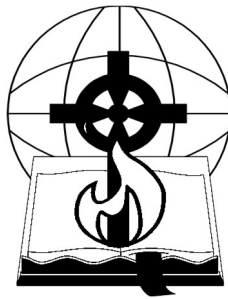


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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

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

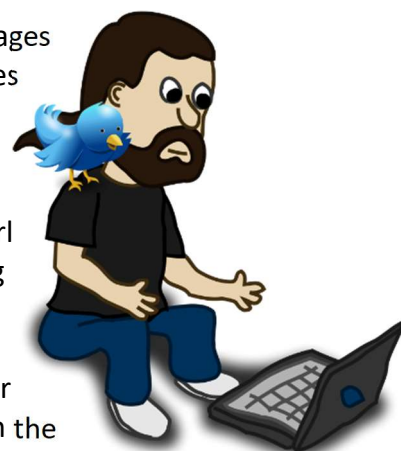
In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each 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

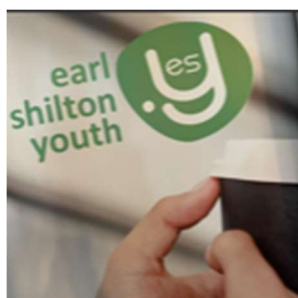
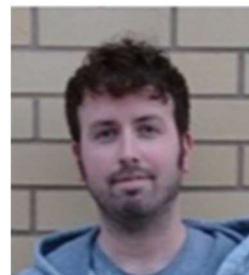


I apologise that this report is not colourful and engaging as the one done by Ollie last time!

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

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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 $\frac{£176,510}{2} = £88,255$.
- 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

***CPD & Conference Minutes

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
	Travel (volunteers)	29.95
	misc	8.58
	Training	40.00
	Ministers Sundry	5,361.22
	TOTAL	10,103.87

K Gain in resale value of Manse as valued by www.zoopla.co.uk

Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

Manses	Resale value	
	1st Sept 2020	1st Sept 2021
Westminster Dr	390K	400K
Kirfield drive	260K	260K
Holly Lane	<u>250K</u>	<u>270K</u>
	900K	930K

Gain in resale value = 30K

The value of the manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2020, 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	20130	78784	54986	-32119	11809
CFB General (Deposit)	177686	178226	211727	36119	180305
CFB Manse (Deposit)	6214	8	0	-4000	2222
TOTAL	204030	257018	266713	0	194336

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 Youthwork Team Leader. Local Grants are received to cover the full employment cost of the Early Intervention Worker. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants remaining as of 31st August 2021

BS6 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses. There are no designated funds remaining at the end of this FY

Name of CircuitHinckley..... 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 treasurerC. Bacon..... Date 15/09/21.....

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 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th September 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meetingDadley.....

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

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 

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2021

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

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For the year ending 31st August 2021

Prepared for the Hinckley Circuit Meeting held on 16th September 2021

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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.

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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 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.

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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

***CPD & Conference Minutes

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
	Travel (volunteers)	29.95
	misc	8.58
	Training	40.00
	Ministers Sundry	5,361.22
	TOTAL	10,103.87

K Gain in resale value of Manse as valued by www.zoopla.co.uk

Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Notes to the accounts for the year ending 31st August 2021

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

Manses	Resale value	
	1st Sept 2020	1st Sept 2021
Westminster Dr	390K	400K
Kirfield drive	260K	260K
Holly Lane	<u>250K</u>	<u>270K</u>
	900K	930K

Gain in resale value = 30K

The value of the manses is deemed to be each property's net sale price as at 1st September 2020, 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	20130	78784	54986	-32119	11809
CFB General (Deposit)	177686	178226	211727	36119	180305
CFB Manse (Deposit)	6214	8	0	-4000	2222
TOTAL	204030	257018	266713	0	194336

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 Youthwork Team Leader. Local Grants are received to cover the full employment cost of the Early Intervention Worker. The **restricted current assets** shows the value of these grants remaining as of 31st August 2021

BS6 Manse funds are allocated as designated funds. Monies are not restricted but have been set aside for manse maintenance expenses. There are no designated funds remaining at the end of this FY

Name of CircuitHinckley..... 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 treasurerC. Bacon..... Date 15/09/21.....

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 2021 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th September 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meetingDadley.....

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

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 

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2021