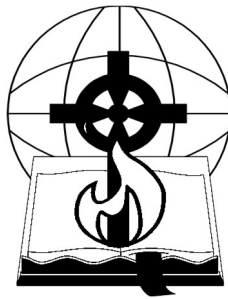


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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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

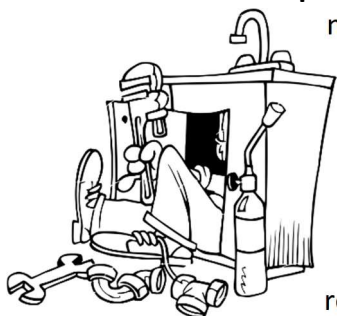
Richard Kalnins

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 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 Trever 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
			Quinquennial	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 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
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
	Sharnford	3750.00
	Stapleton	2300.00
	Stoke Golding	10200.00
	Stoney Stanton	2475.00
	TOTAL	186,375.00
	Fy19 Ass pd Aug 19	40800.00
	Fy20 Ass.pd Aug 20	-37,975.00
	(see note BS4)	189,200.00
D	Grants Received	
	DAF Youth Worker grant	6,000.00
	Early Intervention Worker	7,500.00
	TOTAL	13,500.00
E	Other Income	
	Office Income (photocopying)	666.39
	Manse Phone/B'band**	340.00
	Salary Contrib - Hinckley***	5,639.40
	Sundry	523.82
	TOTAL	7,169.61

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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
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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
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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 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
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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.

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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.

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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

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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

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Notes to the Accounts 3

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	Circuit Services	
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	Trust interest	17.69
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	Earl Shilton	19975.00
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	Hinckley	51200.00
	Newbold Verdon	21000.00
	Sapcote	22450.00
	Sharnford	3750.00
	Stapleton	2300.00
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	Stoney Stanton	2475.00
	TOTAL	186,375.00
	Fy19 Ass pd Aug 19	40800.00
	Fy20 Ass.pd Aug 20	-37,975.00
	(see note BS4)	189,200.00

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	DAF Youth Worker grant	6,000.00
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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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