

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2020

The Trustees submit their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2020.

Legal and administrative information

The governing body of the Circuit is the annual conference of the Methodist Church. The Methodist Church Act 1976 gives the authority under which the Methodist Church acts. The constitutional practice and discipline of the Methodist Church governs the activities of the Circuit.

The Methodist Church is no longer excepted from the need to register as a charity and on 12th March 2010 the Circuit registered as a separate charity under the Charities Act 2006 and has been allocated the Registered Number 1134882.

Superintendent Minister: Rev Howard Long

Circuit Address: Swansea and Gower Circuit Office, Mumbles Methodist Church, Mumbles, Swansea SA3 4DH

Organisational Structure

The Swansea and Gower Circuit is made up of eleven churches. These are - Pitton, Horton, Reynoldston, Murton, Mumbles, Uniting Church Sketty, Brunswick, Penlan, Wesley, Morriston, Clydach. There are approximately 500 members, numerous worshipping adherents and community 'contacts'.

There are 6 paid members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Leslie Noon Rev Siperire Mugadzaweta and Lay Workers – Huw Davies and Heather Davies.

Other office holders (voluntary) include

Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Ken Allison, Circuit Treasurer – Mrs Grace Coleman, Mrs Lynne Taylor Circuit Meeting Secretary – Mrs Nancy Owens

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2019/20 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long

Rev. Siperire Mugadzaweta

Rev. Leslie Noon

Rev. Andrew Walker
Rev. Pam Cram
Rev. Malcolm Guest
Rev Frieder Kreschnak
Rev Margaret Adams

LAY WORKERS

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullum
Mrs Heather Davies – Ogof Adullum

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Secretary
Mrs Grace Coleman – Steward (Treasurer)
Mrs Heather Coleman – Steward
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Steward/ Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin)
Mr Ken Allison – Steward
Mr Alan Cram – Local Preachers Secretary
Rev Pam Cram - MWiB
Mr Jeff Coleman – Archivist
Miss Janet Nielson – Art Serve
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Methodist Homes
Mrs Sybil Smith – Mission
Mrs Pat Davies – Safeguarding (referrals)
Mrs Gill Worrall – Action for Children
Mr Andrew Phillips – Property
Mr Keith Morris – Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Kath Jones
Sybil Smith
Malcolm Grimley
Kathleen Stideford
Hildegarde Roberts
Peter Scott
Eleanor Cuthill
Irene Dendle
Douglas Dendle
Richard Williams
Diane Norton
David Boakes
Caroline Buckler
Geoff Maddocks
Cynthia Mumford
Owain Davies
Ruth Painter
Marjorie Probert
Blodwen O'Connor
Carolyn Jenkins
Patrick Jenkins
Selina Taylor
Ian Campbell

Geoff Noon
Sandra Cuthill
Les Want
Alan Jones
Elaine Davies
Maureen Estcourt
Brinley Jones

Mission and Purpose

The Circuit is constituted to advance the mission of the Methodist Church in the Swansea and Gower area by providing opportunities for churches to work together and support each other. It does this by offering resources and expertise which may not be available locally. The Circuit also services the local Churches in the support, deployment and oversight of the various ministries of the Church, and in programmes of training.

Priorities for the Methodist Church

In partnership with others wherever possible, the Methodist Church will concentrate its prayers, resources, imagination and commitments on this priority:

To proclaim and affirm its conviction of God's love in Christ, for us and for all the world; and renew confidence in God's presence and action in the world and in the Church

As ways towards realising this priority, the Methodist Church will give particular attention to the following:

- Underpinning everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer
- Supporting community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and poor in Britain and worldwide
- Developing confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved
- Encouraging fresh ways of being Church
- Nurturing a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible

Swansea and Gower Circuit Policy

As a Circuit we affirm the Priorities of the Methodist Church and seek to:

- Express the Gospel through worship, word and action in ways that will speak to the needs and culture of the people around us.
- Nurture Christian understanding and lifestyle through fellowship groups, study groups and prayer groups in the Churches.
- Encourage growth in church membership through worship and evangelism, mission and pastoral care.
- Support existing chaplaincies and develop other chaplaincy work wherever

- Work in partnership with other churches wherever possible in order for us to share in God's mission more effectively.
- Play a full part in the work of the Methodist Church in Wales while being inspired and challenged as part of the worldwide Church of Christ.
- Be sensitive to environmental issues and be good stewards of our natural resources.

Review of the Year

Staffing: Rev Andrew Walker was invited to serve in the circuit for a further five years from September 2020. Rev Michael Ellor was welcomed to serve as an Associate Presbyter offering pastoral support at Reynoldston. The circuit said farewell to Rev Mugadzaweta who retired to live in Bromsgrove.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 4 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morrison) and Lynne Taylor (Pitton). Grace Coleman took on responsibility as circuit treasure as Martin Gregson stood down.

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly throughout the year both physically and online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. The circuit has 16 local preachers, 2 on trial and 1 on note.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the Old Testament book of Ruth

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: Up to lockdown in March 2020 the number of guests attending Ogof Adullam averaged at 50 per night.

Night Shelter: United Church Sketty hosted the Night Shelter

The Circuit Project for the year was Creation Wise

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued throughout the circuit.

Property: The circuit continued to support Brunswick with property matters. A property scheme to improve the hall at UCS was approved. Mumbles and Penlan had both been damaged by internal water leaks.

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings including the annual Synod in Newtown (Sept 2019), the Synod Policy Committees attended by Rev Leslie Noon in Newtown in October 2019 and online meetings in 2020. The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met three times during the year, once in Cardiff and twice online.

In the course of the year the Swansea and Gower Circuit has:

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship both physically and online
- Arranged three Circuit Services – Mission (2019) May 2020 & July 2020

- Arranged four Circuit Meetings dealing with business relating to the Circuit and to formulate plans for the future including agreeing the budget and church assessments for the financial year 2020/21
- Arranged various meetings to discuss the 'God in Love Unites Us' report
- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged meetings of the Ty Ogof Recovery House Planning Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- Arranged various CLT (Circuit Leadership Team) meetings
- Each minister has received 6 Supervision sessions.
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

This report was approved by the Circuit Trustees on 18th March 2021

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	210,687				210,687	207,118
Capital Receipts					0	
Interest and Investment Income	131	249			380	131
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Other Income	5,308	0			5,308	0
Total Incoming Resources	220,126	249	0	0	220,375	211,249
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	135,276				135,276	133,945
District Assessment	4,518				4,518	5,379
Methodist Church Fund	38,525				38,525	33,820
Telephone & Travel	9,801				9,801	11,857
Insurance, Utilities etc	15,370				15,370	14,601
Maintenance on Manses	8,726				8,726	13,879
Other Expenditure	8,304	1,456			9,760	7,515
Grants & Donations	0				0	0
Contributions to District Advance Funds					0	0
Total Resources Expended	220,520	1,456	0	0	221,976	220,996
Net Incoming Resources	-394	-1,207	0	0	-1,601	-9,747
Total Funds Brought Forward	923,168	30,228				963,143
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	922,774	29,021	0	0	-1,601	953,396

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	890,591				890,591	890,591
Total Fixed Assets	<u>890,591</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>890,591</u>	<u>890,591</u>
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	12,867				12,867	11,119
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	17,409	29,021			46,430	47,513
Cash at Bank and in Hand	33,535		33,527		67,062	72,609
Total Current Assets	<u>63,811</u>	<u>29,021</u>	<u>33,527</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>126,359</u>	<u>131,241</u>
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	31,628		33,527		65,155	68,436
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	<u>32,183</u>	<u>29,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>61,204</u>	<u>62,805</u>
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	<u>922,774</u>	<u>29,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>951,795</u>	<u>953,396</u>
Loans and creditors due after 1 year	0	0	0	0	0	0
Provision for liabilities and charges	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Assets	<u>922,774</u>	<u>29,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>951,795</u>	<u>953,396</u>
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	922,774				922,774	923,168
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		29,021			29,021	30,228
Total Funds	<u>922,774</u>	<u>29,021</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>951,795</u>	<u>953,396</u>

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long

Grace Coleman

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Independent Examiner's Report

to the trustees of Swansea & Gower Methodist Circuit (Charity Number 1134882)

I report on the circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Independent Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of Independent Examiners' Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met; or

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

Signed:



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03/03/2021

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