have occurred since the original insurance claim was notified – from the main bathroom – temporary repair attempts were made pre Covid lock-down to rectify this until the building work is commenced.

Most recently the hot water cylinder developed a leak- the root cause being a standard hot water cylinder had been used in a pressurised system – so unfortunately the family have been without hot water for the past two weeks.

Other repairs carried out include replacement fence panels to the side, relaying of slabs to the front – a new oven was also purchased and installed.

Holly Lane

Outdoor paved area has been attended to.

Outstanding items

Several UPVC units have failed, and the UPVC doors are sometimes difficult to open / close – Rev Dave has kindly eased the workload by requesting quotes from the trades – currently awaiting.

Downstairs toilet requires new Siphon and handle.

UPVC gutters require cleaning.

Kirfield Drive

Many grateful thanks to all those who gave up their time at this difficult time to help with the make-over of the manse.

The transformation is absolutely astonishing –all of which could not have been achieved without the many hours of hard work, drive and dedication of Colin & Anne Haddon

Work carried out:

Lead flashing, front windows masonry have been replaced / repaired / UPVC gutters soffits cleaned.

Front and rear garden / flower beds – the bedding plants which were also kindly donated.

Interior and exterior painting (Contractors)

New carpets throughout

New Shower / Gas cooker / Intruder alarm

New fence panels,

New handles for internal doors.

Awaiting cost for relaying rear patio / fitted wardrobes

Thanks to the ministers and their families for their patience and support which they have given throughout the year which has been a difficult one with the Covid lockdown etc. – I'd also like to give a personal thanks to Colin who has been a tremendous help with the manses and Chris at the circuit office

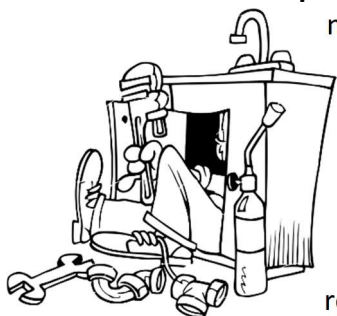
Richard Kalnins

Circuit Manse Secretary

PROPERTY REPORT

The District Property Day on 30th November'19 - I reported on this meeting at the last Circuit Meeting covering: - The work of the Central Finance section as it manages £50 million in cash and £500 million in Long Term investments for the Methodist Church. – the reminder from Methodist Insurance that 50% of fires were caused by arson and a further 30% by our electrical installations. – and finally, the reminder that Carbon Reduction was still a hot topic for Methodist Churches.

The Circuit Property Meeting on 3rd December'19 – All the Churches reported a busy year maintaining their premises. Richard Kalnins presented a picture of our 3 Manse's going through a large programme of maintenance and replacement work in the year. He also presented a detailed list of the work that will be needed in the coming year at Kirfield Drive to be done in the few weeks between Rev Wes leaving and a new Minister moving in. Richard reported major damage from water leaking from a shower cubicle at Westminster Drive. He reported having to deal with contractors reluctant to accept liability and carry out remedial work.



Annual Returns – 9 of our 11 Churches have completed their annual returns on-line. By way of a reminder, September is a good time to complete your annual return when the information is available from the September Church Council meeting. Much of the information does not change and can be copied from last year's return, on the annual returns website. Hinckley's skilled and willing maintenance team are all getting older and it is anticipated that contractors will be necessary for some future works. A new Property Steward is sought.

Quinquennial Inspections – The inspections at Stoney Stanton Church and Burbage have been delayed by Covid-19 lockdown, and also the urgent repair work needed on the Burbage Manse.

Sharnford – Property Report for Church Council from Cyril Fennel

Sharnford Methodist Church

Electrical Certificate: *An electrical survey has been completed which identified the need for some urgent repairs. These have been completed and an approved certificate is now available. Note: The certificate points out that the heater cabling and some light fittings are obsolete as such, if they fail they will need to be replaced.*

Spalling Brickwork: *David Sleight a Conservation Builder recommended by the Methodist Church Conservation Officer Joanne Balmforth has completed a survey and issued a report. The report was accepted by Joanne based on completing the work under option 2 of the report. Unfortunately, David is unable to start work until the spring of next year. In the interim I am looking for reclaimed bricks and have obtained 6 samples. One of these is a reasonable match but not perfect. I'm continuing to look for a suitable supply.*

Extract from David report:

*Option 2 Remove inappropriate cement repairs to brick faces AND eroded bricks** up to 1.2m high. (Approx 120 – 160 bricks)*

***Eroded bricks = bricks where the surface of the brick has been lost above 5mm deep. Less than 5mm will be left in situ.*

Same specification as above.

Cost £5990.00 – £6750.00 + VAT

Chimney: I have proposed to Joanne that we remove the Chimney due to its poor state of repair and the fact it has at sometime been replaced with brickwork which is not compatible with the original build. I believe she will look favourably on this request however, requires a detailed specification. To this end I have been in touch with Stephen Clark the quinquennial inspector however, he declined to provide a specification. After much chasing Fraser Edge has provided a quote (5th Aug 20) copy attached. I will include this in a formal request to Joanne to remove the Chimney. Could the Church Council please confirm this is consistent with their wishes and the costs are acceptable.

Estimate cost:

Total	£2,200.00
VAT @ 20%	£ 440.00 (Should be recoverable)
<u>TOTAL COST</u>	<u>£2,640.00</u>

Ceiling damage: This must be repaired using the traditional lath and plaster method. I intend to pursue this in parallel with the Chimney repairs.

Fire Extinguishers: These were due for inspection in March. However, I postpone any work on them while the building was not in use. I will instigate the inspection as soon as I'm informed when the build will be put back into use. The church is well provided with fire extinguishers 1 CO2, 3 Foam and 1 water. I propose replacing 2 of the foam with 2 lighter CO2 extinguishers. Could the Church Council please advise if they agree with this proposal.

There are other minor items to be completed according to the quinquennial report however, I propose we tackle these once the major items are in hand. We should remember that the windows remain a concern and very soon action will be required to have these replaced.

Finally, I'm sorry progress has proved very slow but, I will continue to progress these items as long as the Church Council wishes me to do so.

Best Regards
Cyril

Ian Baker
Circuit Property Secretary

WEBSITE REPORT

The circuit website is now <https://hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk>. The HTTPS means access to our website has the protection of the privacy and integrity of the exchanged data while in transit. It protects us against man-in-the-middle attacks, and the bidirectional encryption of communications between a client and server to protect the communications against eavesdropping and tampering. In practice, this provides a reasonable assurance that one is communicating with the intended website without interference from attackers. This makes us compliant with GDPR

There has also been a major update to the site's software and we are currently using WordPress 5.5. The block-based editor has let us have videos in our posts and can show PDFs on the page.

E-Mails

New e-mail addresses allocated.

families@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk for Claire

media@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk for Olly

youth@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk for Chris

alpha@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

zoom@hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Social Media

Covid19 curtailed our services in Church so we looked to Technology for the answer.

Easter gave us our first opportunity to make use. Wes recorded a video daily, which we converted to be compatible with YouTube and then shared on the Circuit Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/hinckleycircuit>) and the web.

Bible month was about the book of Ruth and so we used Zoom with video clips from Tim, Dave & Wes.

Many thanks to Ian & Kate Roberts for helping to run Zoom.

We have been using Zoom for weekly services at Hinckley and this has expanded to Circuit Zoom with the help of Ian, Kate, Chris Webb and Trevor Starbuck.

Hinckley's Holiday Heros ran via Zoom.

The Youth team has been using Social Media to keep in touch and even ran an Alpha course. Crafternoons @ 3pm with Claire on Zoom is for the young and the young at heart.

There is also a private group "Hinckley Circuit online" that anyone could join.

Fred Hartshorn, Webmaster

Financial Review

General Summary

Funds



The Circuit does not seek to fundraise outside of the Church Membership. The main income of the Circuit is from the Churches via the Circuit Assessment. The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c above.

The Circuit contributes to the expenses of the Northampton District via the District Assessment.

Throughout the year the Circuit financially supports a number of Connexional and Mission (home and overseas) funds, taking up special offerings at services throughout the year. Individual Churches hold a variety of one-off and regular events to support local and national charities.

Some of our work is only possible through the provision of grant funding. The full time Early Intervention Worker (EIW) post is funded entirely from sources outside the Circuit. This funding comes from local businesses and community organisations, local government, schools and private donations, in recognition of this vital work being done amongst vulnerable young people in the community. These funds are separated in the accounts and shown as restricted funds.

The Circuit Youth Work this year has been part funded by a district grant of £6K. The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities, e.g Mission bus operated by Reality Youth Project are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund.

The Circuit Model Trust Fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.



We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7K. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet

Circuit Reserves Policy March 2020

1. Mission Policy

The Circuit Mission Policy is set out in a separate document and is published on the Circuit web site www.hinckleymethodistcircuit.org.uk

Essentially, it provides for:

- a. The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the 11 local churches in the circuit.
- b. The support of a ministry team of 3 Presbyter Ministers with the support of 3 local Pastors, a part-time Circuit Administrator, a full-time Youth Worker with a full time Early Intervention Worker and part-time Assistant, and a part-time Child and Families Ministry Enabler. The circuit calls on the support of an associate minister to lead services once or twice a quarter.
- c. The maintenance of 3 circuit manses

2. Financial Plans

- ☐ The circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs 1a to 1c.
- ☐ The Circuit Youth Worker is part funded by a district grant totalling £30,000 paid over five years (2018 to 2022 inclusive). The remaining cost of Youth Work which includes specific mission activities, e.g Mission bus operated by Reality Youth Project are funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £20,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- ☐ The Children and Families Ministry Enabler post (1st January 2020 to 31st December 2022) is funded by contributions from the Circuit funds and the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To meet any shortfall to the end of the current contract a provision of £27,000 has been reserved from the Model Trust Fund.
- ☐ We make provision for our property maintenance programme by an annual budget of £7000. The actual costs are charged and recorded each year on the circuit balance sheet
- ☐ The Circuit general funds at year end Aug 2019 were as follows
 - o Unrestricted general fund £161,160 (excludes Circuit Model Trust Fund)
 - o Restricted fund (EIW) £2300
- ☐ Under standing orders, the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the upkeep of manses. The total cost for last year was £161,260 including the salaries and related costs of the lay workers but excluding the costs in relation to the Early Intervention Worker. The total expenditure for the circuit including payments to the District and Connexion, grants and other general expenditure was £256,400
- ☐ The Circuit Model Trust Fund at year end Aug 2019 was £129,106. This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference of the Methodist church. This restriction is an internal regulation though the funds can be used for a variety of purposes but with an emphasis on mission rather than maintenance.

3. Reserves Policy

The charities commission have agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund and that policy is set out below:

- ☐ Our policy is to hold at least 6 months expenditure relating to the Minister, Manses and Lay worker direct costs. Based on last year's accounts this equals $\frac{£161,260}{2} = £80,630$ plus 6 months expenditure relating to the Children and Families Ministry Enabler $\frac{9,000}{2} = £4,500$, making a total of £85,130.
- ☐ Our policy is to hold funds to meet commitments to Lay Workers (Mission Staff) on Fixed Term Contracts. There are currently two posts meeting this criterion:

Post	Contract end date	Financial Commitment
Youth Work Team Leader	31/08/2021	59,000
Youth Support Worker	31/08/2020	4,500
Total commitment to fixed term mission projects		63,500

☐ We are required therefore to hold $85,130 + 63,500 = £148,630$. Funds held in the general account satisfy this criterion, with £14,830 remaining.

- ☐ Money held at year end 31st Aug 19 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund has been earmarked by the trustees for the following purposes:
 - o £27,000 to cover the direct costs of employing a Child and Families Ministry Enabler from January 2020 to December 2022.

- o £20,000 to cover the direct costs of Circuit Youth Worker to 31st August 2021
- o The remaining £82,000 (as of 31st Aug 19 and excluding repayment of loans) is held in reserve pending the decision of the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit appreciates the importance of the youth and workers and is seeking to extend the current contracts. The current unallocated fund if used to extend the contracts would be fully used in 15 months

Designated Funds

In accordance with the Circuit Budget for 2019#20, £7K was set aside for the upkeep and maintenance of the Manses. Maintenance expenditure on each of the 3 manses during the year was as follows:

Holly Lane	£ 504
Westminster Drive	£1312
Kirfield Drive	<u>£5716</u>
TOTAL	£7532

£3543 was carried over from 2018#19, and £36 interest gained, leaving a remaining balance of £3,047 to be carried over into 2020#21. £7K from 2020#21 funds will be set aside for upkeep and maintenance.

The Circuit currently holds the bulk of the designated manse funds in the CFB Manse Account and a working amount in the Co-op Current Account. Manse related transactions and the balance of designated manse funds are recorded separately in the finance software.

Restricted Funds

The Circuit is holding the following restricted funds at the end of the year:

Fund	OB	Income	Expenditure	Balance at EOY
Connexional Funds	57.60	4345	4412.60	0
Circuit Service donations	0	0	0	0
Youth Worker DAF grant	0	6000	6000	0
EIW grants	17256.45	7500	9706.78	15049.67

The balance of the EIW funds will be carried forward into 2020#21 in anticipation of Phase 2 of the Early Intervention Worker Project

Bank Accounts

The Circuit continues to hold the bulk of its funds in the CFB General and Manse accounts. Balances on 31st August 2020 are as follows:

Co-op Current: £20129.99

CFB General: £177,686.01

CFB Manse: £6214.02

The Circuit also holds circa £126K in the TMCP account.

Current Funds in Natwest General and Manse accounts were transferred in November 2019 to a single account with the Co-op Bank. In accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Connexion, internet transactions on this account will be subject to the same dual authorisation as cheque transactions.

Financial Performance against budget

Circuit Budget 2019/20					
Income	Fy20b	Fy20a	Expenditure	Fy20b	FY20a
	£	£		£	£
Assessments*			Ministerial		
Barwell	26000	26000	Stipends	76420	77215
Burbage	23900	23900	Pensions	20556	20100
Earl Shilton	20200	20200	National Insurance	6971	7125
Higham	3000	3000	Travel	3000	1961
Hinckley	51500	51500	Telephone	2200	1602
Newbold Verdon	20900	20900	P & S Ministers	600	445
Sapcote	22700	22700	Apprenticeship levy	360	392
Sharnford	5000	5000	sub total	110107	108840
Stapleton	2300	2300	Layworkers		
Stoke Golding	10400	10400	Local Pastor Expenses	1150	936
Stoney Stanton	3300	3300	Youth Workers' Salaries	39653	46703
* figures adjusted for Sept assessments pd. In Aug			Youth Workers' Expenses	5000	2748
Adjustment		-2825	Early Intervention Worker	27345	9707
sub total	189200	186375	Administrator / Treasurer	10000	9817
			Layworker training	1500	434
Interest	810	1334	Apprenticeship levy	360	392
CFB Accounts	800	1316	sub total	85008	70737
Trust	10	18	Manse		
Grants & other funding	34345	14500	Maintenance	7000	7758
District YW	6000	6000	Council Tax	5850	6213
Earl Shilton loan repayment	1000	1000	Water Rates	2200	1966
Early Intervention Worker	27345	7500	Insurance	1300	1233
			Quinquenia	300	0
Misc	1750	37204	sub total	16650	17170
Office Printing	900	666	Administration		
Collections		475	Printing	1500	1681
Prayer Books		0	Office Phone/Heating	600	538
Donations		25215.00	P & S Circuit Office + Other	250	1333
Connexional Fund		4345	sub total	2350	3552
Circuit Services	350	0	Assessments	43961	43961
Easter Offering		0	Grants and Donations		
Quinquennial		0	Gifts		625
Circuit Event		0	sub total	0	625
Sundry	500	6503	Circuit Misc		
Reserves	38000	0	Travel (Circuit Volunteers)	650	236
General Reserve (YW)	29000	0	Travel (Visiting Minister)	700	462
TMCP Account (C & F ME)	9000	0	Computers for Ministers		495
			Supernumery ministers		
			Conference papers	300	252
			Prayer Books/member tickets	100	200
			Minister relocation Allowance	600	
			Minister's removal fees	2500	
			Payroll Fee/Bank Charge	600	480
			Circuit Web Site	150	92
			Sundry	400	159.18
			Connexional Funds		4403
			Temporary accomodation		3100
			sub total	6000	9879
TOTAL	264105	239413	TOTAL	264076	254764

Future Financial forecast

At the March 2018 Circuit Meeting, the managing trustees presented a 5year budget forecast in the “worst case scenario”.

5 Year Forecast 2019 - 2023

	Fy21b	Fy22b	Fy23b	Fy24b	Fy25b
	£	£	£	£	£
Income	192010	191800	187600	187400	187200
Expenditure	242982	250865	256080	265275	270590
Shortfall	-50972	-59065	-68480	-77875	-83390

The forecast predicts a shortfall due mainly to:

- A predicted decrease in the amount of Circuit Assessment which can be expected from the Churches
- A predicted increase in the circuit contribution to the District Assessment
- Predicted increases in employment costs

The forecast will be closely monitored. The Circuit acknowledges that the reserves are not “bottomless” and will examine our expenses for possible reductions.

Acknowledgments

I would like to thank the Circuit Leadership Team for their support and help to facilitate the move to the Co-op bank. I would also like to thank all the Trustees for your co-operation in this endeavour.

Christine Bacon
Circuit Treasurer
September 2020

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2020

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 17th September 2020

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,215					25,215
2 Income from monetary investments	B	1,333	1,079				2,412
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	179,375		7,000			186,375
5 Capital Receipts		1,000					1,000
6 Grants received	D				13,500		13,500
7 Other charitable income	E	7,172					7,172
8 Total income		214,095	1,079	7,000	13,500	0	235,674
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F	150			58		208
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	156,240			15,441		171,681
11 Property maintenance		12,726		7,544			20,270
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			3,955				3,955
13 District Assessment & Levy		43,961					43,961
14 Depreciation							-
15 Office expenses	H	4,575					4,575
16 Other outgoings	I	8,984	258		266		9,508
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,636	4,213	7,544	15,765	-	254,158
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values	J	115,000					115,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		102,459	-3,134	-544	-2,265	0	96,516
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance	C	2,825					2,825
23 EIW grant recd Aug 2019	D				15,000		15,000
24 Sept stipend pd in advance	G	237					237
24 Net movement in funds		105,521	-3,134	-544	12,735	0	114,578
25 Total funds brought forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314		1,086,366
265 Total funds carried forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	-	1,200,944

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-19
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		60			3,744		3,804
2 Income from monetary investments		1,327	1,093	13			2,433
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		185,050		7,000			192,050
5 Capital Receipts		2,000					2,000
6 Grants received					39,350		39,350
7 Other charitable income		2,208					2,208
8 Total income		190,645	1,093	7,013	43,094	0	241,845
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		30			3,687		3,717
10 Salaries and associated costs		138,765			35,193		173,958
11 Property maintenance		9,213		5,225			14,438
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		37,084	4,120				41,204
13 District Assessment & Levy		7,350					7,350
14 Depreciation							-
15 Office expenses		3,904					3,904
16 Other outgoings		11,161	265		345		11,771
17 Total charitable expenditure		207,506	4,385	5,225	39,225	-	256,341
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-16,862	-3,292	1,788	3,869	0	-14,496
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance					- 3,500		-3,500
23 EIW grant recd Aug 2019		2,850					-2,850
24 Sept stipend pd in advance							0
24 Net movement in funds		-19,712	-3,292	1,788	369	0	-20,846
25 Total funds brought forward		971,113	132,398	1,757	1,945		1,107,213
265 Total funds carried forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314	-	1,086,367

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2019/20 £	Totals 2018/19 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1	900,000					900,000	785,000
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		900,000	0	0	0	0	900,000	785,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept stipends pd in advance)	2	8,917					8,917	8,680
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			125,972				125,972	129,106
Central Finance Board Deposits	3	162,817		6,214	14,869		183,900	210,082
Cash at Bank and in hand	3	23,163		-3,213	180		20,130	9,298
Total current assets		194,897	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	338,919	357,166
Current liabilities								
Assessments received in advance	4	37,975					37,975	40,800
Grants payable within 2018-19	5						0	15,000
Total current liabilities		37,975	0	0	0	0	37,975	55,800
Net current assets/liabilities		156,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	300,944	301,366
Total assets less current liabilities		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,056,922					1,056,922	951,401
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			125,972				125,972	129,106
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	6			3,001			3,001	3,545
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,185,895	1,084,052
Restricted Funds	7				15,049		15,049	2,314
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366

Signed

C. Baxton

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2020, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2020, based on a fair resale value using property prices from rightmove.com. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and reliable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manse) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,F below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

2 **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group (comprising mostly, but not exclusively) of Circuit trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Bursar (who is not a trustee)

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

CPD: The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

TMCP: Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

Notes to the Accounts 3

INCOME

A	Donations & Legacies	£
	Connexional Funds*	4,345.00
	Methodist Homes*	
	Rev Hampton leaving gift*	475.00
	Circuit Services	
	Private donations	25,215.00
	TOTAL	30,035.00

* not included in accounts

B	Income from monetary investments	
	CFB Interest	1,315.66
	TMCP interest	1,079.70
	Trust interest	17.69
	TOTAL	2,413.05

C	Assessments on Churches (2018#19)	
	Barwell	26000.00
	Burbage	24025.00
	Earl Shilton	19975.00
	Higham	3000.00
	Hinckley	51200.00
	Newbold Verdon	21000.00
	Sapcote	22450.00
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Hinckley Methodist Circuit
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CFB Totals	216479	183900	
TOTAL	225777	204030	Balance 31st Aug 2020

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 11 Churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £6000 was received towards the employment cost of the Youthwork Team Leader. Local Grants are received to cover the full employment cost of the Early Intervention Worker. Some of these grants were received by the Circuit in FY 2018#19 to cover expenses in FY 2019#20

BS6 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses

BS7 Restricted Funds

Early Intervention Worker funding remaining as of 31st August 2020

Name of Circuit Hinckley No. 23/11

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 treasurer C. Bacon Date 1/10/2020

Name and address of treasurer Mrs. Christine Bacon, 4 Cleveland
Road, Hinckley, Leics. Post Code LE10 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17/09/20

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Dallen

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr. Tim Woolley Date 1/10/2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Hinckley Circuit

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit HINCKLEY METHODIST No

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 (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. Delete [] if not applicable.
CIMA.

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 *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P 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~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner DAVID J. BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

Post Code LE10 1LQ

Date 11.11.2020

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The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2020

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 17th September 2020

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

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	A	25,215					25,215
2 Income from monetary investments	B	1,333	1,079				2,412
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	C	179,375		7,000			186,375
5 Capital Receipts		1,000					1,000
6 Grants received	D				13,500		13,500
7 Other charitable income	E	7,172					7,172
8 Total income		214,095	1,079	7,000	13,500	0	235,674
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations	F	150			58		208
10 Salaries and associated costs	G	156,240			15,441		171,681
11 Property maintenance		12,726		7,544			20,270
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			3,955				3,955
13 District Assessment & Levy		43,961					43,961
14 Depreciation							-
15 Office expenses	H	4,575					4,575
16 Other outgoings	I	8,984	258		266		9,508
17 Total charitable expenditure		226,636	4,213	7,544	15,765	-	254,158
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values	J	115,000					115,000
20 Net income/(expenditure)		102,459	-3,134	-544	-2,265	0	96,516
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance	C	2,825					2,825
23 EIW grant recd Aug 2019	D				15,000		15,000
24 Sept stipend pd in advance	G	237					237
24 Net movement in funds		105,521	-3,134	-544	12,735	0	114,578
25 Total funds brought forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314		1,086,366
265 Total funds carried forward		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	-	1,200,944

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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-19
Income							
1 Donations and legacies		60			3,744		3,804
2 Income from monetary investments		1,327	1,093	13			2,433
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		185,050		7,000			192,050
5 Capital Receipts		2,000					2,000
6 Grants received					39,350		39,350
7 Other charitable income		2,208					2,208
8 Total income		190,645	1,093	7,013	43,094	0	241,845
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		30			3,687		3,717
10 Salaries and associated costs		138,765			35,193		173,958
11 Property maintenance		9,213		5,225			14,438
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		37,084	4,120				41,204
13 District Assessment & Levy		7,350					7,350
14 Depreciation							-
15 Office expenses		3,904					3,904
16 Other outgoings		11,161	265		345		11,771
17 Total charitable expenditure		207,506	4,385	5,225	39,225	-	256,341
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on manse resale values							
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-16,862	-3,292	1,788	3,869	0	-14,496
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Assessments recd in advance					- 3,500		-3,500
23 EIW grant recd Aug 2019		2,850					-2,850
24 Sept stipend pd in advance							0
24 Net movement in funds		-19,712	-3,292	1,788	369	0	-20,846
25 Total funds brought forward		971,113	132,398	1,757	1,945		1,107,213
265 Total funds carried forward		951,401	129,106	3,545	2,314	-	1,086,367

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2019/20 £	Totals 2018/19 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	1	900,000					900,000	785,000
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		900,000	0	0	0	0	900,000	785,000
Current Assets								
Debtors (Sept stipends pd in advance)	2	8,917					8,917	8,680
Loans by the Circuit							0	
Investments with TMCP			125,972				125,972	129,106
Central Finance Board Deposits	3	162,817		6,214	14,869		183,900	210,082
Cash at Bank and in hand	3	23,163		-3,213	180		20,130	9,298
Total current assets		194,897	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	338,919	357,166
Current liabilities								
Assessments received in advance	4	37,975					37,975	40,800
Grants payable within 2018-19	5						0	15,000
Total current liabilities		37,975	0	0	0	0	37,975	55,800
Net current assets/liabilities		156,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	300,944	301,366
Total assets less current liabilities		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366
Long term liabilities								
(due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,056,922					1,056,922	951,401
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			125,972				125,972	129,106
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	6			3,001			3,001	3,545
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,185,895	1,084,052
Restricted Funds	7				15,049		15,049	2,314
Endowment Funds						0	0	
Total Funds		1,056,922	125,972	3,001	15,049	0	1,200,944	1,086,366

Signed

C. Baxton

Circuit Treasurer

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

The Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective from 1st January 2015) - Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii 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. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

The financial information presented is relevant, reliable, comparable and complete. Where estimates are used these are based on experience, research and judgement. The accounts are expressed in £ Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v GOING CONCERN

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31st August 2020, the trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern

vi CONSOLIDATION

The Circuit has denominational regulatory oversight in respect of the work of the Churches within the Circuit but has no legal or operational control of those Churches and their governing bodies except in extreme circumstances. For this reason, the financial statements of Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated into these financial statements.

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will be forthcoming.

Individual amounts categorised as *Other Income* in the SOFA will be shown separately if they are considered material

The Circuit acts as agent in the matter of the collection from Churches and payment over of their contributions to various funds controlled and administered by the Methodist Church - "Connexional Funds". In this matter the transactions are not reflected in the SOFA because they are the income of the Connexion. Instead the transactions are disclosed in the Notes to the Accounts as required by SORP (FRS102), module 19.12

In accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102), the time of volunteers is not recognised. Further information on this matter is included in the Trustees' Annual Report. If goods are donated, a value will be shown in the SOFA or Notes where the value is considered material.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

viii EXPENDITURE

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, where the amount is reliably measurable and it is considered more likely than not that there will be an outflow of economic benefit.

ix GRANTS

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement to make a grant without performance conditions or as and when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment if it is subject to performance conditions. When the grant to be accrued is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years, discounted to net present value where the difference is material, is treated as a provision for future commitments in the balance sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years in accordance with the originally agreed terms. In cases where the grant has been charged to one fund but for ease of payment has been transferred to another fund any future payment provision is applied to the fund from which the grant will ultimately be paid.

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £250.

The freehold residential property is shown in the accounts at deemed historical cost representing each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2020, based on a fair resale value using property prices from rightmove.com. No depreciation is provided because the trustees consider the current residential value of the property in its present condition to be not less than its historical cost and, in the absence of any evidence of impairment, any depreciation provision for the buildings component of the property would be immaterial

From time to time the Circuit may be required to assume responsibility for Church premises following closure and cessation of worship. This results in the Circuit becoming Managing Trustees for the property. At that time the property is recognised as an asset at its anticipated net sale price as determined by a professional valuation and after taking into consideration the levy to be charged by the Connexion. Any expenditure on such assets, if held for reinvestment of the proceeds, as the trustees determine, that is likely to enhance sale value is capitalised at the time the expenditure is incurred. Where the proceeds are intended to be spent on activities, the property is included in current assets at the lower of cost and reliable value.

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

The Circuit's investments are in monetary assets classified as financial instruments under FRS 102 and are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as custodian trustees. The valuations, at market value, are those provided by TMCP.

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

From time to time the Circuit may hold residential property (formerly manses) which is surplus to its normal staffing requirements. Where this is the case and it is anticipated that the property is unlikely to be used as a manse within a period of two years, the property is classified as Investment Property (whether let out or not) and any lets are at market rates unless there is a compelling reason not to do so in furtherance of the Circuit's charitable objectives. There are no such cases in this year.

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit
Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020

xiii RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES; BANK AND CASH (BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS)

Debtors are stated at the amount owed to the Circuit or prepaid. Creditors are initially recognised at settlement amount after any trade discounts, where normal credit terms apply, or the amount advanced to the Circuit. Subsequently creditors that are current liabilities are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be paid. The liquid funds of bank balances and deposit fund balances are shown at their realisable values.

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Where concessionary loans (ie. free of interest) are made to [or received by] the Circuit to further its charitable purposes, and are repayable after more than one year, they are initially recognised at the amount paid [or received], with the carrying value adjusted in subsequent years to reflect repayments and any accrued interest, adjusted for any impairment, if necessary.

Where there is objective evidence of impairment, an immediate impairment loss is recognised in the SoFA. Subsequent reversals of an impairment loss that objectively relate to an event occurring after the impairment loss was recognised, are recognised immediately in the SoFA.

Where loans require the calculation of a discounted cash flow valuation, this will be so marked.

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

The Methodist Church Connexion raises assessments against Circuits and these are paid quarterly to their Districts. The Circuits raise assessments against Churches in the Circuit. The District quarterly remits to the Methodist Church Fund most of the sum received from Circuits. A small sum is retained by the District to meet its own costs. The Circuit may act as agent for *ad hoc* collections for various funds controlled and administered by The Methodist Church. These are detailed in note 3:A,F below.

xvi FUNDS

The trustees have adopted a policy for all unrestricted reserves which is attached as a separate document.

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Where the Circuit holds money that may not be spent and must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are classified as an Endowment Fund. The capital will be shown in the balance sheet in the column for endowment funds. The income may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

The Circuit is required to provide accommodation for each minister in the Circuit and their families and this is seen as a benefit to the Circuit. Ministers are expected to occupy the manse provided for them. The Circuit bears the cost of repairs, maintenance, buildings insurance, Council Tax and water charges. These figures are not separately disclosed as benefits-in-kind for ministers as HMRC does not seek to tax these receipts in the hands of ministers.

Hinckley Methodist Circuit
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2 **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

CFB: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church manages a Common Deposit Fund and a series of pooled investment funds for Methodist entities in Great Britain and provides investment advice to those entities

Church: a group of members from fewer than 10 to more than 300

Circuit: a group of Methodist Churches near each other, typically between 10 and 30

Circuit Meeting: The Trustees of the Circuit, most of whom are appointed by their local Churches and others by virtue of a role they undertake for the Circuit and/or their local Churches

CLT (Circuit Leadership Team): A group (comprising mostly, but not exclusively) of Circuit trustees responsible for the day to day administration and policy formulation of the Circuit. Generally the CLT comprises the Presbyters and Deacons stationed within the Circuit, the Circuit Stewards and Circuit Bursar (who is not a trustee)

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

Connexion: The Methodist Church in GB which includes the Head Office at Methodist Church House, all Methodist Districts, Circuits and Churches in Great Britain

Connexional Funds: The Designated and/or Restricted Funds held and administered by the Connexion in furtherance of its charitable and mission objectives

CPD: The Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church

District: a group of contiguous Circuits, usually between 15 and 30

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

Lay Employees: Personnel employed by the Circuit on generally accepted commercial employment terms

Presbyters (including Superintendent): Probationer or Ordained Methodist Ministers and/or Deacons who have pastoral and administrative responsibility for the Churches within the Circuit

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

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Hinckley Methodist Circuit
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Notes to the Accounts 3

INCOME

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	Methodist Homes*	
	Rev Hampton leaving gift*	475.00
	Circuit Services	
	Private donations	25,215.00
	TOTAL	30,035.00
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	TMCP interest	1,079.70
	Trust interest	17.69
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TOTAL	225777	204030	Balance 31st Aug 2020

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

The Circuit comprises of 11 Churches and each is assessed for a contribution to meet the overall net costs of the Circuit. In making its Assessment budgeted income from investment income and confirmed external grants is taken into account. The Circuit aims to cover all its net core costs from the Assessment. An assessment on Churches is annually determined by the Circuit using a formulaic method which takes into account the relative number of members in each church and its relative income (after deduction of certain actual and notional expenses). Assessments on churches are quarterly in advance and are treated as pre-payments on a receivable basis. If any church has not paid its assessment by the due date the sum in question is treated as a creditor.

BS5 The circuit employs lay staff involved in both Administration and Mission work. The costs of these staff are shown in G above. No employees received employee benefits of more than £60,000. There is no accrual for holiday pay as it is immaterial; the holiday year ends on 31st August. All staff are paid at or above the living wage. A grant from the DAF of £6000 was received towards the employment cost of the Youthwork Team Leader. Local Grants are received to cover the full employment cost of the Early Intervention Worker. Some of these grants were received by the Circuit in FY 2018#19 to cover expenses in FY 2019#20

BS6 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses

BS7 Restricted Funds

Early Intervention Worker funding remaining as of 31st August 2020

Name of Circuit Hinckley No. 23/11

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 treasurer C. Bacon Date 1/10/2020

Name and address of treasurer Mrs. Christine Bacon, 4 Cleveland
Road, Hinckley, Leics. Post Code LE10 0AJ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17/09/20

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Dallen

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Dr. Tim Woolley Date 1/10/2020

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Hinckley Circuit

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit HINCKLEY METHODIST No

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 (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. Delete [] if not applicable.
CIMA.

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 *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P 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~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner DAVID J. BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACMA

Name of firm (where appropriate) AIMS ACCOUNTANTS FOR BUSINESS

Address 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

Post Code LE10 1LQ

Date 11.11.2020

* delete or circle as appropriate