

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	1	September	2022		31	August	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Tiverton and Wellington Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1135514

Charity's principal address Tiverton United Church

St. Peter St

Tiverton

Postcode

EX16 6NU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Nick Lakin	Chair		
2	Clive Williams	Treasurer		
3	Sandra Richardson	Circuit Steward		
4	Kath Cooper	Circuit Steward		
5	Hazel Parsons	Circuit Steward		
6	Joyce Blackwell	Circuit Safeguarding		
7	Eric Richardson	Property Secretary		
8	Rev Z Hendzel		Until July 2023	
9	Janet Connolly		Until September 2022	
10	Catherine Stirzaker			
11	Terry Stirzaker			
12	Doreen Chilcott		Until September 2022	
13	Gillian Atkinson			
14	Anthony Butler			
15	Keith Chapple			
17	Michael Phillips			
18	Sue Sutton			
19	Rowena Marrow			
20	Hilary Wright			
21	Lynda Rolle			
22	Margaret Anderson			
23	Prue Chard		Until September 2022	
24	Pat Johnson		Until September 2022	
25	Janet Hutchings			
26	Anne Browse			
27	Ken Browse			

28	John Lepper		Until September 2022	
29	Joan Greet			
30	Margaret Dummett		Until September 2022	
31	Glenys Smith			
32	Maureen Roberts			
33	Margaret Dinnage			
34	Cheryl Arthur			
35	Sarah Dummett			
36	Dawn Nadim			
37	Jane Varley			
38	Sandra Spalding			
39	Judy Bolton			
40	Ruth Hartley		From December 2022	
41	David Greet		From December 2022	
42	Richard Allington		From December 2022	
43	Sarah Allington		From December 2022	
44	Valerie Bloxham		From December 2022	

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Independent Examiner	Mr J Anderson	

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Act of Parliament.
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	All ministers in Circuit, Secretary of the meeting, persons as appointed by the meeting as will suit the proper running of the Circuit, one church Steward and the church Treasurer from each church. Also proposed one further representative from churches with a membership under 30, a further two reps from church with a membership 30-100, a further one rep from churches with a membership of over 100.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees following the constitution as above. Ministers are automatically trustees. Supernumeraries have to indicate if

they wish to stand

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Tiverton and Wellington Circuit encompasses 9 Churches; Culm Valley Methodist Church, Dunkeswell Methodist Church, Halberton Methodist Church, Sampford Peverell Methodist Church, Tiverton United Church, Milverton Methodist Church, Petton Methodist Church, Upham Methodist Church, and Wellington Methodist Church.

They are all part of the Plymouth and Exeter District and accountable to the Methodist Conference.

All risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team. Where necessary professional advice is taken as required. The Circuit has its own Treasurer and accounting process, as does each individual Church. The Circuit also has regular meetings of all trustees, these are minuted and at each meeting financial, property, and mission are discussed.

The Circuit has a named Safeguarding Officer; each church has adopted a Safeguarding Policy and has a named person for Safeguarding. DBS checks are undertaken and a Safeguarding Foundation Course is completed by in house training across all churches; this is an ongoing process. All members have attended the Foundation Course and Advanced Course as required.

Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of Worship take place at each of the 9 Methodist Churches. These are open to all people, all ages, without charge.

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's Guidance on public benefit, policy on grant making; policy programme related investment; contribution made by volunteers.

Each Church has its own programme of worship. Within the Circuit Churches undertake many outreach Initiatives these include Brunch and Lunch Activities, Charity Fund Raising Events (Action for Children, Overseas Mission, Link for Hope, Methodist Women In Britain, Mission in Britain, Christian Aid), Messy Church, Soup Lunches, Shoppers Lunch, craft nights, and Prospects Group. In addition youth work is undertaken at Sunday School, toddler groups and a pre-school.

Our commitment is to work with the Community to help reduce isolation, include all people from all strands of society as well as sharing the Love of God.

We employ one Outreach Community Worker, funded by rental on Manse property in Tiverton and from grants received from the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District. The role is subject to funding and is on a fixed term for three years.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

A) Circuit policy – the Circuit Leadership team regularly review the circuit's use of its resources, in order to focus them to the areas where they will have the greatest effect.

B) The Churches continue to re-evaluate their achievements and look at different ways of working within the community, for the community. The new initiatives which have been started continue to grow and be modified to build on their achievements

D) Mapping a Way Forward –we continue to be part of conversations with adjacent Circuits and share resources where it is practical to do so. This helps us to match available human and financial resources, whilst delivering a more effective service.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

We aim to retain balances equating to six months expenditure.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None known

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The total income was £126,973, including £82,020 received from monthly payments, by 9 churches that form Tiverton & Wellington Circuit, and a £5700 grant contribution from the local Methodist District, received specifically to fund the cost of employing an Outreach worker.

The total expenditure was £110,707 (down from £161,723 last year). This included £60,638 used to employ a full time Minister and part time Administrator who oversee worship and other activities throughout the circuit. A further sum of £23,536 was paid to the District as our annual assessment.

Section F

Other optional information

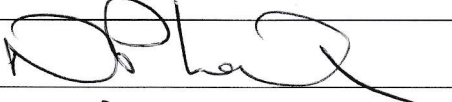
Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Rev Nicholas Lakin

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Superintendent Minister
CHAIR

Date

22.2.24

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Tiverton & Wellington	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Plymouth & Exe+C15:L19ter	District	Circuit no	16
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135514

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'd Zdzisław Hendzel
Rev'd Nick Lakin

Circuit Stewards:

Hazel Parsons
Sandra Richardson
Kath Cooper

Treasurer:

Clive Williams

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		82,020		82,020	98,487
a3	Capital receipts			70,517	70,517	0
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,146	3,501	4,647	641
a5	Grants		5,700		5,700	6,000
a6	Other receipts		38,107		38,107	22,754
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		126,973	74,018	200,991 (a8)	127,862

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		60,638		60,638	92,403
b3	Manse Costs		10,296		10,296	18,112
b4	Administration etc		4,391		4,391	3,674
b5	District Assessment		23,536		23,536	24,976
b6	Grants & donations		7,243		7,243	0
b7	District Levy			1,570	1,570	1,876
b8	Other payments		4,603	10,000	14,603	20,682
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		110,707	11,570	122,277 (b9)	161,723

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	16,266	62,448	0	78,714 (33,861)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		22,160	52,283		74,443 (c6) 108,304
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	38,426	114,731	0	153,157 74,443
c4	Transfers and adjustments					0 (c7) 0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	38,426	114,731	0	153,157 (c8) 74,443 (c6)

SECTION D					
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS					
d	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			530	442
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			530	442
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			0	0

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
c1			0			0
c2			0			0
c3			0			0
c4			0			0
c5			0			0
c6			0			0
c7			0			0
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
c9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	200,991 (a8)	122,277 (b9)	78,714	0 (c7)	74,443 (c6)	153,157 (c8)
c10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	200,991	122,277	78,714	0	74,443 (x)	153,157 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
d1 Cash in hand		
d2 Bank Current Account	816	7,343
d3 Bank Deposit Account		
d4 Central Finance Board	13,568	23,235
d5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	60,059	122,579
d6 Other funds		
d7 SUB TOTAL	74,443 (c6)	153,157 (c8)
d8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
d9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	74,443 (x)	153,157 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
e1 Investments (include Endowments)	22593	21567
e2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
e3 Other Assets		
e4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
e5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

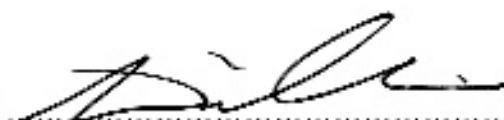
f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 21/11/23

Name and address of treasurer

Clive Williams


The Willows, Bickley, Tiverton

Post Code EX16 8RH

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 30 11 23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Nick Lakin

Date 30 11 23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...Tiverton & Wellington..... Circuit

Charity Number ..1135514

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Tiverton & Wellington Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 2 and 3. 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of CircuitTiverton & Wellington..... No ...16....

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.

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 examinerJohn Anderson.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerBA CPFA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate)N / A.....

AddressMeadowside, High Street, Halberton.....

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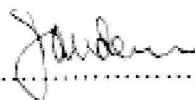
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