

The Methodist Church



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

16th October 2025
7.30 PM

At Newbold Verdon Methodist Church

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TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD

1st September 2024 to 31st August 2025

Statutory Details:

Charity name: Hinckley Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity Number: 1134382

Registered Address:

Circuit Office

Earl Shilton Methodist Church

Wood Street

Earl Shilton

LE9 7ND

Charity Trustees who manage the charity:

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

Appointing body: Circuit Meeting

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

Ministers

Local Pastors

Supernumerary Ministers

Persons Authorised to serve the Circuit

Circuit Stewards

Circuit Treasurer

Secretary to the Meeting

Local Preachers Meeting Secretary

Circuit Missions Secretary

Safeguarding Officer

Circuit Property Secretary / Manse Secretary

Lay Workers Representative

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

Membership 51 – 100 3 further representatives

Membership over 100 4 further representatives

Ministers and Circuit Officers are appointed by the Circuit Meeting.

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

Property Trustees:

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP)

Central Buildings

Oldham Street

Manchester

M1 1JQ

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

Independent Examiner: Mr David Briscoe, AIMS Accountancy

Structure, Governance and Management

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

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



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

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

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

Administrator (part time)

Finance Officer (part-time)

Caretaker (Earl Shilton) (part-time)

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

CAMEO Café Manager (part time)

CAMEO Cafe Assistant Manager (part time)

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

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

Superintendent Minister (Chair)

Ministers & Supernumerary

Circuit Stewards

Local Lay Pastors

Children and Families Community Worker

Circuit Administrator (minute taker)

Objectives and Activities

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

HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT – MISSION POLICY

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

The vision of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit is

‘To make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ’

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

We will strive to be:

A mission focused church outward and forward facing.

Actively and positively involved in the life of the community.

Encouraging a wide use of our premises

Having a sense of Circuit and shared mission.

Encouraging ecumenical links and a sharing of resources.

OUR PRIORITIES CONTINUE TO BE

WORSHIP

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

LEARNING

To encourage opportunities for learning and to grow in discipleship

CARING & SERVICE

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

EVANGELISM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



Achievements and performance Individual Reports

SENIOR CIRCUIT STEWARD'S REPORT



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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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

Adrian Stone

Senior Circuit Steward

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION (EDI) REPORT

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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

DATA PROTECTION REPORT

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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Administrator

LOCAL PREACHERS REPORT

On Trial

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

Returning Local Preachers

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

The Circuit Preaching Plan

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

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

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

Keith Ware

Local Preachers Secretary

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MINISTRY REPORT

Sept 2024 – May 2025

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

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



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

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

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



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



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

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

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



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

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

Rachel Cobb

Children & Families Line Manager

Children and Families Team Update: May to September 2025

Orientation and Introductions

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sapcote Holiday Club

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

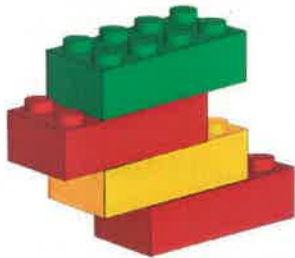
We planned, created resources and ran a successful children's "Kingdom Builders" Holiday Club, ecumenically with Sapcote Methodist Church and Sapcote Parish Church in August. 47 children attended and we had to stop taking applications as it became fully booked! Fifteen adults helped over the week, from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

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

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

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

Kingdom Builders



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

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

Schools and Church Ministry

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

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

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

Wider Community

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

Looking Forward

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

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

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

Training and Support

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

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

We have assisted with Baby Basics.

Karen Berry and Helen Copley

Children & Families Team

SAFEGUARDING REPORT



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

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

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

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

Best wishes

Nigel Scarborough
Circuit Safeguarding Lead
Tel – 07305006031
Email nigelscarborough@hotmail.com

MANSE REPORT

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

Holly Lane

Main bathroom – shower rail and curtain

Cavity wall insulation checked

Kitchen cupboard edging replaced, kitchen retiled & new blind.

New boiler & radiators replaced

New ensuite shower unit installed

Kirfield Drive

Existing boiler moved to garage.

New radiator in downstairs WC & study.

Extractor fan and hood installed

New cooker

Kitchen cupboards refurbished

Tiling in kitchen where required

Damaged worktop replaced

Walk-in shower & new vanity unit installed

Windows reviewed & replaced where necessary

New carpets in lounge & bedroom 2

Other carpets cleaned throughout

Hall cupboards updated

2 rear steps installed

5 new window blinds

Loft hatch repaired

General maintenance undertaken



PROPERTY REPORT

Sharnford

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

Stapleton

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

Financial Review 2025

General Summary

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

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

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

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

Christine Bacon

Circuit Finance Officer

September 2025

Signed 

Date 16th Oct 2025

Circuit Accounts (short form)

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

INCOME

Donations & Legacies	£
Connexional Funds	5210
Youth & Families Ministry	1991
Private donations	275
TOTAL	7476
Income from monetary investments	
CFB Interest	6020
TMCP interest	16630
Trust interest	115
TOTAL	22765
Assessments on Churches (2023/24)	
Barwell/Stapleton	27600
Burbage	26500
Earl Shilton	19700
Higham	3800
Hinckley	41000
Newbold Verdon	21800
Sapcote	23200
Stoke Golding	5700
Stoney Stanton	2475
TOTAL	171775
Fy25 Ass pd Aug 24	35900
Fy26 Ass. pd Aug 25	-34000
FY25 actual assessment	173675
Grants Received	
DAF Youth Worker grant	0
Families Ministry	0
TOTAL	0
Other Income	
Office Income	307
Salary ES & SG	22018
Sharnford insurance premium	1216
Circuit Service	0
Sundry	120
TOTAL	23661

INCOME TOTAL 225677

EXPENDITURE

Grants and Donations	£
Connexional Funds	10120
Grants	369
TOTAL	10489
Salaries & Assoc. costs	
Stipends & assoc costs	85472
Stipend adjustment**	-374
Salaries & assoc costs	54347
Apprenticeship levy	579
TOTAL	140024
** Sept stipends are paid in August	
Property	
Council Tax/Water/Ins	10852
Service contracts/Maint	4269
Sharnford/Stapleton insurance	1359
TOTAL	16480
Office Expenses	
Photocopier costs	562
Postage/Stationery	297
Phone/B'band	476
Website	650
Equipment Hire	1038
sundry	614
Professional fees	768
Office heat and light	0
memb tickets & Conf	278
TOTAL	4683
District Assessment	37714
Other Outgoings	
Local Pastor expenses	1355
preaching	300
youth & families ministry	3077
travel (ministers)	2178
P&S	252
telephone (ministers)	1112
misc	367
Training	107
Ministers Sundry	0
travel (volunteers)	200
TOTAL	8948
TMCP levies	19860
EXPENDITURE TOTAL	238572

Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

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

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

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

Current Assets

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

The Hinckley Methodist Circuit

(charity registration number 1134382)

Financial Report

for the year ending 31st August 2025

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

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

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

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

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

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

Name of Circuit
Hinckley

Circuit No
23/11

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

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

Signed

Circuit Treasurer

1 BASIS OF ACCOUNTING AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES

i ACCOUNTING STANDARD

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

ii PUBLIC BENEFIT ENTITY

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

iii BASIS

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

iv CONTENT

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

v GOING CONCERN

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

vi CONSOLIDATION

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

vii INCOME RECOGNITION

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

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

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

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

viii EXPENDITURE

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

ix GRANTS

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

x VAT

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

xi TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

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

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

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

xii(a) MONETARY INVESTMENTS

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

xii(b) INVESTMENT PROPERTY

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

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

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

xiv LOANS AS BASIC FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

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

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

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

xv METHODIST CONNEXIONAL FUNDS

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

xvi FUNDS

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

xvii ENDOWMENT FUNDS

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

xviii MINISTERS' MANSE COSTS

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

CAMEO: Community Cafe operated by Stoke Golding Methodist Church

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

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

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

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

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

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

DAF: District Advance Fund

EIW: Early Intervention Worker

FRS: Financial Reporting Standard

HMRC: Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs

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

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

SOFA: Statement of Financial Activities

SORP: Statement of Recommended Practice

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

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

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

Notes to the Accounts 4 - Balance Sheet

BS1 Fixed Assets

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

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

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

BS3 Current Assets

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

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

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

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

BS4 ASSESSMENTS ON CHURCHES


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

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

Name of CircuitHinckley..... No...23/11.

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

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

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

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

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

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

Charity Number 1134382

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 1 to 7. As I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all

* delete or circle as appropriate

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-25

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER REPORT TO THE HINCKLEY METHODIST CIRCUIT

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

Respective responsibilities of the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and the examiner.

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of this report.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. That examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Hinckley Methodist Circuit and a comparison of the accounts with those records. It also includes considering any unusual items of disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and, consequently, no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement.

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met; or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



David Briscoe, ACMA CGMA.

AIMS Accountants For Business

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

Date: 11th February 2026.

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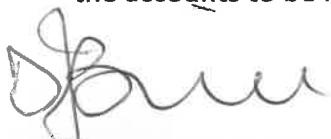
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