

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1134893

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-03-12

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

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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: Church based activities and promotion of mission and outreach opportunities contained within the mission statement and priorities of the Methodist Church.

Classification

- **How:** 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.
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£269,426	£298,150	-	-
2024-08-31	£267,423	£274,594	-	-
2023-08-31	£260,865	£264,688	-	-
2022-08-31	£253,444	£229,160	-	-
2021-08-31	£217,312	£200,918	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Bruce Jonathan Sawyer	Chair	2018-09-01
ANN BOWER		
Brenda Simpson		2022-04-01
DAVID DIXON		
DAVID WILLIAM GLASS		
DEREK HADDON STAINES		
DOROTHY EMERSON		
David Ralph Hall		2023-09-01
Deacon Liesl Collette Warren		2023-09-01
FRANCES ANN JOHNSON		2025-03-01
Gerald Bell		2024-09-01
Gillian Herron		2018-09-01
JUDITH BAINBRIDGE		
John Blowes		2019-09-01
John Richardson		2023-09-01
KATHY PERRY		
Mark Frederick Bagnall		2024-12-01
PAMELA HARPER		
Rev Elizabeth Anne Catford		2025-09-01
Roger Charles Stone		2019-09-01
Rosemary Margaret Hall		2019-09-01
SUSAN ANNE HINE		
Stephanie Claire Mason		2022-09-01

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Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WEST DURHAM	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

District	Circuit no	12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134893

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

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Chris Humble
Reverend Bruce Sawyer
Deacon Liesl Warren

Circuit Stewards:

Judith Bainbridge
Gerald Bell
David Dixon

Treasurer:

Pamela Harper

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024/25	Totals 2023/24
£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	950,000				950,000	950,000
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	950,000	0	0	0	950,000	950,000

Current Assets

Debtors					0	
Loans by the Circuit					0	
Investments with TMCP		87,576		11,904	99,480	112,715
Central Finance Board Deposits	147,310				147,310	164,529
Cash at Bank and in hand	18,223				18,223	17,075
Total current assets	165,533	87,576	0	11,904	265,013	294,319

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)					0	
Grants payable within one year					0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	165,533	87,576	0	11,904	265,013	294,319

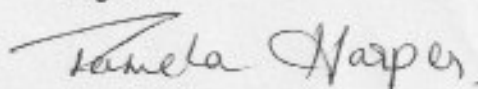
Total assets less current liabilities	1,115,533	87,576	0	11,904	0	1,215,013	1,244,319
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after one year					0		
Loans to the Circuit					0		
Net assets	1,115,533	87,576	0	11,904	0	1,215,013	1,244,319

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,115,533					1,115,533	1,131,604
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		87,576				87,576	100,748
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,203,109	1,232,352
Restricted Funds				11,904		11,904	11,967
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,115,533	87,576	0	11,904	0	1,215,013	1,244,319

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts					Total 2023-24
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	344					344
2 Income from monetary investments	8,014	5,189		595		13,798
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	154,126					154,126
5 Capital Receipts	30,800					0
6 Grants received	68,355					30,800
7 Other charitable income						
8 Total income	261,639	5,189	-	595	-	267,423
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	2,490			581		3,071
10 Salaries and associated costs	198,868					198,868
11 Property maintenance	30,494					30,494
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		2,458				2,458
13 District Assessment & Levy	28,556					28,556
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	5,692	280				5,972
16 Other outgoings	4,835					4,835
17 Total charitable expenditure	271,275	2,738	0	581	0	274,594
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-9,636	2,451	0	14	0	-7,171
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-	581	0	581	0	0
21 Transfers between funds						
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	-10,217	2,451	0	595	0	-7,171
24 Total funds brought forward	191,821	98,297		11,372		301,490
25 Total funds carried forward	181,604	100,748	-	11,967	-	294,319

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts					Total 2024-25
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	2,081					2,081
2 Income from monetary investments	6,733	4,694		518		11,945
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	159,928					159,928
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	91,626					91,626
7 Other charitable income	3,846					
8 Total income	264,214	4,694	-	518	-	269,426
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	711					711
10 Salaries and associated costs	227,462					227,462
11 Property maintenance	18,923					18,923
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	1,330	2,537				3,867
13 District Assessment & Levy	28,896					28,896
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	6,949	328				7,277
16 Other outgoings	11,014					11,014
17 Total charitable expenditure	295,285	2,865	0	0	0	298,150
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-31,071	1,829	0	518	0	-28,724
21 Transfers between funds	15,000	15,000	-	581		-581
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	-16,071	-13,171	0	-63	0	-29,305
24 Total funds brought forward	181,805	100,747		11,967		294,319
25 Total funds carried forward	165,534	87,576	-	11,904	-	265,014

C'Fwd from 1/9/24

Barclays Current Account	17074.92
CFB General	80602.71
CFB Reserve	<u>83926.72</u>
	181604.35

Less Payments over receipts	16,071.35
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Balance at 31/08/2025	165,533.00
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C'Fwd to 1/9/25

Barclays Current Account	18,222.56
CFB General	59,576.17
CFB Reserve	87,734.27

Balance at 31/08/2025	165,533.00
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Weardale Mission	11,903.63
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TMCP	87,576.86
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Pam Harper
Circuit Treasurer

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

West Durham Circuit

Charity Number 1134893

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Durham Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025. 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.

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 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
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the 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 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 *A. Dinning*

Name of independent examiner: Audrey Dinning

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Retired Post Mistress

Address: 19 Lambton Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 6LG

Date: 5th December 2025

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 *Pamela Harper* Date: 15th November 2025

Name and address of treasurer: Pamela Harper, 44 Mayfields, Spennymoor, Co Durham

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 ~~were~~/will * be presented to the Circuit meeting held on: 24th March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: *BS*

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Reverend Bruce Sawyer Date *03/02/26* ✓

**WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1134893**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW
2024/25**

Mission Statement

"Our mission as The West Durham Circuit, through our worship and nurture, is to grow disciples by resourcing, affirming, encouraging, supporting and helping God's people to walk in the way of Jesus and share the love of God in our communities."

2024/25 Financial Review

In support of the above Mission Statement and in line with the stated aims of the charity the West Durham Circuit utilises its funds in accordance with its aims and purpose as well as integrating those of the wider Methodist Church organisation.

The financial accounts for 2024/25 details all funds held and overseen by the Circuit Meeting the membership of which constitutes the managing Trustees of the West Durham Methodist Circuit Charity.

The Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year and relates to the general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any of the purposes of the Circuit.

Other funds are also included for clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its resources not simply those that are defined as reserves.

The financial aims of the Charity are:

- (1) To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

Circuit Financial Policy

Essentially provides for:

- a) The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the seven local churches in the Circuit
- b) The support of a ministry team of two presbyter ministers, a Pioneer Deacon and Administrative/Safeguarding staff
- c) The maintenance of three Circuit Manses.

Financial Management

The Circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the annual revenue costs including the costs of (a) to (c) above.

Provision is made for property maintenance inclusive of statutory compliance and inspections and any fluctuations in current or future staffing levels.

The Circuit Fund (Unrestricted General Fund)

Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers, the maintenance of manses and the support of the District as well as meeting associated revenue costs. The total cost for the financial year was £220,859 which included a refund of overpaid assessment of £5,110. Our reserves policy during the year was to hold between 6-9 months expenditure and to ensure sufficient funds were in hand to fund a Pioneer Deacon Post for 5 years from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2028. A £20,000 annual grant has been secured in support of this post. The Circuit Fund also facilitates payroll transactions for church based staff with churches transferring salary costs to the Circuit Fund. Transfers of £69,985 and payments of £74,426 occurred in 2024/25. The charity also disposed of a piece of land during the year valued at £1 at a net cost of £2,011.

Model Trust Fund (Restricted)

The balance of the Model Trust Fund at the end of the year was £87,577. This fund derives from the sale of church buildings and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of approved purposes.

Weardale Mission Fund (Restricted)

The balance of this fund is £11,903 and is earmarked for mission opportunities in Weardale.

Designated Funds 2025/26

The Charity Commission requires that Trustees set a policy for the management of the Circuit Funds. The total funds held at the end of the year (August 2025) were **£265,012** and have been earmarked as follows:

Reserves Fund - £94,000 Contribution to Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £20,000 Annual Grant towards Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £80,000 6-9 Month Revenue Costs
General Fund - £15,000 Manse Improvements
General Fund - £15,000 Safeguarding Manager Post
General Fund - £26,970 Church staff payroll commitments
Mission Fund - £11,903 Weardale (Restricted)

Managing Trustees
West Durham Methodist Circuit

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134893

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WEST DURHAM CIRCUIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Darlington	District	Circuit no	12
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Gerald Bell
David Dixon

Treasurer:

Pamela Harper

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

West Durham Circuit 13/12

Charity Number 1134893

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Signature of independent examiner

A. Dinning

Name of independent examiner: Audrey Dinning


Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Retired Post Mistress

Address: 19 Lambton Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 6LG

Date: 10th January 2025

Declarations and Scrutiny

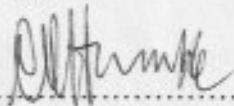
I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 8th January 2025

Name and address of treasurer: Pamela Harper, 44 Mayfields, Spennymoor, Co Durham.
DL16 6RW

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: March 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Reverend Christopher Humble Date Thursday 13th March 2025

West Durham Methodist Circuit
Receipts and Payments Account Year Ending 31st August 2024

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Payments</u>	
Assessments	154,126.00	District Assessment	28,896.00
Connexional Funds	1,230.00	Connexional Funds	1,230.00
		Stipends	78,989.36
		Allowances	6,372.59
		Preaching	1,815.40
Grants NPNP	12,000.00	Deacon	42,225.74
Seed Corn Grant	2,000.00	Seed Corn Grant	990.00
		Insurance	2,559.76
		Telephone	1,771.08
		Manses General	10,235.56
		Manses repair and main.	1,398.71
		Admin	576.00
Stationery	24.99	Postage and Stationery	127.42
Bible Month	34.60	Resources	698.85
Prayer Handbooks	108.20	Prayer Handbooks	82.50
		Printing (net)	1,681.03
		Office	755.58
		Support Worker	10,925.60
Barclays Rewards	16.48	Bank Charges	205.70
		Apprentice Levy	762.02
Willington Staff	55,706.37	Willington Staff	52,907.83
Place to be	6,765.00	Place to be	1,560.00
Refund EON	94.52	Dionne McCreedy	3,079.25
Grant	16,800.00	Tangmere	10,828.03
		Stanhope	2,633.00
		Page Bank	510.00
Donation	4.15	Weardale Mission	581.20
Frosterley Breakfast Club	70.00	3Gen	2,813.28
Donation Gift	270.00	Gift	270.00
Asbestos checks	2,329.20	Asbestos Checks	2,329.20
DWP	2,045.76	DWP	2,045.76
Interest CFB General	3,836.77		
Reserve	<u>4,177.31</u>		
	<u>261,639.35</u>		<u>271,856.45</u>

Barclays current account	6,972.63
CFB General	105,099.41
CFB reserve account	<u>79,749.41</u>
	191,821.45
Less Payments over receipts	<u>10,217.10</u>
Balance at 31/08/24	<u>181,604.35</u>

Barclays Current Account	8,264.97
Less unpresented cheques	
No.604 £138.50	
No.606 £570.35	
No.607 £481.20 = £1,190.05	7,074.92
Add £10,000 from CFB not yet cleared	<u>10,000.00</u>
	£17,074.92
CFB general	80,602.71
CFB reserve	<u>83,926.72</u>
	<u>£181,604.35</u>

Weardale Mission	£11,967.00
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TMCP	£100,747.91
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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2023/24	Totals 2022/23
£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	950,000				950,000	950,000
Investment properties					0	
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets	950,000	0	0	0	950,000	950,000

Current Assets

Debtors					0	
Loans by the Circuit					0	
Investments with TMCP		100,748		11,967	112,715	109,668
Central Finance Board Deposits	164,529				164,529	184,849
Cash at Bank and in hand	17,075				17,075	8,972
Total current assets	181,604	100,748	0	11,967	294,319	301,489

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)					0	
Grants payable within 2022-23					0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	181,604	100,748	0	11,967	294,319	301,489

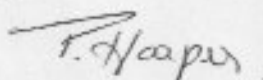
Total assets less current liabilities	1,131,604	100,748	0	11,967	0	1,244,319	1,251,489
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23					0		
Loans to the Circuit					0		
					0		
Net assets	1,131,604	100,748	0	11,967	0	1,244,319	1,251,489

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,131,604				1,131,604	1,141,821
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		100,748			100,748	98,296
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,232,352	1,240,117
Restricted Funds				11,967	11,967	11,372
Endowment Funds					0	
Total Funds	1,131,604	100,748	0	11,967	1,244,319	1,251,489

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

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

	Notes to the accounts					Total 2022-23 £
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	460					460
2 Income from monetary investments	5,347	3,765		353		9,495
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	167,902					167,902
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	22,000					22,000
7 Other charitable income	61,008					61,008
8 Total income	256,717	3,765	-	383	-	260,865
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	3,463			443		3,906
10 Salaries and associated costs	174,607					174,607
11 Property maintenance	48,015					48,015
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		3,678				3,678
13 District Assessment & Levy	28,896					28,896
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	4,978	352				5,330
16 Other outgoings	256					256
17 Total charitable expenditure	260,215	4,030	0	443	0	264,688
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-3,498	-265	0	-60	0	-3,823
21 Transfers between funds	25,000	25,000				0
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	21,502	-25,265	0	-60	0	-3,823
24 Total funds brought forward	170,319	123,560		11,432		305,311
25 Total funds carried forward	191,821	98,295	-	11,372	-	301,488

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	344					344
2 Income from monetary investments	8,014	5,189		595		13,798
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	154,126					154,126
5 Capital Receipts	30,800					30,800
6 Grants received	68,355					68,355
7 Other charitable income						
8 Total income	261,639	5,189	-	595	-	267,423
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	2,490			581		3,071
10 Salaries and associated costs	198,868					198,868
11 Property maintenance	30,494					30,494
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		2,458				2,458
13 District Assessment & Levy	28,896					28,896
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	5,692	280				5,972
16 Other outgoings	4,835					4,835
17 Total charitable expenditure	271,275	2,738	0	581	0	274,594
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-9,636	2,451	0	14	0	-7,171
20 Net income/(expenditure)	581	-	-	581	-	0
21 Transfers between funds						
22 Other gains/(losses)	-10,217	2,451	0	595	0	-7,171
23 Net movement in funds	191,821	98,297	11,372	-	-	301,490
24 Total funds brought forward	181,604	100,748	-	11,967	-	294,319
25 Total funds carried forward						

**WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1134893**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW
2023/24**

Mission Statement

"Our mission as The West Durham Circuit, through our worship and nurture, is to grow disciples by resourcing, affirming, encouraging, supporting and helping God's people to walk in the way of Jesus and share the love of God in our communities."

2023/24 Financial Review

In support of the above Mission Statement and in line with the stated aims of the charity the West Durham Circuit utilises its funds in accordance with its aims and purpose as well as integrating those of the wider Methodist Church organisation.

The financial accounts for 2023/24 details all funds held and overseen by the Circuit Meeting the membership of which constitutes the managing Trustees of the West Durham Methodist Circuit Charity.

The Reserves Policy was reviewed during the year and relates to the general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any of the purposes of the Circuit.

Other funds are also included for clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all its resources not simply those that are defined as reserves.

The financial aims of the Charity are:

- (1) To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future
- (2) To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

Circuit Financial Policy

Essentially provides for:

- a) The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the seven local churches in the Circuit
- b) The support of a ministry team of two presbyter ministers, a Pioneer Deacon and Administrative/Safeguarding staff
- c) The maintenance of three Circuit Manses.

Financial Management

The Circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the annual revenue costs including the costs of (a) to (c) above.

Provision is made for property maintenance and any fluctuations in current or future staffing levels.

The Circuit Fund (Unrestricted General Fund)

Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers, the maintenance of manses and the support of the District as well as meeting associated revenue costs. The total cost for the financial year was £181,605. Our reserves policy during the year was to hold between 6-9 months expenditure and to ensure sufficient funds were in hand to fund a Pioneer Deacon Post for 5 years from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2028. A £20,000 annual grant has been secured in support of this post. Manse improvements were undertaken during the year at Stanhope and Spennymoor for which a grant of £16,800 was received. The Circuit Fund also facilitates payroll transactions for church based staff with churches transferring salary costs to the Circuit Fund. Transfers totalled £62,471 during 2023/24.

Model Trust Fund (Restricted)

The balance of the Model Trust Fund at the end of the year was £100,748. This fund derives from the sale of church buildings and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Weardale Mission Fund (Restricted)

The balance of this fund is £11,967 and is earmarked for mission opportunities in Weardale.

Designated Funds 2024/25

The Charity Commission requires that Trustees set a policy for the management of the Circuit Funds. The total funds held at the end of the year (August 2024) were **£294,320** and have been earmarked as follows:

Reserves Fund - £114,000 Contribution to Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £20,000 Annual Grant towards Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £90,000 6-9 Month Revenue Costs
General Fund - £15,000 Manse Improvements
General Fund - £19,600 Safeguarding Manager Post
General Fund - £25,245 Church staff payroll commitments
Mission Fund -£11,967 Weardale (Restricted)

Managing Trustees
West Durham Methodist Circuit

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134893

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WEST DURHAM	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134893

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Christopher Humble
Reverend Bruce Sawyer
Reverend Les Nevin

Circuit Stewards:

Judith Bainbridge
David Dixon
Frank Bell

Treasurer:

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WEST DURHAM CIRCUIT NO 13/12

Charity Number 1134893

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Durham Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023. 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.

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; 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
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the 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 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

A. Dinning

Name of independent examiner: Audrey Dinning

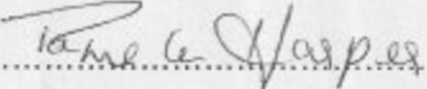
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Retired Sub Post Mistress

Address: 19 Lambton Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 6LG.

Date: 2nd February 2023

Declarations and Scrutiny

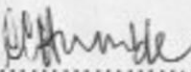
I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 8th January 2024

Name and address of treasurer: Pamela Harper, 44 Mayfields, Spennymoor, Co Durham DL16 6RW

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: Thursday 21st March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Reverend Christopher Humble Date: 16th March 2024

West Durham Methodist Circuit
Receipts and Payments year ending 31st August 2023

<u>Receipts</u>		<u>Expenditure</u>	
Assessments	167,902.00	District Assessment	28,896.00
Connexional Funds	1,380.00	Connexional Funds	1,380.00
T.M.C.P.	25,000.00	Stipends	86,158.49
Seed Grant	2,000.00	Minister's Allowances	15,141.18
Returned Bond	865.00	Preaching	1,010.55
Prayer Handbooks	143.60	Manses general	11,649.96
New people new places	20,000.00	Repairs & Maintenance	4,071.68
Barclays Reward	17.75	Telephone	1,619.94
from Weardale Mission	443.08	Printing net	1,433.14
Insurance refund	41.79	Postage & Stationary	300.03
		Lay Worker	22,881.08
Willington Staff	58,117.20	Support Worker	8,960.94
		Willington Staff	39,261.69
		Office	892.99
		Resources	731.95
		Bank Charges	205.82
		Apprentice Levy	657.00
		Admin Charges	536.00
		Prayer Handbooks	50.65
Donations Gift	460.00	Gift	460.00
		Seed Corn Grant	1,495.54
		Weardale Mission	126.75
		Byers Green	300.00
		Tangmere	24,293.97
		Stanhope Manse	7,699.20
Interest CFB			
General	2,677.65		
Reserve	2,669.31		
Totals	<u>£281,717.38</u>		<u>£260,214.55</u>

Brought Forward	170,318.62
Income	<u>281,717.38</u>
	452,036.00
Expenditure	<u>260,214.55</u>
Carried Forward	<u>191,821.45</u>

At Barclays 31/8/23	Balance £7,749.63
Less Unpresented cheques	
No.533 £87.00	
No.434 £690.00	<u>£777.00</u>
	£6,972.63
CFB general	105,099.41
CFB reserve	<u>79,749.41</u>
Total	<u>£191,821.45</u>

Weardale Mission **£11,371.39**

T.M.C.P. £98,296.51

Pamela Harper
Circuit Treasurer

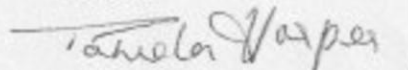
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Total funds held at 31st August 2023 = £301,488

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

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 Menses & Equipment	950,000					950,000	950,000
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	950,000	0	0	0	0	950,000	950,000
Current Assets							
Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		98,296		11,372		109,668	166,414
Central Finance Board Deposits	184,849					184,849	93,897
Cash at bank and in hand	6,972					6,972	20,715
Total current assets	181,821	98,296	0	11,372	0	301,489	281,026
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2022-23						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	181,821	98,296	0	11,372	0	301,489	281,026
Total assets less current liabilities	1,141,821	98,296	0	11,372	0	1,251,489	1,231,026
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets	1,141,821	98,296	0	11,372	0	1,251,489	1,231,026
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,141,821					1,141,821	1,053,228
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		98,296				98,296	165,192
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	1,222
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,240,117	1,219,642
Restricted Funds				11,372		11,372	11,384
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,141,821	98,296	0	11,372	0	1,251,489	1,231,026

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

Notes to the accounts	Circuit Model Designated					Total 2021-22 £
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	50					50
2 Income from monetary investments	509	694	2	48		1,243
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	120,617					120,617
5 Capital Receipts		93,645				93,645
6 Grants received	22,243					22,243
7 Other charitable income	15,646					
8 Total income	159,065	94,329	2	48	-	253,444
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	17,992					17,992
10 Salaries and associated costs	139,925					139,925
11 Property maintenance	15,774					15,774
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		14,729				14,729
13 District Assessment & Levy	30,416	5,760				36,176
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	3,184	471	3			3,658
16 Other outgoings	906					906
17 Total charitable expenditure	208,197	20,960	3	0	0	229,160
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-49,132	73,369	-1	48	0	24,284
20 Net income/(expenditure)	116,222	-115,000	1,221	-	1	-
21 Transfers between funds						
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	67,090	-41,631	-1,222	48	0	24,285
24 Total funds brought forward	103,229	165,191	1,222	11,384		281,026
25 Total funds carried forward	170,319	123,560	-	11,432	-	305,311

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

Notes to the accounts	Circuit Model Designated					Total 2022-23 £
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income						
1 Donations and legacies	460					460
2 Income from monetary investments	5,347	3,765		383		9,495
3 Income from investment properties						0
4 Assessments on Churches	167,902					167,902
5 Capital Receipts						0
6 Grants received	22,000					22,000
7 Other charitable income	61,008					
8 Total income	256,717	3,765	-	383	-	260,865
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations	3,463			443		3,906
10 Salaries and associated costs	174,607					174,607
11 Property maintenance	48,015					48,015
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		3,678				3,678
13 District Assessment & Levy	28,896					28,896
14 Depreciation						0
15 Office expenses	4,978	362				5,330
16 Other outgoings	258					258
17 Total charitable expenditure	260,215	4,030	0	443	0	264,688
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-3,498	-265	0	-60	0	-3,823
20 Net income/(expenditure)	25,000	25,000	0	0	0	0
21 Transfers between funds						
22 Other gains/(losses)						
23 Net movement in funds	21,502	-25,265	0	-60	0	-3,823
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**WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1134893**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW
2022/23**

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- b) The support of a ministry team of three presbyter ministers, a Young People's employee and Administrative staff
- c) The maintenance of three Circuit Manses, one of which is rented out.

Financial Management

The Circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the annual revenue costs including the costs of (a) to (c) above.

Provision is made for property maintenance and any fluctuations in current or future staffing levels.

The Circuit Fund (Unrestricted General Fund)

Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers, the maintenance of manses and the support of the District as well as meeting associated revenue costs. The total cost for the financial year was £191,822. Our reserves policy during the year was to hold between 6-9 months expenditure and to ensure sufficient funds were in hand to fund a new Pioneer Deacon Post for 5 years from 1st September 2023. In addition a grant of £20,000 was received in support of this post. Monies were allocated for manse improvements at Stanhope and Spennymoor.

Model Trust Fund (Restricted)

The balance of the Model Trust Fund at the end of the year was £98,295. This fund derives from the sale of church buildings and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Weardale Mission Fund (Restricted)

The balance of this fund is £11,372. During the year its purpose was re-stated to give clarity on its future use which is earmarked for mission opportunities in Weardale.

Designated Funds 2023/24

The Charity Commission requires that Trustees set a policy for the management of the Circuit Funds. The total funds held at the end of the year (August 2023) were **£301,488** and have been earmarked as follows:

Reserves Fund - £135,000 Contribution to Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £20,000 Annual Grant towards Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £85,000 6-9 Month Revenue Costs
General Fund - £20,000 Manse Improvements
General Fund - £23,000 Employees for Young Persons and Safeguarding
General Fund - £18,000 Willington Open Door Staff Costs

Weardale Mission Fund - £11,372

Managing Trustees
West Durham Methodist Circuit

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134893

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

West Durham	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

Darlington	District	Circuit no	12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134893

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

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David Dixon
Frank Bell

Treasurer:

Pamela Harper

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WEST DURHAM CIRCUIT

Charity Number 1134893

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Durham Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022. 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.

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:

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- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
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- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable i.e. 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 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 *A. Dinning*

Name of independent examiner: Audrey Dinning

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Retired Sub Post Mistress

Address: 19 Lambton Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham. DL14 6LG

Date: 20th December 2022

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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: 11th November 2022

Name and address of treasurer: Pamela Harper, 44 Mayfields, Spennymoor. DL16 6RW

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: 16th March 2023

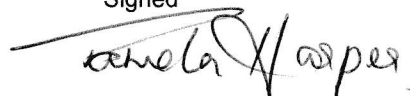
Signature of the Chair of the meeting: 

Name of the Chair of the meeting: Reverend Christopher Humble Date: 16th March 2023

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2021/22	Totals 2020/21
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	950,000					950,000	950,000
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	950,000	0	0	0	0	950,000	950,000
Current Assets							
Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		123,560		11,432		134,992	166,414
Central Finance Board Deposits	156,869					156,869	93,897
Cash at Bank and in hand	13,450					13,450	20,715
Total current assets	170,319	123,560	0	11,432	0	305,311	281,026
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2021-22						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	170,319	123,560	0	11,432	0	305,311	281,026
Total assets less current liabilities	1,120,319	123,560	0	11,432	0	1,255,311	1,231,026
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2021-22						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets	1,120,319	123,560	0	11,432	0	1,255,311	1,231,026
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,120,319					1,120,319	1,053,228
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		123,560				123,560	165,192
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	1,222
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,243,879	1,219,642
Restricted Funds				11,432		11,432	11,384
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,120,319	123,560	0	11,432	0	1,255,311	1,231,026

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	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	50					50
2	Income from monetary investments	509	684	2	48		1,243
3	Income from investment properties						0
4	Assessments on Churches	120,617					120,617
5	Capital Receipts		93,645				93,645
6	Grants received	22,243					22,243
7	Other charitable income	15,646					15,646
8	Total income	159,065	94,329	2	48	-	253,444
Expenditure							
9	Grants and donations	17,992					17,992
10	Salaries and associated costs	139,925					139,925
11	Property maintenance	15,774					15,774
12	Connexional assessment & model trust levy		14,729				14,729
13	District Assessment & Levy	30,416	5,760				36,176
14	Depreciation						0
15	Office expenses	3,184	471	3			3,658
16	Other outgoing	906					906
17	Total charitable expenditure	208,197	20,960	3	0	0	229,160
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
20	Net income/(expenditure)	-49,132	73,369	-1	48	0	24,284
21	Transfers between funds	116,222	115,000	1,221			1
22	Other gains/(losses)						
23	Net movement in funds	67,090	-41,631	-1,222	48	0	24,285
24	Total funds brought forward	103,229	165,191	1,222	11,384		281,026
25	Total funds carried forward	170,319	123,560	-	11,432	-	305,311

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		129	419	4	17		569
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		114,318					114,318
5 Capital Receipts			78,593				78,593
6 Grants received		4,337					4,337
7 Other charitable income		19,495					19,495
8 Total income		138,279	79,012	4	17	-	217,312
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		334					334
10 Salaries and associated costs		121,233					121,233
11 Property maintenance		20,742					20,742
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy			15,719				15,719
13 District Assessment & Levy		34,080	4,588				38,668
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		3,937	283	2			4,222
16 Other outgoings							0
17 Total charitable expenditure		180,326	20,590	2	0	0	200,918
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-42,047	58,422	2	17	0	16,394
21 Transfers between funds		35,500	- 35,000	-	500		0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		-6,547	23,422	2	-483	0	16,394
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**WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1134893**

**FINANCIAL REVIEW
2021/22**

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2021/22 Financial Review

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Circuit Financial Policy

Essentially provides for:

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- b) The support of a ministry team of three presbyter ministers, a Young People’s employee and Administrative staff
- c) The maintenance of three Circuit Manses, one of which is rented out.

Financial Management

The Circuit assessment is reviewed annually and covers the annual revenue costs including the costs of (a) to (c) above.

Provision is made for property maintenance and any fluctuations in current or future staffing levels.

The renting out of one property contributed £7,900 to the charity's income during the year.

The Circuit Fund (Unrestricted General Fund)

Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers, the maintenance of manses and the support of the District as well as meeting associated revenue costs. The total cost for the financial year was £208,196. Our reserves policy during the year was to hold between 6-12 months expenditure in hand due to uncertainties facing the charity in its structure, staffing, number of churches and adverse post covid influences.

Model Trust Fund (Restricted)

The balance of the Model Trust Fund at the end of the year was £123,561. This fund derives from the sale of church buildings and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. During the year the receipt from the sale one church was received.

Weardale Mission Fund (Restricted)

The balance of this fund is £11,431. During the year its purpose was reviewed to give clarity on its future use which is earmarked for mission opportunities in Weardale.

Designated Funds 2022/23

The Charity Commission requires that Trustees set a policy for the management of the Circuit Funds. The total funds held at the end of the year (August 2022) were **£305,311** and have been earmarked as follows:

Reserves Fund - £135,000 Contribution to 5 year Pioneer Deacon Post
Reserves Fund - £85,000 6-9 Month Revenue Costs
General Fund - £20,000 Manse Improvements
General Fund - £40,000 Continuation of Young People's Employee
General Fund - £13,879 Unplanned revenue expenditure
Weardale Mission Fund - £11,431

Managing Trustees
West Durham Methodist Circuit

WEST DURHAM METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1134893

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

West Durham	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

Darlington	District	Circuit no	12
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1134893

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

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Rev Christopher Humble
Rev Bruce Sawyer
Rev Les Nevin

Circuit Stewards:

David Dixon
Judith Bainbridge
Frank Bell
David Dixon

Treasurer:

Pamela Harper

Weardale Mission

11,383.95

TMCP

165,191.53

1,222.03

£166,413.56

TOTAL ASSETS

£ 269,642.32

adjoining

Pamela Harper
Circuit Treasurer
October 2021

Total Assets incl. Weardale Mission
£281,026.27

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020/21	Totals 2019/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	950,000					950,000	950,000
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	950,000	0	0	0	0	950,000	950,000
Current Assets							
Debtors						0	
Loans by the Circuit						0	
Investments with TMCP		165,192	1,222			166,414	142,989
Central Finance Board Deposits	82,513			11,384		93,897	111,640
Cash at Bank and in hand	20,715					20,715	10,003
Total current assets	103,228	165,192	1,222	11,384	0	281,026	264,632
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)						0	
Grants payable within 2020-21						0	
Total current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net current assets/liabilities	103,228	165,192	1,222	11,384	0	281,026	264,632
Total assets less current liabilities	1,053,228	165,192	1,222	11,384	0	1,231,026	1,214,632
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2020-21						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets	1,053,228	165,192	1,222	11,384	0	1,231,026	1,214,632
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,053,228					1,053,228	1,059,776
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		165,192				165,192	141,769
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			1,222			1,222	1,220
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,219,642	1,202,765
Restricted Funds				11,384		11,384	11,867
Endowment Funds					0	0	
Total Funds	1,053,228	165,192	1,222	11,384	0	1,231,026	1,214,632

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

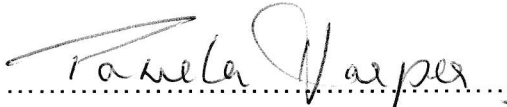
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Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments		627	1,174	10	84		1,895
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches		132,305					132,305
5 Capital Receipts			6,761				6,761
6 Grants received		4,754					4,754
7 Other charitable income		2,965					2,965
8 Total income		140,651	7,935	10	84	-	148,680
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		1,992					1,992
10 Salaries and associated costs		108,908					108,908
11 Property maintenance		22,631					22,631
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy		34,772	6,073				40,845
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		2,837	282	2			3,121
16 Other outgoings							0
17 Total charitable expenditure		171,140	6,355	2	0	0	177,497
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-30,489	1,580	8	84	0	-28,817
21 Transfers between funds							0
22 Other gains/(losses)							0
23 Net movement in funds		-30,489	1,580	8	84	0	-28,817
24 Total funds brought forward		140,265	140,189	1,212	11,783		293,449
25 Total funds carried forward		109,776	141,769	1,220	11,867	-	264,632

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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: 11th October 2021

Name and address of treasurer : Pamela Harper, 44 Mayfields, Spennymoor DL16 6RW

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 1st March 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Christopher Humble Date 1st March 2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the West Durham Circuit Charity Number 1134893

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the West Durham Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021. 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.

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; 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 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 : Audrey Dinning

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: Retired Sub Post Mistress

Address 19 Lambton Drive, Bishop Auckland, Co Durham DL14 6LG

Date 14th January 2022

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Reserves Fund £175,000 – to be reviewed in 2021/22

Mission Fund £11,384

Current Accounts £16,049

Capital Receipts (£78,593) earmarked for post covid risks and priorities and to address fluctuating staffing costs from September 2021

Managing Trustees
West Durham Methodist Circuit