

Name of Circuit

Circuit No

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

| the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) £ | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £ | Designated Funds (unrestricted) £ | Restricted Funds £ | Endowment Funds £ | Total 2022-23 £ |
|--|-------------------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Income | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations and legacies | | | | | | 0 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 3 Income from investment properties | 53,874 | 5,930 | | | | 59,804 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | 329,303 | | | | | 329,303 |
| 5 Capital Receipts | | | | | | 0 |
| 6 Grants received | 4,422 | | | | | 4,422 |
| 7 Other charitable income | | | | | 16 | 21 |
| 8 Total income | 387,599 | 5,930 | - | - | 16 | 393,545 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants and donations | 4,250 | | | | | 4,250 |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs | 269,960 | | | | | 269,960 |
| 11 Property maintenance | 42,575 | | | | | 42,575 |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | 83,852 | | | | 83,852 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | 73,256 | 10,073 | | | | 83,329 |
| 14 Depreciation | | | | | | 0 |
| 15 Office expenses | 4,342 | | | | | 4,342 |
| 16 Other outgoings | 15,850 | 715 | | | 74 | 16,639 |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | 410,233 | 94,640 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 504,947 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | 0 |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | - 22,634 | | | | | |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | -22,634 | -88,710 | 0 | 0 | -58 | 111,286 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | | | | | 0 |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | | | | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | -22,634 | -88,710 | 0 | 0 | -58 | 111,286 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | 68,022 | 250,968 | | | | 318,990 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | 45,388 | 162,258 | - | - | 58 | 207,588 |

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| | Notes to the accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Total 2021-22 |
|--|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| | | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| 1 Donations and legacies | | 148 | | | | | 148 |
| 2 Income from monetary investments | | 51,492 | 1,243 | | | | 52,735 |
| 3 Income from investment properties | | 336,884 | | | | | 336,884 |
| 4 Assessments on Churches | | | | | | | 0 |
| 5 Capital Receipts | | | | | | | 0 |
| 6 Grants received | | 2,235 | | | | 1 | 2,236 |
| 7 Other charitable income | | | | - | - | | |
| 8 Total income | | 390,759 | 1,243 | | | 1 | 392,003 |
| Expenditure | | | | | | | |
| 9 Grants and donations | | 252,841 | | | | | 252,841 |
| 10 Salaries and associated costs | | 49,628 | | | | | 49,628 |
| 11 Property maintenance | | | 17,621 | | | | 17,621 |
| 12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy | | 69,437 | 83,269 | | | | 152,706 |
| 13 District Assessment & Levy | | | | | | | 0 |
| 14 Depreciation | | 5,674 | | | | | 5,674 |
| 15 Office expenses | | 12,576 | 1,002 | | 162 | 90 | 13,830 |
| 16 Other outgoings | | | | - | | | |
| 17 Total charitable expenditure | | 390,156 | 101,892 | | 162 | 90 | 0 |
| 18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments | | | | | | | |
| 19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties | | 603 - | 100,649 | - - | 162 - | 89 | -100,297 |
| 20 Net income/(expenditure) | | | | | | | 0 |
| 21 Transfers between funds | | | | | | | |
| 22 Other gains/(losses) | | | | - | | | |
| 23 Net movement in funds | | 603 | -100,649 | 0 | 0 | 0 | -100,046 |
| 24 Total funds brought forward | | | | | | | 0 |
| 25 Total funds carried forward | | 603 - | 100,649 | - | - | - | - 100,046 |

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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| Notes to the Accounts | General Fund (Unrestricted) | Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) | Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | Restricted Funds | Endowment Funds | Totals 2022/23 | Totals 2021/22 |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ | £ |

Fixed Assets

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Circuit Manses & Equipment | 2,531,489 | | | | | 2,531,489 | 2,531,489 | R |
| Investment properties | 0 | | | | | 0 | 120,000 | R |
| Investments | 0 | | | | | 0 | | |
| Total fixed assets | 2,531,489 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2,531,489 | 2,651,489 | |

Current Assets

| | | | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Debtors | | | | | | 0 | | S |
| Loans by the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | | |
| Investments with TMCP | | 162,258 | | | 2,343 | 164,601 | 253,368 | |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | 15,017 | | | | | 15,017 | 37,067 | T |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | 30,371 | | | | | 30,371 | 31,558 | |
| Total current assets | 45,388 | 162,258 | 0 | 0 | 2,343 | 209,989 | 321,993 | |

Current liabilities

| | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------------|---|
| Creditors (due in under 1 year) | | | | | | 0 | | U |
| Grants payable within 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | | V |
| Total current liabilities | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Net current assets/liabilities | 45,388 | 162,258 | 0 | 0 | 2,343 | 209,989 | 321,993 | |

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--|
| Total assets less current liabilities | 2,576,877 | 162,258 | 0 | 0 | 2,343 | 2,741,478 | 2,853,482 | |
|--|------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|--|

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| Long term liabilities (due after more than one year) | | | | | | | | |
| Grants payable after 2022-23 | | | | | | 0 | | V |
| Loans to the Circuit | | | | | | 0 | | |
| | | | | | | 0 | | |
| Net assets | 2,576,877 | 162,258 | 0 | 0 | 2,343 | 2,741,478 | 2,853,482 | W |

Funds of the Circuit

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|----------------|----------|----------|--------------|------------------|------------------|---|
| General Fund (Unrestricted) | 2,576,877 | | | | | 2,576,877 | | |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) | | 162,258 | | | | 162,258 | | W |
| Designated Funds (Unrestricted) | | | 0 | | | 0 | | |
| Total Unrestricted Funds | | | | | | 2,739,135 | 2,853,482 | |
| Restricted Funds | | | | 0 | | 0 | | |
| Endowment Funds | | | | | 2,343 | 2,343 | | |
| Total Funds | 2,576,877 | 162,258 | 0 | 0 | 2,343 | 2,741,478 | 2,853,482 | |

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Bury Circuit

Trustees Annual report

For the Year ended 31 August 2023

Introduction

This is the annual report from the Bury Circuit which covers mostly the Metropolitan Borough of Bury. The Circuit currently consists of 14 Churches one of which meets as a class of another church although it meets in its own building. We are a Circuit which intends to be Biblically based and keen to share God's love throughout the area. We seek to discern God's mission in our Circuit and work towards God's plan.

Principle Aims

We are evangelically minded to spread God's love to all, and to be a discipleship movement focused on God's mission in Jesus Christ. We also acknowledge that all are God's children and we seek to help Churches where we can. We want to serve our local communities in the name of Christ.

Review of the Year

- 1) The amount paid to Whitefield has been redeemed and the new boiler system is working and hopefully will reduce the amount that the church has to pay in gas fees
- 2) Brandleholme has become a class of Bolton Road although they still meet in their own church.
- 3) Bridge has set up a system which allows people who are insufficiently funded to obtain a selection of foodstuffs at reduced prices.
- 4) Bridge has been able to set up a system where the building at Close is set up as a separate entity supporting the "new" church at Close and the main church at Bridge. The arrangement with the Anglican Church did not work out as expected and Close continues as a separate church though mainly for football and sustenance through the Methodist Church. The church at living waters still use the church and they contribute to the upkeep.
- 5) Heaton Park has set up a system which, although less than that at Bridge, allows insufficiently funded people to obtain a selection of foodstuffs at reduced prices.
- 6) The Pantry (at Christ Church) and the Community pantry at Bolton Road) continue to function.
- 7) Many local preachers have not returned to their commitments and so we are left with a shortfall of preachers.
- 8) More children's activities are now increasing through Messy Church and contact with Children as individuals
- 9) We have not been able to return to the previous figures for churches. Some have lost more than others. This may affect their ability to

continue. The loss is serious in some cases and may result in some churches having to close.

Income Trends

We have reduced the assessments on Churches and received slightly less than last year (99.19%). The amount of grants received was approximately what was owed. The Circuit Model Trust fund received an increased amount of +477.07% but that is really a reflection of the low amount paid last year.

The £162 was donated to the mission field in Peru which cleared the restricted funds.

The net result is that we have £35,363 in general funds and £162,258 in the deposit funds with TMCP to carry over for next year.

Expenditure trends

The major expenses are the increase in salaries and related costs (+6.77%), the increase in associated costs (+5.89), the other expenses (+26.44). This resulted in a net loss of (-7.72) over the year. Another major loss was in the Circuit Model Trust Fund which was due to the considerable amount paid out to Whitefield and the associated costs which were associated with that form the Circuit Model Trust fund of £94,640,

Fund Balances

As a result of these movements of cash we have a balance of £35363 in the general fund and a Decrease in the Circuit Model Trust Fund. This latter is now at a very low level and does not cover the 50% which we anticipated having in reserves, especially as there is approximately £73,000 owing to one of the churches who sold a manse some time ago.

Plans for 2023/4

Plans for 2023-4 have to be regarded with some caution as the full respect of the effect of Covid has not yet been seen, or at least the loss of members has not been fully documented.

The idea of a digital evangelist has not yet been fully implemented. Jez Hackett will continue to work this through. The numbers of new adherents is still not known.

Brandlesholme will continue to operate under the current system whereas the Church is still separate but they continue to operate their own church and maintain the building. We are grateful for the oversight given to this church by Bolton Road.

A number of local preachers has reduced and the new probationer does good work. The number of local preachers is reduced and most churches have to use their own people on two or three services each plan. Each church looks after its own!

David Somerville has agreed to stay on for a time and Michelle Brocklehurst has agreed to spend a further five years with us. It is not known whether we shall be able to retain our full complement of ministers when people leave. The outlook is doubtful at best!

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 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 (FRSSE) 2015.

Full Name of Charity: Bury Methodist Circuit

Registration Charity Number 1134694

Date of Registration: 08/03/10

Main Communication Address; Bury Circuit Office, c/o 409, Bolton Road, Bury, BL8 2PH.

Members of the Bury Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches. Full membership is shown at appendix A

Circuit Ministers and Officers for 2021-22

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|--------------------------|--|
| Active Circuit Ministers | Rev Kathy Selby ✓ Deacon Michelle Brocklehurst ✓ Rev Jeremy Hackett ✓ Rev Chris Haines (9 months) ✓ Rev David Somerville ✓ Rev Sally Thornton (half time) ✓ |
| Circuit Lay workers | Thomas King (paid) ✓ Richard Selby (paid, part-time) ✓ |
| Circuit Stewards | Sue Grant Roger Green Brian Sharples |
| Administrator | Emma Twiss ✓ |

Roger Green acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the year

Auditor

Brierley Coleman, 40 Princess Street, Manchester
M1 6DE

Investment bankers: Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Purposes and Organisation

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

- 1) The Christian Faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist church;
- 2) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- 3) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- 4) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place in the 13 Methodist sites and 1 Local Ecumenical Partnership within its boundaries. These are open to the public without charge. It also ensures regular midweek worship at the local Methodist Home for the Aged. Pastoral work is, however, still resourced as is the teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups on-line and now in person again. Religious assemblies are taken in schools. These moved on-line but are now starting in person again.

The Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area of Bury for the Methodist Church.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing documents for the Circuit are the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined in the Constitutional Practice and Discipline (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers Meeting and the Circuit Treasurers Committee.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Bolton and Rochdale District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

Risk Management

Major risks have been identified by the Circuit Treasurer's committee and the Circuit Leadership Team. These are regularly reviewed. Income and expenditure are monitored in total, and are compared with the approved annual Budget at regular intervals 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 recreation 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;
- the careful selection and training of 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;
- response, without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, and co-operating with the police and local authority in any investigation;
- to seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care;
- to seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust;
- to seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities;
- in all these principles we will follow the appropriate legislation.

The Bury Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy. It 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 recommended reserves policy has not been met this year, indeed the amount has decreased so that the Circuit has only about 25% of the amount of reserves rather than a 6 month reserve. Reserves are severely

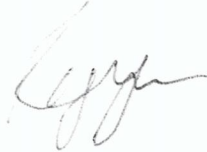
depleted and it is doubtful whether all churches will be able to withstand the next year or so. Seedfield have started to withdraw their "reserve" and this depletes the amount that the Circuit has available.

Signed

Date



Rev Kathy Selby
(Superintendent)



Roger Green
(Treasurer)



Emma Twiss
(Secretary)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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



Date

11/11/23

Name and address of treasurer Roger Green
105 Heaton Park Road,
Manchester M9 0QQ

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Kathy Selby

Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Bury Circuit

Charity Number 1134694

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bury 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.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. *Delete [] if not applicable.*

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

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

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

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

Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner NIGEL CHAMBERS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address DRIERLEY COLEMAN AND COMPANY

33 TURNER STREET MANCHESTER Post Code M4 1BW

Date 24.1.24

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