

## **LESNES ABBEY METHODIST CIRCUIT**

**CHARITY NUMBER: 1134664**

## **ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020**

### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT AND AIM OF CIRCUIT**

Lesnes Abbey Circuit forms part of the London Methodist District and is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. As a Circuit our primary aim is to fulfil the purposes of the Methodist Church which '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**

Our activities include the following:

1. Supporting local churches in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non- members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

### **CIRCUIT MEETINGS (TRUSTEES' MEETINGS)**

The members of the Circuit Meeting constitute the Trustees of the Circuit.(See appendix for names of Trustees.) During the year under review, the trustees met thrice (September and March) to review the mission of the Circuit in the past year, to plan for our future ministry and to receive the circuit annual accounts.

### **REVIEW OF OUR MISSION**

#### **a. Support to local churches**

There are twelve churches in the Circuit of which eight are Methodist congregations, one Church of England and the remaining three are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs)[Methodist/Anglican/United Reformed]. In addition to these established churches, a new church plant has started in a local school, Heronsgate Primary School.



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The Circuit has three full-time Methodist Ministers who exercise pastoral charge over the eight Methodist churches. The Church of England congregation and the LEPs are looked after by three full-time Anglican priests and one URC minister. A married couple who are both ordained URC ministers exercise pastoral charge over the new church plant. We have three retired Methodist Ministers one of whom is active and renders diverse services to our local churches including the leading of worship. In the Connexional year 2019/20, our churches were not open on every Sunday for public acts of worship due to COVID-19 lockdown.

#### **b. Teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups**

In addition to services held in the local churches, the Circuit also organised six united services which were held in different churches. These services provided additional means for some of our members who live on their own to have fellowship with others and to make new friends.

#### **c. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.**

During the year, both ordained and lay members of the Circuit offered pastoral care to the sick and the bereaved by visiting them in their homes, nursing homes, hospitals and in the local hospice.

#### **d. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.**

One event was held for the youth in the Circuit offering opportunities to the youngsters to play games, socialise and worship together.

#### **e. Support to Charities**

This year we supported two charities, raising and paying out £421.42 through the CAP Project and raising £765.74 through the 2nd Mile Project. We paid out £3,205.92 in regard to the 2nd Mile Project from previously raised funds.



## APPENDIX

### MEMBERS OF THE LESNES ABBEY CIRCUIT MEETING (TRUSTEES)

Name	Position	
<b><i>Circuit Officers</i></b>		
Revd Helen Watson	Superintendent Minister & Chair	
Revd George Quarm	Minister	up to 31st Aug 2020
Revd Nana Banyin Thomford	Minister	
Revd Chellaian Lawrence	Minister	since 1 Sep 2020
Revd Patrick Eggleston	Minister	
Revd Michael Baker	Supernumary Minister	RIP - deceased on 2 Jan 2021
Deacon Pat Soule	Supernumary Minister	
Mr George Kulasingham	Circuit Treasurer	up to 31st Aug 2020 and to finaise 2019-20 Accounts for Independent Examination
Mr Steve Hienno	Circuit Treasurer	since 1 Sep 2020
Mr Francis Johnson	Circuit Manses Co-ordinator	since 19 Feb 2020
Ms Marian VanDyck	Circuit Steward	
Mrs Di Sprowles	Circuit Steward	up to 30 Nov 2020
Mr Femi Lawson	Circuit Steward	since 27 Nov 2019
Ms Sharon Miles	Circuit Steward	since 27 Nov 2019 to 31 Aug 2020
Mrs Madonna Johnson	Circuit Steward	
Mr Brentnol Roach	Local Preacher Secretary	
Mr Hudson Jackson	Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator	
<b><i>Church Representatives</i></b>		
<b><i>Abbey Wood</i></b>		
Mrs Aba Adebajo	Senior Steward	up to 31st Aug 2020
Mr Archibald Dadzie	Senior Steward	since 1 Sep 2020
Mr Kofi Narh-Saam	Treasurer	
Mr Seun Adebajo	Property Steward	
Mr Robert Ndume	Representative	
Mrs Emma Maddy	Representative	
<b><i>Barnehurst</i></b>		
Mr Colin Creasey	Senior Steward	
Mr Ray Cooper	Treasurer	
Mr Fred Smith	Property Steward	
Miss Margaret Dougill	Representative	
<b><i>Belvedere</i></b>		
Mrs Madonna Johnson	Senior Steward	
Mrs Olga Beresford	Treasurer	
Mr Eugene Owusu	Property Steward	
Mrs Ann Hartley	Representative	

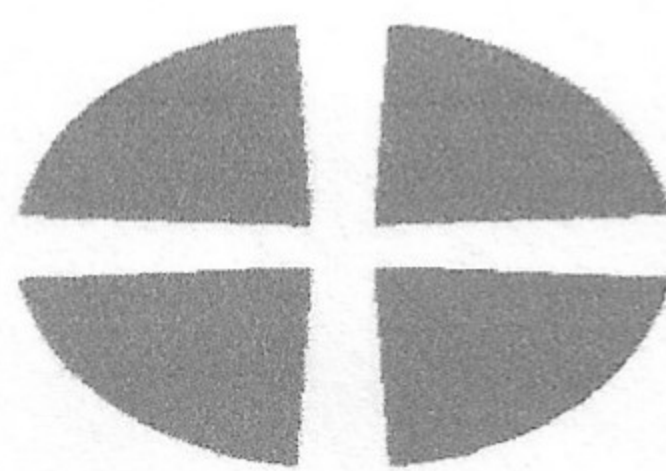


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### MEMBERS OF THE LESNES ABBEY CIRCUIT MEETING (TRUSTEES)

Name	Position	
	<b>Bexleyheath</b>	
Mr Roger Forward	Senior Steward and since 1 Sep 2019, Property Steward as well	
Christiane Sanvee	Representative	
Mr Adebayo Bolarinwa	Representative	since 1 Sep 2019
	<b>Pantiles</b>	
Mr Chris Howes	Senior Steward	since 1 Sep 2019
Mr Ray Cooper	Treasurer	
	<b>Trinity</b>	
Mr Ben Godwyll	Senior Steward	
Mr Ebenezer Gyan-Kodiah	Treasurer	
Mr Frank Edwards-Idun	Property Steward	up to 31 Aug 2020
Mrs Jane Denton	Representative	
Mrs Kofo Famurewa	Representative	since 1 Sep 2019
	<b>Welling</b>	
Mr Tony Hayes	Senior Steward	
Mr Michael Cole	Treasurer	
Mrs Sandy Kennedy	Representative	siince 1st Apr 2019
	<b>Wesley Hall</b>	
Mrs Karen Gilham	Senior Steward	
Mr Paul Nichols	Treasurer	
Mr Barry Munden	Property Steward	
Mrs Jan Nichols	Representative	





Circuit  
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**(ACCRUALS BASIS)**  
for the year ended 31 August 2020

**LESNES ABBEY**

**Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number

1134664

**Circuit No**

**35/30**

**Ministers**

REV. HELEN WATSON
REV. GEORGE K QUARM - UP TO 31 AUG 2020
REV. NANA BANYIN THOMFORD
REV. CHELLAIAN LAWRENCE - SINCE 1 SEP 2020

**Circuit Stewards**

MARIAN VANDYCK
DI SPROWLES - UP TO 30 NOV 2020
MADONNA JOHNSON
FEMI LAWSON
SHARON MILES - UP TO 31 AUG 2020

**Circuit Treasurer**

GEORGE KULASINGHAM - UP TO 31 AUG 2020 / FOR 2019-20 ACCOUNTS
STEVE HEINO - SINCE 1 SEP 2020



Name of Circuit

Lesnes Abbey

Circuit No 35/30

## Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 20	2019- Total 19
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>								
1 Donations and legacies		12,342	-				12,342	6,527
2 Income from monetary investments		195	397				592	514
3 Income from investment properties		16,292	-				16,292	16,456
4 Assessments on Churches		166,944	-				166,944	166,944
5 Capital Receipts							-	-
6 Grants received							-	-
7 Other charitable income							-	-
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>195,774</b>	<b>397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>196,170</b>	<b>190,441</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>								
9 Grants and donations							-	-
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	116,263	-				116,263	109,093
11 Property maintenance		6,957	-				6,957	23,431
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy		45,884	1,196				47,080	40,752
14 Depreciation							-	-
15 Office expenses		765	-				765	893
16 Other outgoings		27,699	96				27,794	32,974
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>197,568</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>198,860</b>	<b>207,143</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							-	-
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(1,795)</b>	<b>(895)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,689)</b>	<b>(16,702)</b>
21 Transfers between funds		13,642	(13,642)				-	-
22 Other gains/(losses)							-	-
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>11,847</b>	<b>(14,537)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(2,689)</b>	<b>(16,702)</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		1,222,585	47,834				1,270,419	122,802
25 Adjustments to funds brought forward due to previous year omissions in SOFA							-	1,174,318
26 Loan settlement							-	(10,000)
<b>27 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,234,432</b>	<b>33,297</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,267,729</b>	<b>1,270,419</b>



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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2018-19
		£	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income</b>							
1 Donations and legacies		6,527					6,527
2 Income from monetary investments		109	405				514
3 Income from investment properties		16,456					16,456
4 Assessments on Churches		166,944					166,944
5 Capital Receipts							-
6 Grants received							-
7 Other charitable income							-
<b>8 Total income</b>		<b>190,036</b>	<b>405</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>190,441</b>
<b>Expenditure</b>							
9 Grants and donations							-
10 Salaries and associated costs	6	109,093					109,093
11 Property maintenance		23,431					23,431
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							-
13 District Assessment & Levy		39,533	1,219				40,752
14 Depreciation							-
15 Office expenses		893					893
16 Other outgoings		32,877	97				32,974
<b>17 Total charitable expenditure</b>		<b>205,827</b>	<b>1,316</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>207,143</b>
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							-
<b>20 Net income/(expenditure)</b>		<b>(15,790)</b>	<b>(911)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,702)</b>
21 Transfers between funds							-
22 Other gains/(losses)							-
<b>23 Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(15,790)</b>	<b>(911)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(16,702)</b>
24 Total funds brought forward		74,057	48,745				122,802
25 Loan settlement		(10,000)					(10,000)
25 Adjustments to funds brought forward due to previous year omissions in SOFA		1,174,318					1,174,318
<b>27 Total funds carried forward</b>		<b>1,222,585</b>	<b>47,834</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,270,419</b>



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## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

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Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020	Totals 2019
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

## Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment		877,473				877,473	877,473	R
Investment properties		326,845				326,845	326,845	R
Investments						-		
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,204,318</b>	-	-	-	<b>1,204,318</b>	<b>1,204,318</b>	

## Current Assets

Debtors	8	8,966	-			8,966	8,693	S
Loans by the Circuit						-	-	
Investments with TMCP		-	33,297			33,297	47,834	
Central Finance Board Deposits		32,619	-			32,619	51,629	T
Cash at Bank and in hand		31,813	-			31,813	22,528	
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>73,399</b>	<b>33,297</b>	-	-	<b>106,696</b>	<b>130,684</b>	

## Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	9	23,285				23,285	34,583	U
Loans to the Circuit - due in 2020-21	10	10,000				10,000		
Grants payable within 2017-18						-	-	V
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>33,285</b>	-	-	-	<b>33,285</b>	<b>34,583</b>	
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>40,114</b>	<b>33,297</b>	-	-	<b>73,411</b>	<b>96,101</b>	

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,244,432</b>	<b>33,297</b>	-	-	<b>1,277,729</b>	<b>1,300,419</b>	
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19						-	-	V
Loans to the Circuit - due after 2020-21	10	10,000				10,000	30,000	
						-		
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,234,432</b>	<b>33,297</b>	-	-	<b>1,267,729</b>	<b>1,270,419</b>	W

## Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,234,432				1,234,432	1,222,585	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			33,297			33,297	47,834	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				-		-	-	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>1,267,729</b>	<b>1,270,419</b>	
Restricted Funds				-		-		
Endowment Funds					-	-		
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,234,432</b>	<b>33,297</b>	-	-	<b>1,267,729</b>	<b>1,270,419</b>	

Signed

Circuit Treasurer



**Notes to the Accounts****1 Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

**2 Funds**

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

**3 Accounting policies****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, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

**Incoming resources**

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

**Resources Expended**

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

**Grants**

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

**VAT**

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

**Debtors and Prepayments**

Debtors include the payment of the September stipend and the September levy in August.

**Creditors**

Creditors include both accruals for expenses and specifically the 2019-20 1st quarter assessment received in August.

**Impact of Accounting changes**

A statement is required if there has been any restatement required to previous reported information as a consequence of the new SORP.

**4 Payment to Trustees**

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.



**5. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts**

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts

	2019-20	2018-19
£	nil	nil
£	nil	nil

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

**6. Paid employees****Staff Costs paid during the year were:**

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

	2019-20	2018-19
£	87,447	82,224
£	8,137	6,807
£	20,286	19,635
£	393	427
£	116,263	109,093

Employer's National Insurance costs

Pension costs

Government Levies

Total staff costs

**Average number of staff employed during the year were:**

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**7. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities**

At the 31 st August 2020 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020.



<b>LESNES ABBEY</b>	<b>Circuit</b>
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### 8. Debtors

Recharged payroll to Trinity Methodist Church

Levy paid in advance

Stipends paid in advance

Total

	2019-20	2018-19
£	19	
£	13	13
£	8,934	8,680
£		
£	8,966	8,693

### 6. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

2nd Mile project

Accrued professional fees

Accrued salaries for Circuit Administrator

Accrued pensions for Circuit Administrator

Accrued London Mission Fund (LMF) loan interest

CAP project

Assessments or other incomes received in advance

HMRC - PAYE and NIC

Total staff costs

	2019-20	2018-19
£	60	819
£	2,663	2,250
£		2,177
£	57	
£	217	
£	13	
£	18,640	29,337
£	1,636	
£		
£	23,285	34,583



10. Loans to the Circuit

		LESNES ABBEY Circuit				
	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
London Committee	The London Committee owned 55% of the manse at	30,000		217		30,000
	Late payment, paid in 2019-20	-10,000				-10,000
	11, Eaglesfield Road, S.E.18. In 2012/13 the Circuit					
	bought out their interest through paying £80K from the					
	the Cct Adv Fund and taking out a 10 yr loan of £100K					
Totals		20,000		217		20,000 X

Repayment due

Due within 12 months	31/08/2021	10,000				10,000
Due between 2 and 5 years	31/08/2022	10,000				10,000
Due later than 5 years						
Totals						20,000 Y

Note: the two totals X and Y must agree



## Lesnes Abbey Methodist Circuit

### Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

#### Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard(FRS)102

Full Name of Charity: Lesnes Abbey Methodist Circuit.....

Registration Charity Number: 1134664

Date of registration April 2010

Main communication address 265, Burrage Road, Plumstead, London SE18 7JW (Circuit office)

The members of the Lesnes Abbey Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the churches. Those who served in 2018-19 as well as those who are serving on the date of the signing of these accounts are given below.

#### Circuit Ministers and officers

##### Active Circuit Ministers

Rev. Helen Watson  
Rev. George K Quarm (up to 31 Aug 2020)  
Rev. Nana Banyin Thomford  
Rev, Chellaian Lawrence (since 1 Sep 2020)

##### Circuit Stewards

Mrs Marian VanDyck,  
Mrs Di Sprowles (up to 30 Nov 2020)  
Mrs Madonna Johnson  
Mrs Femi Lawson  
Ms Sharon Miles (up to 31 Aug 2020)

Administrator: Mrs.Vicky Forster

George Kulasingham acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year (until 31 Aug 2020) having stepped down being Treasurer on 31 Aug 2020. Steve Heino was appointed as Treasurer wef 1 Sep 2020 for 2020-21. George Kulasingham carried over the Accounts for 2019-20.

Independent examiner Gordon Slater, 2a Oxford & Cambridge Mansions, Old Marylebone Road, London. NW1 5EB

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes



## **LESNES ABBEY Circuit**

### **Aims and organisation**

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the areas around part of Bexley and parts of Greenwich 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 organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups. The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved. Taking religious assemblies in local schools. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

### **Public Benefit**

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

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

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

### **Trustee Training**

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

### **Related Parties**

The Circuit is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit : Abbey Wood, Barnehurst, Belvedere, Bexleyheath, Pantiles, Trinity, Welling and Wesley Hall



## **LESNES ABBEY Circuit**

### **Brief financial review of the year**

#### **Income trends**

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. The rental income relates to the rental of a manse at 27 Canberra Road, Charlton. Total income was higher than budgeted income by £14k.

#### **Expenditure trends**

Total expenditure in the year was £15k over the Circuit budgeted expenditure, this was offset with additional donations being received from Churches within the Circuit.

#### **Fund balances**

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets of the Circuit were £71k, giving approximately 6.1 months cover for expenditure based on the 2019-20 expenses. We also have to repay £30k towards the loan in the three years between 2019-20 and 2022-23 to fully repay this loan.



**LESNES ABBEY Circuit  
DECLARATIONS**

**Treasurer**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer

*George Kulasingham*

Date

20-Jun-21

Name of Treasurer

George Kulasingham

Address

3 Beehive Close, Uxbridge, Middlesex. UB10 9QP

**Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2020 were, or will be\* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on

20-Jun-21

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

*Helen Watson*

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev.H.Watson

Date

28 June '21

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the**

Lesnes Abbey Methodist

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2020

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2019 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary 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.



## **LESNES ABBEY Circuit**

### **Risk Management**

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

### **Safeguarding**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Lesnes Abbey Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Lesnes Abbey Methodist Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

### **Reserves Policy**

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to five months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.



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

have not been met, or

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(3) 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.

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