

Swansea and Gower Methodist Circuit
Charity No 1134882
Report of the Trustees For The Year
Ended 31st August 2022

The Trustees submit their annual report and the independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2022.

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 450 members, numerous worshipping adherents and community 'contacts'.

There are 8 members of staff. These are Rev Howard Long – Superintendent Minister, Rev Andrew Walker, Rev Leslie Noon, Rev Andrew Pearce (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Rev Michael Ellor Associate Minister – Anglican) Rev Betty McNiven (Associate Minister – Anglican) and Lay Workers – Huw Davies and Heather Davies.

Other office holders (voluntary) include
Circuit Stewards – Mrs Heather Coleman, Ken Allison, Mrs Grace Coleman (Treasurer), Mrs Lynne Taylor, Mrs Laura Honour and Circuit Meeting Secretary – Mrs Nancy Owens

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees. During the year 2021/22 the following people served as members of the Circuit Meeting.

CIRCUIT MEETING MEMBERSHIP

STAFF

Revd Howard Long
Rev. Leslie Noon
Rev. Andrew Walker
Rev Andrew Pearce
Rev. Pam Cram – Missions Secretary/MWiB
Rev. Malcolm Guest
Rev. Frieder Kreschnak
Rev. Margaret Adams

LAY WORKER

Mr Huw Davies – Ogof Adullam

CIRCUIT ROLES

Mrs Nancy Owens – Circuit Meeting Secretary
Mrs Heather Coleman – Circuit Steward
Mr Ken Allison – Circuit Steward
Mrs Laura Honour – Circuit Steward/ Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin) part year
Mrs Lynne Taylor – Circuit Steward/Circuit Safeguarding Co-ordinator (Admin) part year
Mrs Grace Coleman – Circuit Treasurer
Mrs Beverley Poiner – Education and Youth
Mr Alan Cram – Local Preachers Secretary
Miss Janet Neilson – ArtServe Representative
Mr Jeff Coleman – Circuit Archivist
Mrs Pat Davies – Circuit Safeguarding
Mrs Sandra Pengelly – Circuit MHA representative
Mrs Gill Worrall – Circuit Action for Children representative
Mr Andrew Phillips – Circuit Property Secretary
Mr Keith Morris – Circuit Property

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

BRUNSWICK

Kath Jones
Sybil Smith
Malcolm Grimley

CLYDACH

Marilyn Harry

HORTON

Hildegarde Roberts
Peter Scott

MORRISTON

Eleanor Cuthill
Irene Dendle
Douglas Dendle

MUMBLES

Richard Williams

Diane Norton
David Boakes
Caroline Buckler
Geoff Maddock
Cynthia Mumford

MURTON

Owain Davies
Ruth Painter
Marjorie Probert

PENLAN

Blodwen O'Connor

PITTON

Carolyn Jenkins
Selina Taylor
Isobel Everett

REYNOLDSTON

Ian Campbell

SKETTY

Jon Dyer
Sandra Cuthill
Les Want
Alan Jones

WESLEY

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 possible.
- 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 Leslie Noon moved from the circuit in Aug 2022 to take up an appointment in the North Bedfordshire Circuit. It was not possible to appoint a new minister through the Methodist stationing system and so plans were put in place to cover the work of Uniting Church Sketty, Clydach and the University Chaplaincy with existing staff and Supernumerary ministers. Rev Andrew Walker took a sabbatical from May to September 2022.

Circuit Leadership Team: The CLT is made up of all staff (lay and ordained) and 5 circuit stewards Heather Coleman (UCS) Ken Allison (Mumbles) Grace Coleman (Morrison) Lynne Taylor (Pitton) and Laura Honour (UCS)

Local Preachers: The Local Preachers met regularly online for mutual support, continuing development and LP/WL business. Miss Sue Raad's accreditation service took place at Murton on 3rd October. At the same service Alice Rutter was presented with a 70 year certificate. Mrs Jan Ellor was received as a local preacher in the Methodist Church. Jan was a former Lay Reader in the Church of England and Church in Wales.

Bible Month: The circuit supported Bible Month in June concentrating on the New Testament book of Isaiah

Ogof Adullam Drop-in Centre: The project re-opened in Penlan with many guests attending on three days a week. The project is overseen by a circuit management committee.

Men's Shed: The Men's Shed received planning permission and was built in the summer of this year.

Penlan: Penlan Church Council (made up of trustees from other churches) continued to oversee the property and mission of the church.

Safeguarding: Training sessions continued online throughout the circuit. Laura Honour became the new safeguarding officer for admin replacing Lynne Taylor.

Property: All of the churches re-opened following the Covid 19 pandemic with risk assessments in place

The Wesley Building Scheme Part 2 was given approval by the circuit and Synod. Morriston trustees decided to sell their building. Discussions at Murton regarding the consolidating the work in the hall and the chapel on one site were ongoing

Eco Grants: The circuit made grants available to support churches as they work to become more environmentally friendly.

Circuit Strategy: Questionnaires were sent to all of the churches requesting feedback on current and proposed work as well as challenges the churches currently face and expect to face in the future. The answers to the questionnaires will inform a circuit strategy going forward (expected in 2023).

Wales Methodist Synod. The circuit was fully represented at all Synod meetings that took place online throughout the year including the annual Synod (Sept 2021), and the Synod Policy Committee. The Superintendent Minister chaired the Synod Schemes and Grants committee which met online three times during the year.

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

- Prepared the preaching plan and organised acts of worship both online and in person
- 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 2022/23
- Completed an annual GDPR and Safeguarding audit
- Arranged meetings of the Ogof Adullam Management Team
- Arranged 2 meetings of the Circuit Mission Committee
- Arranged 6 meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team to discuss the life of the Circuit
- Each minister has received supervision sessions.
- Arranged 4 meetings of the Local Preachers and Worship Leaders as well as various study sessions

METHODIST CHURCH SWANSEA CIRCUIT
AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

		<u>TO 31 AUGUST 2022</u>		
<u>2020-21</u>		<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>%</u>
<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>INCOME</u>			
204,742	ASSESSMENTS	196,580	192,260	102.2
4,000	CHAPLAINCY	4,000	4,000	100.0
281	INTEREST	1,255	68	1845.7
9,048	Other Income	10,887		
	From Model Trust for Pastoral Support, Ogof Ac	19,000	8,000	
<u>4,232</u>	OGOF TO CIRCUIT (0.5/5.0 of assessment)	0	4,338	
<u>222,303</u>		<u>231,722</u>	<u>208,666</u>	
<u>GENERAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
77,600	STIPENDS	73,383	79,540	92.3
20,875	SUPERANNUATION	29,616	21,397	138.4
7,100	EMPLOYERS NATIONAL INSURANCE	7,026	7,277	96.6
8,000	TRAVEL	2,319	4,000	58.0
3,000	TELEPHONE	1,230	2,500	49.2
37,187	METHODIST CHURCH FUND	38,373	39,473	97.2
5,134	SYNOD FUND	4,963	4,963	100.0
	CIRCUIT PROJECT	55,745		
2,000	CIRCUIT TO OGOF		2,000	
1,500	LOCAL PREACHERS	837	1,500	55.8
3,000	SUPERNUMERARIES	1,667	3,000	55.6
3,000	MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES	2,735	3,000	91.2
2,000	QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTIONS	819	3,000	27.3
10,000	PASTORAL SUPPORT	11,069	12,367	89.5
	OTHER EXPENSES			
<u>180,396</u>		<u>229,785</u>	<u>184,017</u>	124.9
<u>MANSE EXPENDITURE</u>				
7,420	COUNCIL TAX	7,514	8,600	87.4
2,800	WATER RATE	2,687	2,870	93.6
550	GAS SERVICE	659	565	116.5
<u>2,000</u>	INSURANCE	<u>1,680</u>	<u>2,500</u>	67.2
<u>12,770</u>		<u>12,539</u>	<u>14,535</u>	86.3
10,000	REPAIRS	5,549	10,000	55.5
<u>22,770</u>		<u>18,089</u>	<u>24,535</u>	73.7
<u>203,166</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>247,873</u>	<u>208,552</u>	118.9
19,137	SURPLUS / DEFICIT	-16,152	114	

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Statement of Financial Activities for the year ended 31 August 2022

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources						
Assessment or Share	196,580				196,580	204,742
Capital Receipts						
Interest and Investment Income	79	1,176			1,255	281
Grants	4,000				4,000	4,000
Profit on Sale of Buildings	62,000				62,000	75,388
Other Income	29,887	0			29,887	9,048
Total Incoming Resources	292,546	1,176	0	0	293,722	293,459
Stipends, Salaries, NIC & Pension costs	100,026	10,000			110,026	122,701
District Assessment	4,963				4,963	1,345
Methodist Church Fund	38,373				38,373	38,525
Telephone & Travel	3,549				3,549	4,856
Insurance, Utilities etc	12,540				12,540	13,272
Maintenance on Manses	5,549				5,549	5,011
Other Expenditure	17,129				17,129	27,825
Grants & Donations	0	55,745			55,745	0
Professional Fees	0				0	4,689
CPF Levy	0	32,858			32,858	84,180
Contributions to District Advance Funds	0				0	0
Total Resources Expended	182,129	98,603	0	0	280,732	302,404
Net Incoming Resources	110,417	-97,427	0	0	12,990	-8,945
Total Funds Brought Forward	741,935	200,915				951,795
Funds transfer	-120,867	120,867				
Total Funds Carried Forward at Year End	731,485	224,355	0	0	12,990	942,850

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals This Year	Previous Year Totals
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Manses	640,979				640,979	700,979
Total Fixed Assets	640,979	0	0	0	640,979	700,979
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments	6,401		0		6,401	5,991
Central Finance Board and Trustees for Methodist Purposes Deposit	18,643	224,355			242,998	218,348
Cash at Bank and in Hand	83,298		1,202		84,500	86,841
Total Current Assets	108,342	224,355	1,202	0	333,899	311,180
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	17,836		1,202		19,038	69,309
Net Current Assets (Liabilities)	90,506	224,355	0	0	314,861	241,871
Total Assets less Current Liabilities	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850
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	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	731,485				731,485	741,935
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		224,355			224,355	200,915
Total Funds	731,485	224,355	0	0	955,840	942,850

To be Approved by the Swansea & Gower Circuit on 14th June 23 and signed on their behalf

Rev. Howard Long

Grace Coleman

Registered Charity No. 1134882

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 2022.

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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05/06/2023

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