

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date

Period end date

From

1 September 2024

To

31 August 2025

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	Anne Browse	Circuit Steward		
7	Ruth Hartley	Circuit Safeguarding		
8	Michael Phillips			
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	Judy Bolton			
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		

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	Deed Of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) Act of Parliament.
How the charity is constituted	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	Appointed by local churches and existing trustees following the constitution as above. Presbyters appointed by the Methodist connexion are automatically trustees. Supernumeraries must 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 encompass 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 South West Peninsula 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 worshipping communities. 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 and Prospects Group. In addition, youth work is undertaken at Sunday School, toddler groups and a pre-school.

Our commitment is to share the love and grace of God with the communities within which our methodist fellowships are set.

We employ one part-time Outreach Worker, funded by rental on Manse properties in Tiverton and Cullompton, and from grants received from the Southwest Peninsula Methodist District. From 1 January 2025, we began to employ one full-time Local Lay Pastor for Tiverton with Petton and Upham, funded largely from a trust fund set up from a sizeable bequest left to Petton. These roles are subject to funding and are 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) Our Circuit policy is for the Circuit Leadership Team to regularly review the circuit's use of its resources, to focus them to the areas where they will have the greatest effect.

B) The Churches continue to evaluate the way they work and look at more effective ways of working within the community, for the community. The values we adhere to encourage our Methodist fellowships to effectively connect with and support people in the wider community.

C) 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.

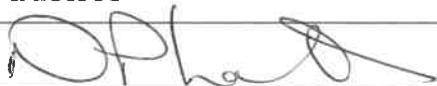
Section F Other optional information

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 NICHOLAS PAUL LAKIN

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Superintendent Minister
CHAIR

Date

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Tiverton & Wellington

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

SouthWest Peninsular

District

Circuit no

3716

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

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Sandra Richardson

Kath Cooper

Anne Browse

Treasurer:

Clive Williams

SECTION A

		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	92,690			92,690	87,775
a3	Capital receipts				0	0
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,811	4,794		6,605	7,306
a5	Grants	25,550			25,550	5,000
a6	Other receipts	26,942			26,942	23,306
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	146,993	4,794	0	151,787 (a8)	123,387

SECTION B

b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	87,139			87,139	68,037
b3	Manse Costs	5,985			5,985	24,468
b4	Administration etc	3,751			3,751	3,082
b5	District Assessment	18,280			18,280	19,148
b6	Grants & donations	12,065			12,065	11,182
b7	District Levy		3,378		3,378	3,739
b8	Other payments	700			700	10,468
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,920	3,378	0	131,298 (b9)	140,124

SECTION C

c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	19,073	1,416	0	20,489	(16,737)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		29,705	106,715		136,420 (c6)	153,157
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	48,778	108,131	0	156,909	136,420
c4	Transfers and adjustments					0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	48,778	108,131	0	156,909 (c8)	136,420 (c6)

SECTION D

FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS
(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
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			156
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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	151,787 (a8)	131,298 (b9)	20,489	0 (c7)	136,420 (c6)	156,909 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	151,787	131,298	20,489	0	136,420 (x)	156,909 (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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	2,857	2,964
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,862	37,700
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	114,701	116,245
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	136,420 (c8)	156,909 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
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SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	1 September 2024	31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	23176	23165
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 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)

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

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 2025 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.

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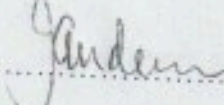
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I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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

Address Meadowside, High Street, Halberton

..... Tiverton, Devon Post Code EX16 7AG

Date 8 / 11 / 25

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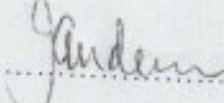
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Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerBA CPFA.....

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