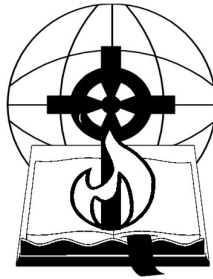


The **Methodist** Church

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

of

3rd October 2022

held at Barwell Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

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

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

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

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

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

Membership under 50 2 further representatives

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

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

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

Bankers: Co-operative Bank PLC,

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

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

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

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

Administrator (part time)

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader (full time)

Children and Families Community Worker (part time)

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

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

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Youth and Communities Work Team Leader

Children and Families Community Worker

Way Ahead Champion

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

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

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

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

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

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

We will strive to be:

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

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

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

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

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

EVANGELISM

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

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

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

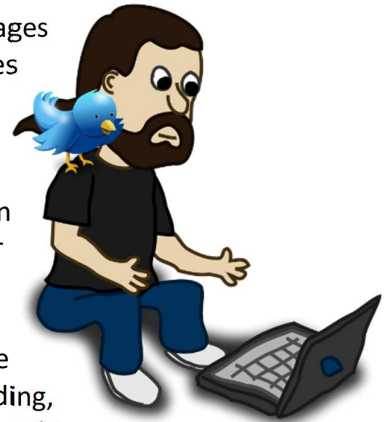
In order to achieve the principal objective above, the Circuit provides a variety of activities both to its membership and to the community generally. Central to the work and witness of the Circuit is the provision of regular public services of Christian worship. These services usually take place each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



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

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

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



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

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



Achievements and performance

Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sheila Grice
Senior Circuit Steward

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

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

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

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

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

Sheila Grice
Local Preachers Secretary



YOUTH WORK REPORT

Staffing

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





Youth Cafes

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

Heath Lane Academy

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



Hastings Academy

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

Friday Family Fun

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



Prayer Walks

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

Prayer Breakfasts

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



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

Sheila Grice

Outgoing circuit steward with responsibility for children & young people

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

Children and Families Ministry report

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

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

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

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

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

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

HINCKLEY ALL AGE COMMUNITY CHOIR

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TOTS and TOYS at Hinckley Methodist Church

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

BARWELL LUNCH CLUB FOR FAMILIES

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

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

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

Claire

hinckleyfamiliesworker@gmail.com

Children and Families Community Worker

SAFEGUARDING REPORT – September 2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough

Circuit Safeguarding Lead

Tel - 01455618739/07775540072

nigel.scarborough@hee.nhs.uk

PROPERTY REPORT

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

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

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

Manses have their own separate report prepared by Michael Holt.

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

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

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

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

Ian Baker
Circuit Property Secretary

MANSE REPORT

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

Barwell -Holly Lane

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

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

Burbage Westminster Drive

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

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

Hinckley -Kirfield Drive

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

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

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

Michael Holt

Circuit Manse Secretary

ARCHIVIST REPORT AUGUST 2022

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

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

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

Keith Ware

Circuit Archivist

14/08/2022

DATA PROTECTION REPORT

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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT

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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

Financial Review

General Summary

Funds



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

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

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

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

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

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



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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Treasurer

September 2022

Circuit Reserves Policy

March 2022

1. Mission Policy

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

Essentially, it provides for:

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

2. Financial Plans

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

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

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

3. Reserves Policy

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

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

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

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

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

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

For the year ending 31st August 2022

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

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

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

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

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

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

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

Signed

C. Baxen.

Circuit Treasurer

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

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

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

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

iii BASIS

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year. The accruals basis has been used and trustees present accounts that show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

iv CONTENT

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

v GOING CONCERN

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

vi CONSOLIDATION

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

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

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

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

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

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

viii EXPENDITURE

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

ix GRANTS

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

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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

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

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

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

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

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

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

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

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

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

xvi FUNDS

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

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

CMTF: Circuit Model Trust Fund

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

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

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

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

DAF: District Advance Fund

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

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

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

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

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

Notes to the Accounts 3 -

INCOME

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

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

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

EXPENDITURE

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

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

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

Gain in resale value = 40K

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

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

BS3 Current Assets

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

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES

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

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

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

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

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

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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

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

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

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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


Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. all R&P accounts.*

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

I have/~~have not~~* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner: DAVID JOHN BRISCOE

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CIMA

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

Address: 11 DE MONTFORT ROAD, HINCKLEY

..... Post Code: LE10 1LQ

Date: 30/11/2022

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2022

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September 2022