

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	1 September 2023	To	31 August 2024

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 & Circuit Steward		
3	Sandra Richardson	Circuit Steward		
4	Kath Cooper	Circuit Steward		
5	Hazel Parsons	Circuit Steward		
6	Ruth Hartley	Circuit Safeguarding		
7	Eric Richardson	Property Secretary		
8	Anne Browse			
9	Richard Allington			
10	Sarah Allington			
11	Terry Stirzaker			
12	Catherine Stirzaker			
13	Gillian Atkinson			
14	Anthony Butler			
15	Keith Chapple			
17	Julie Chapple			
18	Val Bloxham			
19	Rowena Marrow			
20	Hilary Wright			
21	Lynda Rolle			
22	Margaret Anderson			
23	Glenys Smith			
27	Ken Browse			
28	David Greet			
29	Joan Greet			
30	Maureen Roberts			

31	Joyce Blackwell			
32	Rob Varley			
33	Margaret Dinnage			
34	Cheryl Arthur			
35	Sarah Dummett			
36	Dawn Nadim			
37	Jane Varley			
38	Sandra Spalding			
39	Judy Bolton			
40	Michael Phillips			

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)

--

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 presbyters appointed to the Circuit, any supernumerary willing to be a member of the circuit meeting, all circuit stewards, Secretary of the meeting, all Circuit Officers, all Local Preachers, one church Steward and the church Treasurer from each church. In addition, one further representative from churches with a membership under 30, a further two reps from church with a membership of 30 or more.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees following the constitution as above. Presbyters appointed by the Methodist connexion 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 worshipping communities; 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 required members have attended the Foundation Course. Any person required to undertake the Advanced Safeguarding Training is informed and the process monitored by the District Safeguarding Officer.

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, Prospects Group and Fairtrade Cafes. 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 part-time Outreach 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 circuits 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 review the life of the circuit, seeking to respond to missional opportunities as they arise. This helps us to match available human and financial resources, whilst delivering a relevant service for the communities that make up the circuit's geographical area.

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.

Section F

Other optional information

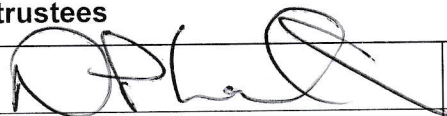
Section G

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 NICK LAKIN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Superintendent Minister
CHAIR

Date

28-1-25

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Tiverton and Wellington	Circuit
-------------------------	---------

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Plymouth and Exeter (37)	District	Circuit no	16
--------------------------	----------	------------	----

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135514

If not a registered charity **His 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:

Rev'd Nick Lakin

Circuit Stewards:

Hazel Parsons
Sandra Richardson
Kath Cooper
Anne Browne

Treasurer:

Clive Williams

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		87,775			87,775	82,020
a3	Capital receipts					0	70,517
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,583	5,723		7,306	4,647
a5	Grants		5,000			5,000	5,700
a6	Other receipts		23,306			23,306	38,107
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		117,664	5,723	0	123,387 (a8)	200,991

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		68,037			68,037	60,638
b3	Manse Costs		24,468			24,468	10,296
b4	Administration etc		3,082			3,082	4,391
b5	District Assessment		19,148			19,148	23,536
b6	Grants & donations		11,182			11,182	7,243
b7	District Levy			3,739		3,739	1,570
b8	Other payments		468	10,000		10,468	14,603
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		126,385	13,739	0	140,124 (b9)	122,277

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(8,721)	(8,016)	0	(16,737)	78,714
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		38,426	114,731		153,157 (c6)	74,443
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	29,705	106,715	0	136,420	153,157
c4	Transfers and adjustments					0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	29,705	106,715	0	136,420 (c8)	153,157 (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				156	530
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				156	530
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

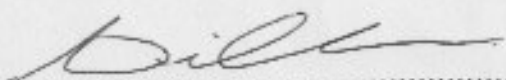
Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section 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 (c11)	0 (c12)
c9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	123,387 (a8)	140,124 (b8)	(16,737)	0 (c7)	153,157 (c6)	136,420 (c8)
c10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	123,387	140,124	(16,737)	0	153,157 (x)	136,420 (y)
TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS					

Name of CircuitTiverton & Wellington..... No. 37/16

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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.

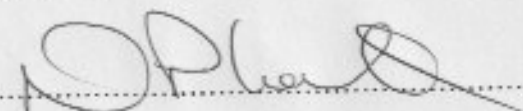
Signature of treasurer  Date 28/11/24

Name and address of treasurer Clive Williams

The Willows, Bicklesh, Tiverton Post Code EX16 8AH

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 28/11/24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Nick Lakin Date 28 11 24

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 2024 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 37/16

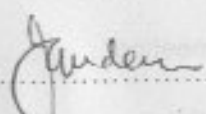
Independent Examiner's Statement

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.....

.....Tiverton, Devon..... Post CodeEX16 7AG

Date22/11/2024.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of CircuitTiverton & Wellington..... No 37/16

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 examiner John Anderson.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner BA CPFA.....

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

AddressMeadowside, High Street, Halberton.....

.....Tiverton, Devon..... Post CodeEX16 7AG

Date 22/11/2024

* delete or circle as appropriate