

The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales · Charity number 1134411

Details

Other names THE METHODIST CHURCH, WALSALL CIRCUIT

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2010-02-19

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

Contact

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Activities

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

Activities: As set out in the Methodist Church Act 1976 clause 4 ??? synopsis The advancement of religion and any charitable purpose of the Methodist Church or Church organisation. ??? Religious activities for the benefit of the General public / Mankind By ??? Provides buildings / facilities / open space ??? Other charitable activities

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

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

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£147,696	£186,561	-	-
2023-08-31	£120,978	£180,576	-	-
2022-08-31	£133,849	£171,656	-	-
2021-08-31	£386,275	£258,061	-	-
2020-08-31	£165,267	£173,035	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Dr Gary Peter Hall	Chair	2025-09-01
ALAN OWEN		
Barry Gibbons		2010-09-01
Brian Reilly		2015-09-01
CAROL ANNE HEWLITT		2024-09-01
Diane Sargeant		2024-09-01
ELAINE JUNE EDMUNDS		2024-09-01
Elizabeth Ann Moore		2024-09-01
Elizabeth Bird		2024-09-01
GLENVILLE KENNETH POOLE		2024-09-01
Jacqueline Whitehouse		2024-09-01
Janice Cox		2021-09-01
John Grenfell Worth		2024-09-01
Keith Walton		2024-09-01
MRS GILL JOLLY		
Margaret Ann Howells		2024-09-01
Margaret Gibbons		2014-09-01
Nancy Ndoho		2021-09-01
Norma Cleopathro Bryan		2024-09-01
Paul Bowdler Wilde		2024-09-01
Peter Michael Box		2024-09-01
Peter Morris Glover		2024-09-01
Rev Lynda Denise Yeadon		2024-09-01
Robert Alan Whitehouse		2024-09-01
Sue Smith		2015-09-01
Susan E Newell-Pedley		2024-09-01
Susan Jane Flukes		2024-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
VALERIE BRENDA CLARKE		2024-09-01
William Alan Wilkes		2010-09-01
YVONNE GOUGH		2024-09-01

The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales - Charity number 1134411

Accounts

Walsall and District Methodist Circuit

Trustees' Annual Report for the year ended 31st August 2024

Reference and administration details

Registered charity name	The Methodist Church Walsall Circuit
Registered Charity Number	1134411
Charity's Principal Address	35 Park Road, Walsall, West Midlands WS5 3JU
Website	www.hiddenrivercircuit.org

Charity Trustees

These are the members of the Methodist Church Walsall Circuit Meeting. They are made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is listed at the end of this report.

Circuit ministers and officers (Circuit Leadership Team) as at 31.08.24

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Jeremy Hawkins Rev Nancy Ndoho Deacon Helen Webster {shared} Rev Elizabeth Dunning {Part Time} Rev Stuart Reed {Part Time}
Circuit Lay Workers	Mrs Anne Kelsall
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Margaret Gibbons Mr Bryan Malsbury Mrs Gill Jolly
Circuit Treasurer	Mr Brian Reilly
Circuit Secretary	Mrs Sue Smith
Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Sue Smith
Custodian Trustees	The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
Bankers	HSBC The Bridge, Walsall WS1 1LN Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE

Objectives and activities

The Circuit's objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Walsall and District for the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union, the advancement of:-

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church.
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution, subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity, being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church Walsall Circuit:-

- a) Acts as an umbrella body for 6 churches.
- b) Organises and resources regular acts of worship open to both members of the church and non-members. A preaching plan is produced to give information about the acts of worship taking place at each church.
- c) Resources pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- d) Arranges training for those who lead worship, both Local Preachers and Worship Leaders.
- e) Ensures that the Safeguarding Policy for both Children and Vulnerable Adults is followed, training is given and checks are made as needed.
- f) Confirms that the Trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Achievements and performance during the year

- The Circuit has continued to act as an umbrella body for 6 churches. The Circuit produces a weekly preaching plan for each of its churches. Some of the churches also have mid-week services.
- Services on Zoom have continued throughout the last year for those who are unable to come to church. They can also be found on YouTube for those who prefer to watch at a different time. They have helped to keep a contact between worshippers and the church, particularly those who find it difficult to get to a church service. There is a regular group of people who join the service on Sundays and feel that they are still part of the church.
- Weekly reflection & prayer sheets are produced and sent out monthly. They are produced by volunteers from among those who conduct worship in our churches and are appreciated by those who receive a copy. Many of these reflections are thought-provoking and informative. Bible Study courses continue to be held on Zoom but have also been held in-person.
- The Safeguarding Policies for both Children and Vulnerable Adults have been updated and followed. Checks are made and training completed as needed – an Advanced Safeguarding course was held in November.
- An E.D.I. (equality, diversity, inclusion) training session has been held and was well supported.
- We have regard to the GDPR guidance about sharing personal information.
- The principal source for general expenditure is by an annual assessment, paid in instalments, from each local church in the Circuit. This is paid into an account with the Central Finance Board of the

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Methodist Church. Money is then transferred into an account with HSBC bank for day to day use. There is also rent from a property no longer used for ministers. There is a TMCP Model Trust Fund which is money raised from the sale of properties. Sums can be transferred from this fund towards property and staff projects.

- A budget is made each year in which provision made includes salary costs, utility and maintenance costs of manses, and administration. In 2023/24 staff salary costs were £135,886, utility costs £948, insurance 3,837, maintenance of manses £948, and administration £3,406. £30,353 expenditure was the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.
- The balance of funds at 31/08/24 was
Model Trust £539,513 CFB £971 and HSBC £13,675
The Circuit's policy on reserves is to aim to maintain a sum equal to 6 month's expenditure. A redundant church had been sold at the end of November 2023 and the proceeds added to the Model Trust Fund.
- During the year the Circuit has continued to work with the neighbouring Walsall Circuit. In March 2023 the trustees of the 2 circuits had agreed to join together from September 2024. There was a lot of preparatory work to do. Arrangements for the running of the Circuit had to be discussed and then agreed by both circuits and personnel decided upon. Two ministers were leaving the Circuit and only one being replaced due to a shortage. It was suggested that a lay worker or two could be employed to support the ministers. Then, in June, 2024, The Methodist Conference gave permission for the merger to go ahead.

Structure, governance and management

Governing Document Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Constituted by Act of Parliament

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD)

Trustee selection methods Appointed by local churches and existing trustees.
Ministers are ex-officio.

Part of the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District.

Accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers meeting.

The Circuit has adopted the Safeguarding Policy of the Methodist Church and ensures that it is rolled out to churches and appropriate checks are made.

Full list of Managing Trustees as at 31st August, 2024

Rev Jeremy Hawkins, Rev Elizabeth Dunning, Rev Stuart Reed, Rev Nancy Nhodo,
Deacon Helen Webster

Mrs Sue Smith,

Mrs Margaret Howells, Susan Flukes; Norma Bryan; Peter Glover; Rev Lynda Yeadon; Janice Cox; Alan Owen; Margaret Gibbons; Barry Gibbons; Gill Jolly; Alan Wilkes; Andy Hawes;

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Walsall	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury	District	Circuit no	2804
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Ministers:

Rev Jem Hawkins (Superintendent Minister)
Rev Nancy Ndoho
Deacon Helen Webster (Shared)
Rev Stuart Reed (Part Time)
Rev Liz Dunning (Part Time)

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Margaret Gibbons
Mr Bryan Malsbury
Mrs Gill Jolly

Treasurer:

Mr Brian Reilly

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	75,300			75,300	83,601
a3	Capital receipts		617,200		617,200	4,745
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	335	26,819		27,154	6,571
a5	Grants	10,000			10,000	10,000
a6	Other receipts	35,242			35,242	16,061
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	120,877	644,019		764,896 (a8)	120,978

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	135,886			135,886	121,411
b3	Manse Costs	13,066			13,066	22,397
b4	Administration etc	3,406			3,406	4,958
b5	District Assessment	30,353			30,353	28,948
b6	Grants & donations	3,850			3,850	750
b7	Buildings other than manses					
b8	Other payments	1,881	207,921		209,802	2,112
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	188,442	207,921		396,363 (b9)	180,576

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(67,565)	436,098		368,533	(59,598)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	22,211	163,415		185,626 (c6)	245,224
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	(45,354)	599,513		554,159	185,626
c4	Transfers and adjustments	60,000	(60,000)			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	14,646	539,513		554,159 (c8)	185,626 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)	£	£	£	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	764,896 (a8)	396,363 (b9)	368,533	(c7)	185,626 (c6)	554,159 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	764,896	396,363	368,533		185,626 (x)	554,159 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	3,882	13,675
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,329	971
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	163,415	539,513
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	185,626 (c6)	554,159 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	185,626 (x)	554,159 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets		15,352
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		(1,037)

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit METHODIST CHURCH WALSALL CIRCUIT No. 280402

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 [Signature] Date 27/6/25

Name and address of treasurer BRIAN REILLY 35. PARK ROAD

WALSALL Post Code WS5 3JU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 19/3/2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting S. HAWKINS Date 27/6/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Walsall

Charity Number . 1134411

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Walsall Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1... to ...3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiners Report to the Trustees of Walsall Methodist Circuit - Charity number 1134411 ("the Charity")

I report to the Charity trustees on my examination of the accounts for the Charity for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 5 to 6.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the Charity, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the 2011 Act").

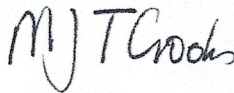
I report in respect of my examination of the Charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act.

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 which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act: or.
- The accounts do not accord with the accounting records.
- 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 trustee's annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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



Melanie Crooks
Melanie Crooks Associates Limited
Bellfield House
33 Stafford Road
Bloxwich
West Midlands
WS3 3NJ

Date: 29 June 2025

The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales - Charity number 1134411

Accounts

CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

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STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WALSALL	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury	District	Circuit no	28 04
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134411

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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Ministers:

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Rev Colin Gardner

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Margaret Gibbons
Mr Bryan Malsbury
Mrs Gill Jolly

Treasurer:

Mr Brian Reilly

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

WALSALL

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		83,601		83,601	106,042
a3	Capital receipts		4,745		4,745	12,052
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,571		6,571	453
a5	Grants		10,000		10,000	80
a6	Other receipts		16,061		16,061	15,222
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		120,978		120,978 (a8)	133,849

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	Note	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		121,411		121,411	104,468
b3	Manse Costs		22,397		22,397	21,452
b4	Administration etc		4,958		4,958	4,091
b5	District Assessment		28,948		28,948	28,961
b6	Grants & donations		750		750	950
b7			2,112		2,112	11,734
b8	Other payments					
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		180,576		180,576 (b9)	171,656

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(59,598)		(59,598)	(37,807)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		245,224		245,224 (c6)	283,031
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	185,626		185,626	245,224
c4	Transfers and adjustments					
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	185,626		185,626 (c8)	245,224 (c7)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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e3						
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e6						
e7						
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	120,978 (a8)	180,576 (b9)	(59,598)	(c7)	245,224 (c6)	185,626 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	120,978	180,576	(59,598)		245,224 (x)	185,626 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	5,033	3,882
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	27,468	18,329
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	212,723	163,415
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	245,224 (c6)	185,626 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	245,224 (x)	185,626 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

Name of Circuit WALSALL No. 28-04

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 [Signature] Date 31-3-2024

Name and address of treasurer BRIAN REILLY
25 PARK ROAD WALSALL, WEST MIDS Post Code WS5 3JN

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 ~~were~~ will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on July 20th

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV E DUNNING Date 18/4/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WALSALL Circuit

Charity Number 1134411

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WALSALL Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

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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.

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 [Signature]

Name of independent examiner ANDREW W. HAWES

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ACCOUNTANT (C103) (CSEF)

Name of firm (where appropriate) _____

Address 88 WALSALL WOOD ROAD,
ALCONYKE, WALSALL Post Code WS9 8RA

Date 15/4/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed

May-23

The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales - Charity number 1134411

Accounts

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Walsall	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022**

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury	District	Circuit no	28.04
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Mr Bryan Malsbury
Mrs Gill Jolly

Treasurer:

Mr Brian Reilly

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		106,042		106,042	121,094
a3	Capital receipts		12,052		12,052	232,503
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		64	389	453	555
a5	Grants		80		80	15,512
a6	Other receipts		15,222		15,222	16,610
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		133,460	389	133,849 (a8)	386,274

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		104,468		104,468	101,548
b3	Manse Costs		21,452		21,452	26,297
b4	Administration etc		4,091		4,091	17,399
b5	District Assessment		28,961		28,961	29,223
b6	Grants & donations		950		950	1,100
b7			11,734		11,734	82,494
b8	Other payments					
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		171,656		171,656 (b9)	258,061

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(38,196)	389	(37,807)	128,213
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		40,697	242,334	283,031 (c6)	154,818
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	2,501	242,723	245,224	283,031
c4	Transfers and adjustments		30,000	(30,000)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	32,501	212,723	245,224 (c8)	283,031 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
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e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	133,849 (a8)	171,656 (b9)	(37,807)	283,031 (c6)	245,224 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	133,849	171,656	(37,807)	283,031 (x)	245,224 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	19,269	5,033
f3		
f4	21,428	27,468
f5	242,334	212,723
f6		
f7	SUB TOTAL	283,031 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	283,031 (x)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1		
g2	950,000	950,000
g3		
g4		
g5		

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Declarations and Scrutiny


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Signature of treasurer  Date 20/6/23

Name and address of treasurer ... Brian Reilly
35 Park Road, Walsall.
WS5 3JU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 22nd June 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... rev. Jem Hawkins Date 22/06/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Circuit

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examinerAndrew W Hawes

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner
Accountancy (IOB) (SEG)

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 88 Walsall Wood Road, Aldridge, Walsall.

WS9 8RA

Date 20/06/2023

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The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales - Charity number 1134411

Accounts

Walsall Methodist Circuit



Superintendent Minister: Rev. Rachel Wood

Registered Charity No: 1134411

ANNUAL REPORT For Year Ending 31st August 2021

The Circuit Committee presents its Annual Report and Independently Examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2021

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors.

Superintendent's address:

83 Mellish Road
Walsall
West Midlands
WS4 2DF

The Circuit is governed by a Circuit Meeting as defined by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The following members of the Circuit Meeting are the charity trustees and served during the period and up to the date of this report.

Ministers:

Rev. Rachel Wood (Superintendent)
Rev. Colin Gardner
Rev. Bev Boden
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs. Margaret Gibbons
Bryan Malsbury
Mrs. Gill Jolly

Circuit Treasurer:

Mr. Brian Reilly

Circuit Secretary:

Mrs. Sue Smith

Bankers: HSBC, The Bridge, Walsall, West Midlands. WS1 1LN

Operating Name: Methodist Church Walsall Circuit

Pension Provider: The Pensions Trust Ref: E12098

Verity House, 6 Canal Wharf, Leeds. LS11 5BQ

Structure, Governance and Management

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Walsall Methodist Circuit



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Registered Charity No: 1134411

The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976 and the regulations set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (Standing Orders), and is run by the Circuit Meeting, and between Circuit Meetings by the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Stewards and Treasurer. In addition, as a Registered Charity No. 1134411, it is further governed by the regulation of the Charity Commission.

New Circuit Stewards are initially appointed for a term of 6 years which may be extended, and re-elected each year during their period of office at the spring Circuit Meeting. The Treasurer is likewise re-elected each year. The Superintendent Minister is initially invited to serve for 5 years and may then be re-invited by Circuit Meeting for a further period of up to 5 years at the end of each term of appointment. Circuit Stewards and Treasurer are briefed by the Superintendent Minister to familiarize them with their responsibilities as Charity Trustees. The Superintendent Minister, Circuit Stewards and Treasurer meet at least 4 times during the year to review activities, consider the financial position, and decide policy and procedures, often as an augmented meeting with the Circuit Meeting Secretary and other ministerial colleagues as a Circuit Leadership Team.

The day to day work of the charity is overseen by the Superintendent Minister and Circuit Stewards on behalf of the Circuit Meeting, who are supported by 3 further ministers of which one is full time and the remainder on a part time basis. The Circuit is 1 of 13 which form the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District.

Objectives and Activity

The circuit mission policy continues to provide for ministerial oversight and pastoral care of 7 churches, the support of 2 full time and 2 part time Presbyters, a circuit administrator, the maintenance of 3 circuit manses and supporting the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury district through the assessment.

Achievements and Performance

The Circuit provides a benefit to the public by supporting both financially and practically, the 7 Methodist churches across the borough of Walsall who are providing a place of worship for the community. Their congregations vary between 6 and 60 numbers, are of all age groups and many multicultural backgrounds. The churches provide a venue for many varied activities throughout the week as well as worship on a Sunday. The Coronavirus Pandemic caused a halt to all of the usual activities within the circuit and local churches, although things are starting to reopen slowly and cautiously

Future Plans

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In 2022 our superintendent will leave, and a deacon will arrive. The superintendency will be looked after by a neighbouring superintendent. One of the 7 churches has now closed, and will shortly be on the market, which along with the proceeds of the sale of the 2 other church buildings, will continue to allow an opportunity to support local churches as they deal with the losses (people and money) caused by the pandemic, and as they and the circuit consider their future.

Financial Review

The Charity Commission advises of the threshold limits determining the requirement of Receipts & Payments Accounting or Accruals Accounting. Therefore, these accounts are presented under the Receipts & Payments basis for this financial year.

Income of £386275 (including monies from the sale of one building) against expenditure of £258,061 has resulted in a profit of £128214 in this financial year. Of the Income figure, £121094 came from church assessments; Stipends & Travel costs amounted to £101548 plus a District Assessment of £29,223 were responsible for the bulk of the expenditure. The manse costs of £26297 are usually offset to a degree by the rental income from Grayling Close manse.

Funds held at the year end

General Funds made up of the balances in the HSBC & CFB accounts amounts to £40697

Other Funds held with TMCP amount to 242,334 Total funds held amount to £283,031.

Reserves Policy

The aim of the Reserves policy is;

- To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future
- To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit being a charity intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- Our General Funds are made up of HSBC & CFB accounts. HSBC provides the day to day running costs both expected and unexpected. CFB is the means by which Church Assessments are collected and Ministers payroll is operated together with the District Assessment. Additional funds are transferred from this to HSBC as the need arises to meet other bills as HSBC receives rental income only.
- Our TMCP funds which are held to meet any shortfall from the income against the expenditure plus any large payments either to do with increased staffing requirements for the upkeep of property to which TMCP has a vested interest, we being stewards of related properties.

We hold funds of £283,031 against an annual turnover of £258,061 which gives us just over 12 months Reserve against the 6 month Reserve suggested by the Charity Commission. These additional funds will

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Walsall Methodist Circuit

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allow us to support the churches across the Circuit over future years as well as Circuit requirements. An Annual Budget Review is undertaken to consider the current level of funds held, the anticipated expenditure for the forthcoming 12 months, and how this is to be met by contributing churches. This Circuit currently uses the voluntary Share Contribution method to meet this figure.

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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WALSALL	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury	District	Circuit no	28.04
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1134411

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Treasurer:

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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	121,094			121,094	132,017
a3	Capital receipts	232,503			232,503	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	28	527		555	1,087
a5	Grants	15,512			15,512	15,832
a6	Other receipts	16,610			16,610	16,331
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	385,748	527		386,275 (a8)	165,267

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	101,548			101,548	117,587
b3	Manse Costs	26,297			26,297	10,133
b4	Administration etc	17,399			17,399	5,769
b5	District Assessment	29,223			29,223	29,359
b6	Grants & donations	1,100			1,100	950
b7						
b8	Other payments	82,494			82,494	9,237
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	258,061			258,061 (b9)	173,035

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9) 127,686	527		128,213	(7,768)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	49,045	105,773		154,818 (c6)	162,586
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2) 176,731	106,300		283,031	154,818
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4) 176,731	106,300		283,031 (c8)	154,818 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	386,275	258,061	128,213		154,818 (x)	283,031 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
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f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	154,818 (c6)	283,031 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	154,818 (x)	283,031 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	950,000	950,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

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Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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..... 31-Dec-21

Name and address of treasurer Mr Brian Reilly, 35 Park Road, Walsall West Mids

..... Post Code..... WS5 3JU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were ~~will be~~* presented to the Circuit meeting held on .. 23/2/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Revs Rachel Wood Date .. 23/2/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Walsall

Charity Number .. 1134411

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner *Andrew W. Hawes*

Name of independent examiner *ANDREW W. HAWES*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ACCOUNTANCY (ICOB/SE9)*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *88 WALSALL WOOD ROAD,*

..... *WALSALL* Post Code *WS9 8RA*

Date *18/2/2022*

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f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
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I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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..... 31-Dec-21

Name and address of treasurer Mr Brian Reilly, 35 Park Road, Walsall West Mids

..... Post Code..... WS5 3JU

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on .. 23/2/22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Revs Rachel Wood Date .. 23/2/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Walsall

Charity Number .. 1134411

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

* delete or circle as appropriate

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.

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 *Andrew W. Hawes*

Name of independent examiner *ANDREW W. HAWES*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *ACCOUNTANCY (ICOB/SE9)*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *88 WALSALL WOOD ROAD,*

..... *BLUNSTONE, WALSALL* Post Code *WS9 8RA*

Date *18/2/2022*

* delete or circle as appropriate

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The Methodist Church Hidden River Circuit

England & Wales - Charity number 1134411

Accounts

Walsall Methodist Circuit



Superintendent Minister: Rev. Rachel Wood

Registered Charity No: 1134411

ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS For Year Ending 31st August 2020

The Circuit Committee presents its Annual Report and Independently Examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2020

Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisors.

Superintendent's address:

83 Mellish Road
Walsall
West Midlands
WS4 2DF

The Circuit is governed by a Circuit Meeting as defined by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. The following members of the Circuit Meeting are the charity trustees and served during the period and up to the date of this report.

Ministers:

Rev. Rachel Wood (Superintendent)
Rev. Colin Gardner
Rev. Bev Boden
Rev. Liam Dacre-Davis

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs. Margaret Gibbons
Mr. Brian Malsbury
Mrs. Gill Jolly

Circuit Treasurer:

Mr. Brian Reilly

Circuit Secretary:

Mrs. Sue Smith

Bankers: HSBC, The Bridge, Walsall, West Midlands. WS1 1LN

Operating Name: Methodist Church Walsall Circuit

Pension Provider: The Pensions Trust Ref: E12098

Verity House, 6 Canal Wharf, Leeds. LS11 5BQ

Structure, Governance and Management

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The charity is constituted as an unincorporated association. It is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976 and the regulations set out in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (Standing Orders), and is run by the Circuit Meeting, and between Circuit Meetings by the Superintendent Minister and the Circuit Stewards and Treasurer. In addition, as a Registered Charity No. 1134411, it is further governed by the regulation of the Charity Commission.

New Circuit Stewards are initially appointed for a term of 6 years which may be extended, and re-elected each year during their period of office at the spring Circuit Meeting. The Treasurer is likewise re-elected each year. The Superintendent Minister is initially invited to serve for 5 years and may then be re-invited by Circuit Meeting for a further period of up to 5 years at the end of each term of appointment. Circuit Stewards and Treasurer are briefed by the Superintendent Minister to familiarize them with their responsibilities as Charity Trustees. The Superintendent Minister, Circuit Stewards and Treasurer meet at least 4 times during the year to review activities, consider the financial position, and decide policy and procedures, often as an augmented meeting with the Circuit Meeting Secretary and other ministerial colleagues as a Circuit Leadership Team.

The day to day work of the charity is overseen by the Superintendent Minister and Circuit Stewards on behalf of the Circuit Meeting, who are supported by 3 further ministers of which one is full time and the remainder on a part time basis. The Circuit is 1 of 13 which form the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District.

Objectives and Activity

The circuit mission policy continues to provide for ministerial oversight and pastoral care of 7 churches, the support of 2 full time and 2 part time Presybters, a circuit administrator, the maintenance of 3 circuit manses and supporting the Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury district through the assessment.

Achievements and Performance

The Circuit provides a benefit to the public by supporting both financially and practically, the 7 Methodist churches across the borough of Walsall who are providing a place of worship for the community. Their congregations vary between 6 and 100 in numbers, are of all age groups and many multicultural backgrounds. The churches provide a venue for many varied activities throughout the week as well as worship on a Sunday. The Coronavirus Pandemic caused a halt to all of the usual activities within the circuit and local churches.

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Future Plans

In 2021 2 of the circuit ministers will leave, and 1 new minister will arrive. In 2022, our superintendent will leave and so we look to the future in terms of resources needed (people and finance) – the sale of the 2 church buildings, will allow an opportunity to support local churches as they deal with the losses (people and money) caused by the pandemic, and as they and the circuit consider their future.

Financial Review

The Charity Commission advises of the threshold limits determining the requirement of Receipts & Payments Accounting or Accruals Accounting. Therefore, these accounts are presented under the Receipts & Payments basis for this financial year.

Income of £165267 against expenditure of £173,035 has resulted in a shortfall of £7768 in this financial year. Of the Income figure, £132017 came from church assessments; Stipends & Travel costs amounted to £117587 plus a District Assessment of £29359, were responsible for the bulk of the expenditure. The manse costs of £10133 are usually offset to a degree by the rental income from Grayling Close manse.

Funds held at the year end

General Funds made up of the balances in the HSBC & CFB accounts amounts to £49045

Other Funds held with TMCP amount to £105,773 Total funds held amount to £154818

Reserves Policy

The aim of the Reserves policy is;

- To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future
- To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit being a charity intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

- Our General Funds are made up of HSBC & CFB accounts. HSBC provides the day to day running costs both expected and unexpected. CFB is the means by which Church Assessments are collected and Ministers payroll is operated together with the District Assessment. Additional funds are transferred from this to HSBC as the need arises to meet other bills as HSBC receives rental income only.

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- Our TMCP funds which are held to meet any shortfall from the income against the expenditure plus any large payments either to do with increased staffing requirements for the upkeep of property to which TMCP has a vested interest, we being stewards of related properties.

We hold funds of £154818 against an annual turnover of £173035 which gives us just over 12 months Reserve against the 6 month Reserve suggested by the Charity Commission. These additional funds will allow us to support the churches across the Circuit over future years as well as Circuit requirements. An Annual Budget Review is undertaken to consider the current level of funds held, the anticipated expenditure for the forthcoming 12 months, and how this is to be met by contributing churches. This Circuit currently uses the voluntary Share Contribution method to meet this figure.

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RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

For the Year Ended 31st August 2018

	No te	UR £	R £	Tot al 201 8 £	Tot al 20 17 £
Receipts					
		13			127
Share Assessment	1	4,712		134,712	,081
Interest & Investment Income	2	135	646	781	924
Grants	3	12,614		12,614	11,530
Other Income	4	15,168		15,168	16,606
		162,629	646	163,275	156,141
TOTAL RECEIPTS					

Payments

		109,403		102,778	
Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension & Travel cost	5	26960		269,600	10,701
Manse Costs	6	6,562		6,562	7,187
Administration	7	28,697		28,697	28,369
District Assessment	8	76,210		76,210	5,350
Grants & Donations	9	1,286	238	1,524	3,225
Other Payments	10				

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		17		179	15
		9,1	23	,35	7,6
TOTAL PAYMENTS		18	8	9	10
		(16			(1,
Net Receipts/Payments	11	,48	40	(16,	469
		9)	8	081))
		15,	(15		
Transfer between funds		00	,00		
		0	0)	0	0
				(1	
		(1,	4,	(16,	(1,
Net Movement in funds after transfers		48	59	081	46
		9)	2))	9)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total Funds Brought Forward				11	
		54,	8,	173	17
		94	99	,94	5,4
as at 1st September 2017		9	3	2	11
Balances carried forward				10	
		53,	4,	157	17
		46	40	,86	3,9
as at 31st August 2018		0	1	1	42

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

As at 31st August 2018

	UR	R	Tota l 201 8	Tota l 201 7
	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets - Manse estimated values	950		950	950
	,00		,00	,00
	0		0	0
	95		950	95
Total Fixed Assets	0,0		,00	0,0
	00		0	00

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Current Assets					
			10		
			4,	104	11
			40	,40	8,9
	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		1	1	93
		44,			46,
		57		44,	85
	Central Finance Board	4		574	9
		8,8		8,8	8,0
	HSBC	86		86	90
			10		
		53,	4,	157	17
		46	40	,86	3,9
Total Current Assets		0	1	1	42
Current Liabilities		0	0	0	0
			1,0	10	1,1
			03,	4,	1,1
			46	40	07,
Net Assets			0	1	861
					2
The funds of the Charity			10	104	118
			4,4	,40	,99
Restricted funds			01	1	3
		950		950	950
		,00		,00	,00
		0		0	0
Unrestricted funds - General Funds		53,		53,	54,
		460		460	949
			1,0	10	1,1
			03,	4,	1,1
			46	40	07,
TOTAL FUNDS			0	1	861
					2

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Approved by the Circuit Leadership Team
and signed on their behalf by

Rev. Rachel Wood (Chairperson)

Andrew W. Hawes (Circuit Treasurer)

Receipts

Note 1:

Assessment Income from 9 Churches

Note 2:

Interest from CFB & TMCP

£11,500 District Grant towards

Note 3:

Probationers Salary

Note 4:

£7,740 From Aldridge towards Layworkers salary

£7,262 Net Rental Income from Grayling Close

Payments

Note 5:

£79,898 Stipends & Salaries

£18,257 Employers Pension

Contributions

£5,200 Employers National Insurance

Contributions

£6,047 Mileage Claims & travel costs

£5,199 Council

Note 6:

Tax

£1,637 Water

Rates

£2,252 Insurance

£17,802 Repairs & renewals

Note 7:

£2,886 Telephone & Internet costs

£950 Preachers fees

£1,353

Publications

£1,222 Postage & stationery

Note 8:

Assessment required by District

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Note 9: £500 Central Hall Methodist Church
£500 Relocation Grant - Rev.R.Wood
£300 World Mission
£1,000 Aldridge Christmas Tree Festival
£200 All We Can (Methodist Relief & Development)
£120 Street Pastors
£300 MHA
£150 Christian Aid
£500 Walsall Over 50's Forum
£1,940 Coalpool Methodist Church
£500 Daw End Methodist Church

Note 10: £185 TMCP Levy
£339 Apprenticeship Levy
£480 Methodist Payroll levy

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit

Signature of Treasurer

Date

Name

Address

88 Walsall Wood Road, Aldridge, Walsall, West Midlands.
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Presentation to the *Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Rachel Wood

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WALSALL

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

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The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 (other than that disclosed below*):

(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 Charities Act;
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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.

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name

Mr. John Brown

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Retired Bank Officer

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