BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1135515

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2010-04-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

Address	Centenary Methodist Church Red Lion Street Boston PE21 6NY
Phone	01205355543
Email	centenarymeth@gmail.com
Website	bostonmethodistcircuit.org.uk

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 subsiduary 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: Advancement of the Christian Faith in the local area

Classification

- **How:** Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Lincolnshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£198,893	£173,407	-	-
2024-08-31	£169,463	£237,454	-	-
2023-08-31	£104,654	£169,768	-	-
2022-08-31	£118,426	£181,072	-	-
2021-08-31	£128,865	£160,847	-	-
2020-08-31	£449,065	£233,751	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AUDREY ELIZABETH FORINTON		
David Alexander Laing		2023-05-30
Dorothy Barnden		2015-09-09
Dr Julie Doddrell		
GEOFFREY MALCOLM CARTER		
Geoffrey Sharp		
Heather Darley		2019-10-16
JENNIFER JESSOP		
Janet Kent		2023-05-30
Jean Denise Burgess		2023-05-30
Joanna Margaret Criddle		2019-09-01
John Richard Wright		2025-05-27
John Trevor Hewitt		2022-03-16
Jonathan Trevor Cooper		2023-05-30
LYNN THORN		2012-01-03
MR MICHAEL JESSOP		
MR STUART BIRKETT		
Michael Charles Teasdale		2024-01-30
Peter Criddle		2019-10-14
Rev Dr Valerie Jean Ogden		2018-09-01
SHEILA LYMER		
STEPHEN COCK		2014-09-01
Stewart John Maddy		2023-05-30

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Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2024 period start date To 31/08/2025 period end date

Charity name: Boston Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1135515

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. 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, and b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church. The Boston Circuit is a group of local Methodist Churches. Across the UK, Methodist Circuits are grouped into Districts. The British Methodist Connexion, our national body, is made up of all the districts of Scotland, Wales and England, along with the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and Shetland. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our mission is to be a visible expression of God's love and we live out in a local context the aspirations and principles of the Methodist Church nationally. https://www.methodist.org.uk/ We are committed to the worship, social, and

services identified in the accounts.		outreach activities that currently exist, and seek fresh ways to extend them to serve the present age.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In setting our objectives and planning our activities, Circuit Trustees meet monthly, giving careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	By way of annual or one-off grants, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church. Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers help the charity to achieve its stated activities through a variety of input.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Maintaining the worship, social and outreach activities of all our churches so that they serve the needs of the members in the present age. Using our churches as hospitable and welcoming spaces to promote social inclusion with an emphasis on those who are vulnerable in society. The charity is well regarded across Boston and its surrounding villages and intentionally builds relationships and works with social partners for the common good.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Circuit has: - maintained its links with neighbouring churches across Boston - continued to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in projects and mutual support - continued its support for a wide range of outreach projects including major building redevelopment and generated new opportunities for youth work and community engagement. - had regular consultations for further planning and outreach.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ended 31st August 2025 the Circuit prepared receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised. About 86% of the unrestricted income for the year 2024-2025 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Standing Orders require the Circuit to pay the District Assessment before any other commitments and then to pay the stipends and support costs, including the provision of a manse, telephone and travel expenses, for ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit also employs a part-time administrator. The cost of these commitments in the year to 31st August 2025 was £127,998. In addition there were other costs totalling £45,409, including the costs of selling a former chapel. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately £177k at the year end. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted with the exception of the Lees Legacy restricted funds of £698, funds held for a third party of £258 and an endowment fund of £4,863. There is also a deficit in restricted funds held by the Circuit for the Kirton Family Worker of £1,145 which is to be reimbursed by the church. The income from the Lees Legacy fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects. **Capital Assets** The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year one

		former chapel was sold. The Circuit has two manses. **Existing Commitments** The Circuit has not committed to any grants out of its Reserves. **Annual Costs** The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. At 31 August 2025, this sum is estimated at £47,500. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of £19,500. Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at £40,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £20,000. The total of these projected costs is £87,000. Current reserves are able to meet this expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx £177,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle source of funds is what the charity asks of its churches, each of which pays a number of shares, currently £250 each to meet annual expenditure. It is expected that this income will cover expenditure for the current and next year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Through its Trustees, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate, risks have been covered by insurance. Security and safety of our

		churches is largely for individual churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Trustees. All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial building inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local Trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises. We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Circuits are the co-ordinating charities for local groups of churches governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Church Councils safely recruit Trustees, according to Methodist Church recruitment policies, to serve on the Circuit Meeting.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	A range of guidance is provided by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit and training opportunities are offered at Circuit and District levels eg Safeguarding, GDPR, EDI.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference. 2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits. 3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation. 4) The Districts communicate to Circuits for local implementation by the Superintendent Presbyter, Presbyteral Staff and Circuit Stewards who are the Circuit's Managing Trustees. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting. 5) The Circuit Meeting communicates to Church Councils for local Church implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers. Authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees. 6) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

		Charity Registration The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Note on Safeguarding		The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all Connexional and District safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Trained Safeguarding Officers ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches. We follow Connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with Connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to church and circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for Presbyters, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Boston Circuit (17/22)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1135515
Charity's principal address	Centenary Methodist Church Red Lion Street Boston PE21 6NY

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. Dr Val Ogden	Superintendent		
2	Rev. Julie Doddrell	Supernumerary Presbyter		
3	Rev. Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Presbyter		
4	Miss H Darley	Local Church Pastor		
5	Mrs S Lymer	Local Church Pastor		
6	Mr S Cock	Manse Steward		
7	Mrs D Barnden	Circuit Steward		
8	Mr S Birkett	Circuit Steward		
9	Mrs J Burgess	Circuit Steward		
10	Mrs A Burrell	Circuit Steward	To 24/06/2025	
11	Mr G Carter	Circuit Steward		
12	Mr R Champion	Circuit Steward	To 25/03/2025	
13	Mr J Cooper	Circuit Steward		
14	Mrs J Criddle	Circuit Steward		
15	Mr P Criddle	Circuit Steward		
16	Mrs A Forinton	Circuit Steward		
17	Mr J Hewitt	Circuit Steward		
18	Mrs J Jessop	Circuit Steward		
19	Mr M Jessop	Circuit Steward		
20	Mrs J Kent	Circuit Steward		
21	Mr D Laing	Circuit Steward		
22	Mr S Maddy	Circuit Steward		
23	Mrs C Meeds	Circuit Steward	To 24/06/2025	
24	Mrs R Peacock	Circuit Steward	To 17/10/2024	
25	Mr G Sharp	Circuit Steward		

26	Mr B Stock	Circuit Steward	From 27/05/2025	
27	Mr M Teasdale	Circuit Steward		
28	Mrs L Thorn	Circuit Steward		
29	Mr J Wright	Circuit Steward	From 27/05/2025	

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	V Ogden	D Barnden
Full name(s)	REV DR VALERIE J. OGDEN	DOROTHY BARNDEN
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	TRUSTEE
Date	03 JUNE 2026	

CIRCUIT
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Boston	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

Lincolnshire	**District**	**Circuit no**	17/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1135515

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

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Ministers:

Rev Dr Val Ogden

Circuit Stewards:

J Criddle, J Kent, D Barnden, P Criddle
J Cooper, A Forinton, M Teasdale
M Jessop, J Jessop, D Laing, J Hewitt
S Lymer, L Thorn, G Carter, B Stock
S Birkett, G Sharp, J Burgess, S Cock, S Maddy

Treasurer:

P Criddle

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

			Boston					Circuit
	SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**	£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		94,750			**94,750**		96,187
a3	Capital receipts			81,284		**81,284**		
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		668	7,217		**7,885**		11,466
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		14,974			**14,974**		61,810
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**110,392**	**88,502**		**198,893**	**(a8)**	**169,463**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		67,458		27,111	**94,569**		79,168
b3	Manse Costs		5,707			**5,707**		9,817
b4	Administration etc		4,779	455		**5,233**		8,400
b5	District Assessment		26,000			**26,000**		33,120
b6	Grants & donations		1,000	30,000		**31,000**		1,000
b7	Pension Reserve Payment Fund							(27,000)
b8	Other payments		10,899			**10,899**		132,949
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**115,842**	**30,455**	**27,111**	**173,407**	**(b9)**	**237,454**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a7-b9)**	**(5,450)**	**58,047**	**(27,111)**	**25,486**		**(67,991)**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(12,171)	139,872	21,661	149,362	(c6)	217,353
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	**(17,621)**	**197,919**	**(5,450)**	**174,848**		**149,362**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		21,306	(24,494)	4,305	1,117	(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**3,685**	**173,426**	**(1,145)**	**175,965**	**(c8)**	**149,362** **(c6)**
	SECTION D							
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					258		258
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations							
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations							
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**					258		258

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Boston Circuit

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 2025 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	
e1												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	198,893	(a8)	173,407	(b9)	25,486	1,117	(c7)	149,362	(c6)	175,965	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	198,893		173,407		25,486	1,117		149,362	(x)	175,965	(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	
	Funds held for Badulla			(258)	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	4,669		1,249	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	7,415		851	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	139,872		173,426	
f6	Other funds	(2,594)		698	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	149,362	(c6)	175,965	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	149,362	(x)	175,965	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,863	4,863
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	370,994	370,994
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 Circuit .....Boston..... No...17/22..

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.....05/12/2025

Name and address of treasurer .....Pete Criddle.....

...3 Springhurst Road, Shipley..... Post Code...BD18 3DN...

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 ...24/02/2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV DR VALERIE J ODEN Date 02/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....BOSTON..... **Circuit**

Charity Number 1135515

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ... to .... 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 Circuit .....Boston..... No...17/22..

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 ..... KEITH MAY .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACMA/ CGMA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... KEITH MAY ACCOUNTING SERVICES LTD .....

Address ..... UNIT 2A BUSINESS CENTRE HEATH ROAD SKEGNESS .....

..... LINCOLNSHIRE ..... Post Code ..... PE25 3SJ .....

Date ..... 27/03/2026 .....

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c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**3,685**	**173,426**	**(1,145)**	**175,965**	**(c8)**	**149,362** **(c6)**
	SECTION D							
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)**							
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Boston No. 17/22..

Boston Circuit

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

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1												
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	198,893	(a8)	173,407	(b9)	25,486	1,117	(c7)	149,362	(c6)	175,965	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	198,893		173,407		25,486	1,117		149,362	(x)	175,965	(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	
	Funds held for Badulla			(258)	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	4,669		1,249	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	7,415		851	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	139,872		173,426	
f6	Other funds	(2,594)		698	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	149,362	(c6)	175,965	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	149,362	(x)	175,965	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,863	4,863
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	370,994	370,994
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
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Name of Circuit .....Boston..... No...17/22..

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.....05/12/2025

Name and address of treasurer .....Pete Criddle.....

...3 Springhurst Road, Shipley..... Post Code...BD18 3DN...

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 ...24/02/2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV DR VALERIE J ODEN Date 02/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....BOSTON..... **Circuit**

Charity Number 1135515

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner ..... KEITH MAY .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACMA/ CGMA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... KEITH MAY ACCOUNTING SERVICES LTD .....

Address ..... UNIT 2A BUSINESS CENTRE HEATH ROAD SKEGNESS .....

..... LINCOLNSHIRE ..... Post Code ..... PE25 3SJ .....

Date ..... 27/03/2026 .....

* delete or circle as appropriate

BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135515

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2023 period start date To 31/08/2024 period end date

Charity name: Boston Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1135515

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. 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, and b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church. The Boston Circuit is a group of local Methodist Churches. Across the UK, Methodist Circuits are grouped into Districts. The British Methodist Connexion, our national body, is made up of all the districts of Scotland, Wales and England, along with the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and Shetland. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We live out in a local context the aspirations and principles of the Methodist Church nationally. We are committed to the worship,

services identified in the accounts.		social, and outreach activities that currently exist, and seek fresh ways to extend them to serve the present age.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In setting our objectives and planning our activities, Circuit Trustees meet monthly, giving careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	By way of annual or one-off grants, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church. Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers help the charity to achieve its stated activities through a variety of input.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Maintaining the worship, social and outreach activities of all our churches so that they serve the needs of the members in the present age. Using our churches as hospitable and welcoming spaces to promote social inclusion with an emphasis on those who are vulnerable in society. The charity is well regarded across Boston and its surrounding villages and intentionally builds relationships and works with social partners for the common good.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Circuit has: - maintained its links with neighbouring churches across Boston - continues to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in outreach projects including Heckington Show - continued its support for a wide range of outreach projects and generated new opportunities for youth work and community engagement. - Circuit holds regular consultations for planning and outreach.
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ended 31st August 2024 the Circuit prepared receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised. About 87% of the unrestricted income for the year 2023-2024 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Standing Orders require the Circuit to pay the District Assessment before any other commitments and then to pay the stipends and support costs, including the provision of a manse, telephone and travel expenses, for ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit also employs a part-time administrator. The cost of these commitments in the year to 31st August 2024 was £114,847. In addition there were other costs totalling £122,607, including the purchase of a manse. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately £128k at the year end. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted with the exception of the Lees Legacy restricted funds of £504 and endowment fund of £4,863, plus funds held by the Circuit for the Kirton Family Worker. The income from the Lees Legacy fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects. **Capital Assets** The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year none have been sold, but one former chapel is expected to be sold in 2025. The Circuit has

		one manse but it will be seeking to purchase another one in the near future. **Existing Commitments** The Circuit has committed the following grants out of its Reserves: • RoadHog Youth Mission: £1,000 as a one off grant payable in May 2024. **Annual Costs** The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. At 31 August 2024, this sum is estimated at £46,000. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of £17,000. Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at £40,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £20,000. The total of these projected costs is £83,000. Current reserves are able to meet this expenditure.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx £124,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle source of funds is what the charity asks of its churches, each of which pays a number of shares, currently £250 each to meet annual expenditure. It is expected that this income will cover expenditure for the current and next year.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
	Para 1.46	Through its Trustees, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where

A description of the principal risks facing the charity		appropriate, risks have been covered by insurance. Security and safety of our churches is largely for individual churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Trustees. All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial building inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local Trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises. We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Circuits are the co-ordinating charities for local groups of churches governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Church Councils safely recruit Trustees, according to Methodist Church recruitment policies, to serve on the Circuit Meeting.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	A range of guidance is provided by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit and training opportunities are offered at Circuit and District levels eg Safeguarding, GDPR, EDI.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference. 2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits. 3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation. 4) The Districts communicate to Circuits for local implementation by the Superintendent Presbyter, Presbyteral Staff and Circuit Stewards who are the Circuit's Managing Trustees. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting. 5) The Circuit Meeting communicates to Church Councils for local Church implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers. Authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees. 6) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

		Charity Registration The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Note on Safeguarding		The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all Connexional and District safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Trained Safeguarding Officers ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches. We follow Connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with Connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to church and circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for Presbyters, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Boston Circuit (17/22)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1135515
Charity's principal address	Centenary Methodist Church Red Lion Street Boston PE21 6NY

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. Dr Val Ogden	Co-Superintendent/Presbyter (to 31/07/2023) Superintendent from 01/08/2023		
2	Rev. Julie Doddrell	Supernumerary Presbyter		
3	Rev. Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Presbyter		
4	Miss H Darley	Local Church Pastor		
5	Mrs S Lymer	Local Church Pastor		
6	Mr S Cock	Manse Steward		
7	Mrs D Barnden	Circuit Steward		
8	Mr S Birkett	Circuit Steward		
9	Mrs J Burgess	Circuit Steward		
10	Mrs A Burrell	Circuit Steward		
11	Mr G Carter	Circuit Steward		
12	Mr R Champion	Circuit Steward	From 30/01/2024	
13	Mr J Cooper	Circuit Steward		
14	Mrs J Criddle	Circuit Steward		
15	Mr P Criddle	Circuit Steward		
16	Mrs A Forinton	Circuit Steward		
17	Mr J Hewitt	Circuit Steward		
18	Mrs J Jessop	Circuit Steward		
19	Mr M Jessop	Circuit Steward		
20	Mrs J Kent	Circuit Steward		
21	Mr D Laing	Circuit Steward		
22	Mr G Lilley	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023 to 30/01/2024	
23	Mr S Maddy	Circuit Steward		

24	Mrs C Meeds	Circuit Steward		
25	Mrs R Peacock	Circuit Steward		
26	Mr G Sharp	Circuit Steward		
27	Mr M Teasdale	Circuit Steward	From 30/01/2024	
28	Mrs L Thorn	Circuit Steward		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	V Ogden	J Kent
Full name(s)	REVD DR VALERIE J OGDEN	Janet Kent
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	Trustee
Date	27 JUNE 2025	27 June 2025.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Boston	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024

Lincolnshire	District	Circuit no	17/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1135515

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 Dr V Ogden

Circuit Stewards:

Dorothy Barnden, Stuart Birkett, Jean Burgess, Audrey Burrell, Geoff Carter, Rick Champion,

Stephen Cock, Jonathan Cooper, Joanna Criddle, Peter Criddle, Heather Darley, Rev. Julie Doddrell,

Audrey Forinton, John Hewitt, Jenny Jessop, Mike Jessop, Janet Kent, David Laing,

Sheila Lymer, Stewart Maddy, Carol Meeds, Rev. Dr Val Ogden, Rachel Peacock, Geoff Sharp,

Michael Teasdale, Lynn Thorn

Treasurer:

S Jackson

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

Boston Circuit

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		96,187			**96,187**		96,625
a3	Capital receipts							
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,243	9,223		**11,466**		7,069
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		12,367	49,443		**61,810**		960
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**110,797**	**58,666**		**169,463**	**(a8)**	**104,654**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		63,510		15,658	**79,168**		112,026
b3	Manse Costs		9,817			**9,817**		5,070
b4	Administration etc		7,823	577		**8,400**		5,015
b5	District Assessment		25,500	7,620		**33,120**		35,606
b6	Grants & donations		1,000			**1,000**		1,000
b7	Pension Reserve Payment fund			(27,000)		**(27,000)**		
b8	Other payments		2,950	129,999		**132,949**		11,050
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**110,600**	**111,196**	**15,658**	**237,454**	**(b9)**	**169,767**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a7-b9)**	**197**	**(52,530)**	**(15,658)**	**(67,991)**		**(65,113)**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(22,368)	202,402	37,319	217,353	(c6)	282,320
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	**(22,171)**	**149,872**	**21,661**	**149,362**		**217,207**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		10,000	(10,000)			(c7)	146
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**(12,171)**	**139,872**	**21,661**	**149,362**	**(c8)**	**217,353** (c6)
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d1	Balance brought forward from last year					258		868
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations							630
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations							1,240
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**					258		258

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e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds									(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	169,463	(a8)	237,454	(b9)	(67,991)		(c7)	217,353	(c6)	149,362	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	169,463		237,454		(67,991)			217,353	(x)	149,362	(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 2024	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	6,035		4,669	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	8,164		7,415	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	202,402		139,872	
f6	Other funds	752		(2,594)	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**217,353**	(c6)	**149,362**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**217,353**	(x)	**149,362**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4863	4863
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	240,995	370,994
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

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Name of Circuit ..... No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... Date..7.-.11.-.24..

Name and address of treasurer ..S..E..JACKSON.....MAIN STREET ACCOUNTANCY LTD

.RIDGE HOUSE ANNEXE, 16 MAIN RIDGE WEST, BOSTONPost Code...PE21.6QQ .

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 January 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..REVDR VAL OSDEN..... Date ..28/01/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

.....BOSTON..... Circuit

Charity Number .....

Responsibilities and basis of report

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner ..... Keith May .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACMA CGMA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... Keith May Accounting & Services Ltd .....

Address ..... Aura Business Centre Heath Road .....

Skegness Lincolnshire ..... Post Code ..... PE25 3SJ .....

Date ..... 16/12/2024 .....

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Name of Circuit ..BOSTON.. No .....

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Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner ..KEITH MAY.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..ACMA CGMA.....

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BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135515

Accounts

CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01/09/2022 period start date To 31/08/2023 period end date

Charity name: Boston Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1135515

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church. 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, and b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church. The Boston Circuit is a group of local Methodist Churches. Across the UK, Methodist Circuits are grouped into Districts. The British Methodist Connexion, our national body, is made up of all the districts of Scotland, Wales and England, along with the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands and Shetland. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Our mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We live out in a local context the aspirations and principles of the Methodist Church nationally. We are committed to the worship,

services identified in the accounts.		social, and outreach activities that currently exist, and seek fresh ways to extend them to serve the present age.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	In setting our objectives and planning our activities, Circuit Trustees meet monthly, giving careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	By way of annual or one-off grants, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church. Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	N/A
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers help the charity to achieve its stated activities through a variety of input.
Other		N/A

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Maintaining the worship, social and outreach activities of all our churches so that they serve the needs of the members in the present age. Using our churches as hospitable and welcoming spaces to promote social inclusion with an emphasis on those who are vulnerable in society. The charity is well regarded across Boston and its surrounding villages and intentionally builds relationships and works with social partners for the common good.

Additional information (optional)
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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	The Circuit has: - maintained its links with neighbouring churches across Boston - has completed the refurbishment of the chapel in Kirton - continues to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in outreach projects including Heckington Show - continued its support for a wide range of outreach projects - has held 3 Circuit consultations for mission planning purposes
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	N/A
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	N/A
Other		N/A

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	For the year ended 31st August 2023 the Circuit prepared receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised. About 92% of the income for the year 2022-2023 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Standing Orders require the Circuit to pay the District Assessment before any other commitments and then to pay the stipends and support costs, including the provision of a manse, telephone and travel expenses, for ministers stationed in the Circuit. The Circuit also employs a part-time administrator. The cost of these commitments in the year to 31st August 2023 was £138,135. In addition there were other costs totalling £5,862. The Circuit is committed to purchasing a manse at a cost of £135,000, which will leave less than £50,000 in Reserves. It will therefore be necessary for the Circuit to consider means whereby it can raise funds from Churches to retain sufficient funds in hand to meet its commitments. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately £217k at the year end but £135k has been designated for the purchase of a second manse. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted with the exception of the Lees Legacy restricted funds of £1,011 and endowment fund of £4,867, plus funds held by the Circuit for the Kirton Family Worker. The income from the Lees Legacy fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects.

		Capital Assets The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year none have been sold. The Circuit has one manse but it will be seeking to purchase another one in the near future. **Existing Commitments** The Circuit has committed the following grants out of its Reserves: • RoadHog Youth Mission: £1,000 as a one off grant payable in May 2024. **Annual Costs** The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. At 31 August 2023, this sum is estimated at £42,000. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of £15,000. Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at £47,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £24,000. The total of these projected costs is £81,000. After deducting the commitment to purchase the manse which is currently being rented, current reserves are able to meet this expenditure. The Circuit recognises its responsibility to provide adequate accommodation for its staff. A decision was made to rent a property in the town to house a Presbyter from 1 September 2018. To assist in cash flow the decision was taken to buy a property to house the Presbyter and this will be achieved with the purchase of a suitable property, but for a variety of reasons the completion of the purchase has been delayed. It is hoped it will be achieved during the year ended 31st August 2024.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Approx £80,000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A

Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The principle source of funds is what the charity asks of its churches, each of which pays a number of shares, currently £250 each to meet annual expenditure. Offers for the last year were insufficient to meet the whole of the expenditure incurred by the Circuit and Reserves were reduced as a result. We anticipate that in the budget for 2023/2024 offers will cover expenditure.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	N/A
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Through its Trustees, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate, risks have been covered by insurance. Security and safety of our churches is largely for individual churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Trustees. All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial building inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local Trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises. We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.
Other		N/A

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		N/A
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	The Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Circuits are the co-ordinating charities for local groups of churches governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Church Councils safely recruit Trustees, according to Methodist Church recruitment policies, to serve on the Circuit Meeting.

Additional information (optional)
You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	A range of guidance is provided by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit and training opportunities are offered at Circuit and District levels eg Safeguarding, GDPR, EDI.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference. 2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits. 3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation. 4) The Districts communicate to Circuits for local implementation by the Superintendent Presbyter, Presbyteral Staff and Circuit Stewards who are the Circuit's Managing Trustees. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting. 5) The Circuit Meeting communicates to Church Councils for local Church implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers. Authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees. 6) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August.

		Charity Registration The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010. The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit.
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	N/A
Note on Safeguarding		The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all Connexional and District safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Trained Safeguarding Officers ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches. We follow Connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with Connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to church and circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for Presbyters, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Boston Circuit (17/22)
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1135515
Charity's principal address	Centenary Methodist Church Red Lion Street Boston PE21 6NY

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. Dr Val Ogden	Co-Superintendent/Presbyter (to 31/07/2023) Superintendent from 01/08/2023		
2	Rev. Ann Lett	Co-Superintendent/Presbyter	01/09/2022 to 31/07/2023	
3	Rev. Julie Doddrell	Supernumerary Presbyter		
4	Rev. Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Presbyter		
5	Rev. Maurice Perry	Supernumerary Presbyter		
6	Miss J Boatwright	Senior Steward	01/09/2022 to 30/05/2023	
7	Miss H Darley	Local Church Pastor		
8	Mrs S Lymer	Local Church Pastor		
9	Ms G Cooper	Circuit Meeting Secretary	01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023	
10	Mr S Cock	Manse Steward		
11	Mrs D Barnden	Circuit Steward		
12	Mr S Birkett	Circuit Steward		
13	Miss J Boatwright	Senior Steward	01/09/2022 to 30/05/2023	
14	Mrs J Burgess	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
15	Mrs A Burrell	Circuit Steward		
16	Mr G Carter	Circuit Steward		
17	Mr J Cooper	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
18	Mrs J Criddle	Circuit Steward		
19	Mr P Criddle	Circuit Steward		
20	Mrs J Dixon	Circuit Steward	01/09/2022 to 30/05/2023	
21	Mrs Y Dow	Circuit Steward	01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023	

22	Mrs A Forinton	Circuit Steward		
23	Mrs E Garnham	Circuit Steward	01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023	
24	Mr R Haresign	Circuit Steward	01/09/2022 to 30/05/2023	
25	Mr J Hewitt	Circuit Steward		
26	Mrs J Jessop	Circuit Steward		
27	Mr M Jessop	Circuit Steward		
28	Mrs J Kent	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
29	Mr D Laing	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
30	Mrs C Lidgett	Circuit Steward – Finance	01/09/2022 to 31/08/2023	
31	Mr G Lilley	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
32	Mr S Maddy	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
33	Mrs C Meeds	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
34	Mrs R Peacock	Circuit Steward	From 30/05/2023	
35	Mr G Sharp	Circuit Steward		
36	Mrs L Thorn	Circuit Steward		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
N/A		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	**Dates acted if not for whole year**	
N/A		

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

Other optional information

Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	V H Ogden	HADay
Full name(s)	REVDR VALERIE J. OGDEN	HEATHER ALISON DARLEY
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR	CIRCUIT TRUSTEE
Date	21/06/2024	

CIRCUIT
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

BOSTON	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

LINCOLNSHIRE	District	Circuit no	17/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1135515

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:

Rev Val Ogden
Rev Ann Lett (to 31st August 2023)

Circuit Stewards:

Heather Darley	Sheila Lymer	David Laing
Dorothy Barden	Stuart Birkett	Jean Burgess
Audrey Burrell	Geoff Carter	Stephen Cook
Jonathan Cooper	Joanna Criddle	Peter Criddle
Rev Julie Doddrell	Audrey Forinton	Rev Marie Greenwood
John Hewitt	Jenny Jessop	Mike Jessop
Janet Kent	Gerald Lilley	Stewart Maddy
Carol Meeds	Rachel Peacock	Geoff Sharp
Lynn Thorn	Jenny Boatwright (to 31.8.23)	

Treasurer:

Carol Lidgett (to 31at August 2023)

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023 | **BOSTON** | **Circuit**

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		96,625			**96,625**		121,200
a3	Capital receipts							
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		633	6,436		**7,069**		151
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		960			**960**		2,030
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**98,217**	**6,436**		**104,654**	**(a8)**	**123,382**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		94,846		17,180	**112,026**		105,872
b3	Manse Costs		5,070			**5,070**		5,151
b4	Administration etc		5,015			**5,015**		31,711
b5	District Assessment		27,375	8,231		**35,606**		38,090
b6	Grants & donations		1,000			**1,000**		2,000
b7								27,000
b8	Other payments		11,050			**11,050**		7,660
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**144,357**	**8,231**	**17,180**	**169,768**	**(b9)**	**217,484**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a7-b9)**	**(46,140)**	**(1,794)**	**(17,180)**	**(65,114)**		**(94,103)**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		12,760	214,197	55,364	282,321	(c6)	376,419
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	**(33,380)**	**212,402**	**38,184**	**217,207**		**282,317**
c4	Transfers and adjustments		10,000	(10,000)	146	146	(c7)	4
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**(23,380)**	**202,402**	**38,330**	**217,353**	**(c8)**	**282,321** **(c6)**

	SECTION D		
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	868	68
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	630	800
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	1,240	
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**	258	868

BOSTON Circuit

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	
e1									
e2									
e3									
e4									
e5									
e6									
e7									
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						(e11)		(e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	104,654 (a8)	169,768 (b9)	(65,114)	146 (c7)	282,321	(c6)	217,353	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**104,654**	**169,768**	**(65,114)**	**146**	**282,321**	(x)	**217,353**	(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	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	22,248		6,035	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	45,880		8,164	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	215,062		203,413	
f6	Other funds - External Organisations	(868)		(258)	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**282,321**	(c6)	**217,353**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**282,321**	(x)	**217,353**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,869	4,863
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	240,995	240,995
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 TIF Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in non Endowment Funds
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

BOSTON CIRCUIT

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 Financial Advisor ..... Date 4/12/23

Name and address of Financial Advisor MICHAEL MAY

9 LINKS CRESCENT SILSDEN

Post Code BD20 3AF

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 28 Nov 2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev Val Ogden Date 19 Dec 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

BOSTON CIRCUIT

Charity Number 1135515

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages. 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.

BOSTON CIRCUIT

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Name of independent examiner SUZANNE JACKSON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) MAIN STREET ACCOUNTANCY LTD

Address RIDGE HOUSE ANNEXE

16 MAIN RIDGE WEST, BOSTON Post Code PE21 6QQ

Date 4th December 2023

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BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

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Accounts

The Methodist Church

17/22 Boston Circuit

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended

31 AUGUST 2022

Administrative Information

Circuit Presbyters

Revd Dr Val Ogden	Co-Superintendent/Presbyter
Revd Ann Lett	Co-Superindendent/Presbyter
Revd Julie Doddrell	Presbyter (Permission to sit down granted at 2022 Conference)
Revd David Curran	Supernumerary Presbyter (to 07/08/2022)
Revd Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Presbyter
Revd Maurice Perry	Supernumerary Presbyter

Circuit Stewards

Mrs L Thorn	Senior Steward until 12/09/2022, from 13/09/2022 Circuit Steward
Miss J Boatwright	Circuit Steward until 12/09/2022, from 13/09/2022 Senior Steward
Mr S Cock	Manse Steward from 01/09/2021
Mrs Carol Lidgett	Circuit Steward - Finance

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Ms G Cooper

Circuit Administrator

Mrs Grace Barkham
Centenary Methodist Church
Red Lion Street
Boston
Lincs PE21 6NY

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Miss Laura Seymour
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8 Bethlem Crescent
Wainfleet St Mary
Skegness Lincs PE24 4EL

Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

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c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches some of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) with other denominations. Circuits combine to form about 30 Districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and clerical members.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Circuit Meeting, held three times in each year, gives careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) — the Circuit Presbyteral Staff and Circuit Stewards — meet approximately every six weeks to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging, through the churches in our Circuit, the worship, social, and outreach activities that currently exist, and seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family.

Organisational Structure

1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference.
2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.
3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.
4) The Districts' pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Presbyter, Presbyteral Staff and Circuit Stewards and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5) The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers and authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees.
6) The Senior Circuit Steward chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team and the Superintendents chair the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting.
7) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August

Charity Registration

The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically: Many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet • some churches have long term licences (e.g. a Pre-School Group at Gipsey Bridge) • uniformed organisations meet in some church premises • some churches organise lunch clubs • other outreach activities • supporting a youth outreach project (RoadHog) • raising money for charities locally and overseas

During the Covid 19 pandemic, ministry operated in new and innovative ways including services on Zoom, enhanced telephone ministry and doorstep deliveries, and regular mailings. The provision of food for the homeless and vulnerable was able to continue at our town centre Church by a delivery service of meals, twice weekly. This was in conjunction with other partners in CT iB and the charitable and local authority sector.

Safeguarding

The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all connexional and district safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Each church has a Safeguarding Officer and the Circuit has two Safeguarding Officers, to ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches do. We follow the connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to church and circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for Presbyters, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Trustees

The following people were members of the Circuit Meeting:

Revd Dr Val Ogden (Co-Superintendent/Presbyter from 01/01/2022)
Revd Ann Lett (Co-Superintendent/Presbyter from 01/01/2022)
Revd Julie Doddrell (Presbyter from 09/11/2021)
Rev. Bruce Thompson (Acting Superintendent to 31/12/2021)

Revd David Curran (Presbyter to 07/08/2022)
Revd Maurice Perry (Supernumerary)
Revd Marie Greenwood (Supernumerary)

Mrs J Burgess (Local Church Pastor to 31/08/2022)
Miss H Darley (Local Church Pastor) Mrs S Lymer (Local Church Pastor)

Miss J Boatwright (Senior Circuit Steward)
Mrs L Thorn (Circuit Steward)
Mrs C Lidgett (Circuit Steward - Finance)

Ms G Cooper (Circuit Meeting Secretary)
Mr S Cock (Manse Steward)

Mr D Andrew (until 22/03/2022)
Mrs D Barnden

Mr Stuart Birkett
Mrs A Burrell
Mr G Carter
Mrs J Criddle
Mr P Criddle
Mrs A Crunkhorn (to 22/03/2022)
Mrs J Dixon
Mrs Y Dow
Mrs A Farmer (until 15/11/2022)
Mrs A Forinton

Mrs E Garnham
Mr R Haresign
Mr J Hewitt (Reappointed from 22/03/2022)
Mrs J Jessop
Mr M Jessop
Mr G Sharp

Review of Objectives set for year 2021-2022

a) Links with Churches Together in Boston have been maintained
b) The circuit continues to support the local churches

Objectives for the Year 2022-2023

The Circuit will:

- maintain its links with Churches Together in Boston - continue its support for the proposed refurbishment of the chapel in Kirton - continue to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in outreach projects - continue its support for the outreach projects at Centenary - initiate a circuit-wide review and mission-planning process

Risk Management

Through its CLT, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate, risks have been covered by insurance. Security and safety of our churches is largely for individual churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Circuit Officers.

All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees' Expenses

With the exception of the Presbyteral staff, the Local Church Pastors and the Circuit stewards who can claim for travel expenses and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using accruals accounting
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have the right, if necessary, to advise the independent examiner of any concerns they may have, but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Following advice from the Connexion the Trustees have produced a Health and Safety policy for the Circuit that will be regularly reviewed.

Financial Review

For the year ended 31st August 2022 the Circuit prepared receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

About 97% of the income for the year 2021-2022 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately f301k at the year end but f 135k has been designated for the purchase of a second manse. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted, with the exception of the Lees Legacy endowment (f4,867) and funds held by the Circuit for the Kirton Family Worker. The income from the Leeds Legacy fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.

Reserves policy

Background

The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects. One of our churches is a local ecumenical project (LEP) where two denominations endeavour to work together where possible.

Grant Support

By way of annual or one-off grants, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church.

Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year none have been sold. The Circuit now has one manse but it will be seeking to purchase another one in the near future.

Funding of the Circuit's costs

This is achieved by asking each church within the Circuit offer to pay a number of shares of f 250 each. Offers for the last year were insufficient to meet the whole of the expenditure incurred by the Circuit and Reserves were reduced as a result . If any church were to close, that church's assessment would not be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs would then have to be met by calling on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

Existing Commitments

The Circuit has committed the following grants out of its Reserves:

- RoadHog Youth Mission: f 1,000 as a one off grant payable in May 2022.

Annual Costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be

payable. At 31 August 2022, this sum is estimated at f77,000. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of E 13,800.

Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at E58,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. f29,OOO. The total of these projected costs is f 119,800. After deducting the commitment to purchase the manse which is currently being rented, current reserves are able to meet this expenditure but it seems unlikely that the Circuit will be able to increase its reserves further, given the inability of Churches to provide sufficient funds to meet the ongoing expenditure.

Upgrading of Manses

The Circuit recognises its responsibility to provide adequate accommodation for its staff. Over the last few years the Circuit has spent sums as necessary rather than as may be desirable. A decision was made to rent a property in the town to house a Presbyter from 1 September 2018. To assist in cash flow the decision was taken to buy a property to house the Presbyter and this will be achieved with the purchase of a suitable property, but for a variety of reasons the completion of the purchase has been delayed. It is hoped it will be achieved during the year ended 31 st August 2023.

Other Future Costs

The Circuit has no current plans to increase its costs.

Free Reserves

The Circuit does not have any free reserves. The budget for 2022-23 anticipates that income will not meet expenditure by a significant amount, which will be significantly reduce available reserves.

Approvals

The Financial Statements were approved at the Circuit Meeting on 22 nd March 2023 and the Trustee's Repo t was approved by the Circuit Meeting, held on 22 nd March 2023.

VG Ogden

Rev Dr. Val Ogden
Joint Superintendent Presbyter

Jenny Boatwright
Senior Circuit Steward

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Boston	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Lincoln	District	Circuit no	17/22

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Elizabeth Holland (to Nov 2021)

J Boatwright

Treasurer:

Carol Lidgett

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Boston	Circuit

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		115,975			**115,975**		126,775
a3	Capital receipts							
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		264	1,023		**1,287**		525
a5	Grants		2,000			**2,000**		
a6	Other receipts		187			**187**		1,565
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**118,426**	**1,023**		**119,449**	**(a8)**	**128,865**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		90,026		15,884	**105,910**		104,005
b3	Manse Costs		4,426			**4,426**		3,635
b4	Administration etc		7,092	716		**7,808**		5,288
b5	District Assessment		27,984	10,106		**38,090**		37,979
b6	Grants & donations		28,000			**28,000**		2,500
b7	Pension reserve fund			27,000		**27,000**		
b8	Other payments		7,660			**7,660**		7,440
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**165,188**	**37,822**	**15,884**	**218,894**	**(b9)**	**160,847**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a7-b9)**	**(46,762)**	**(36,799)**	**(15,884)**	**(99,445)**		**(31,982)**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		78,883	251,416	71,243	401,542	(c6)	433,518
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	**32,121**	**214,617**	**55,359**	**302,097**		**401,536**
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(860)	(860)	(c7)	6
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**32,121**	**214,617**	**54,499**	**301,237**	**(c8)**	**401,542** **(c6)**
	SECTION D							
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					68		48
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					800		1,084
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations							1,064
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**					868		68

Boston Circuit

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

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Lees Legacy Committee	5		5		860	865
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5		5		860 (e11)	865 (e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	119,449 (a8)	218,894 (b9)	(99,445)	(860) (c7)	401,542 (c6)	301,237 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	119,454	218,894	(99,440)	(860)	402,402 (x)	302,102 (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 2022	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	25,192	14,990
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	124,074	71,630
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	252,276	214,617
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL	401,542 (c6)	301,237 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	860 (e11)	865 (e12)
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g3	Other Assets		
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f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
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Name of Circuit .. Boston

Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... Date 12/11/22

Name and address of treasurer ..... Carol Lidgett, 11 Hemington Way, Kirton, Boston, Lincs

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Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV DR VALERIE J. ADEN Date 22 March 2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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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.

Name of Circuit .. Boston No 17/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

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Sep-22

BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135515

Accounts

The **Methodist** Church

17/22 Boston Circuit

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended

31 AUGUST 2021

Charity registration number 1135515

Administrative Information

Circuit Presbyters

Revd Julie Doddrell	Superintendent/Presbyter
Revd Dr Val Ogden	Presbyter
Revd Ann Lett	Presbyter
Revd Maurice Perry	Supernumerary Presbyter
Revd David Curran	Supernumerary Presbyter
Revd Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Presbyter
Revd Ian Evans	Authorised Presbyter (Resigned 1st November 2021)

Circuit Stewards

Mrs L Thorn	Senior Steward
Mr S Cock	Term ended August 2021
Mrs E Holland	Resigned 24th November 2021
Miss J Boatwright	
Mr Paul Hayter	Treasurer to December 2020
Mrs Carol Lidgett	Treasurer from January 2021

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Ms G Cooper

Circuit Administrator

Mrs Grace Barkham
Centenary Methodist Church
Red Lion Street
Boston
Lincs PE21 6NY

Telephone number: 01205 355543 / 07305 619259
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Independent Examiner

Miss Laura Seymour
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Skegness Lincs PE24 4EL

Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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, and
b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches some of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) with other denominations. Circuits combine to form about 30 Districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and clerical members.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Circuit Meeting, held three times in each year, gives careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) – the Circuit Presbyterial Staff and Circuit Stewards – meet approximately every six weeks to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to be a powerful spiritual influence in the community and a visible expression of God's inclusive love. We aim to achieve this by encouraging, through the churches in our Circuit, the worship, social, and outreach activities that currently exist, and seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family.

Organisational Structure

1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference.
2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Presbyters in individual Circuits.
3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.
4) The Districts pass the control down to Circuit level for local implementation by the Superintendent Presbyter, Presbyterial Staff and Circuit Stewards and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5) The Circuit Meeting passes control down to Church Councils for local implementation by the Presbyter, the Church Stewards and other officers and authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees.
6) The Senior Circuit Steward chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team and the Superintendents chair the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting.
7) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August

Charity Registration

The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically: Many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet

- some churches have long term licencees (e.g. a Pre-School Group at Gipsey Bridge)
- uniformed organisations meet in some church premises
- some churches organise lunch clubs
- other outreach activities
- supporting the activities of Churches Together in Boston (CTiB) in the provision of a soup kitchen for the homeless
- supporting a youth outreach project (RoadHog)
- raising money for charities locally and overseas

During the Covid 19 pandemic, ministry operated in new and innovative ways including services on Zoom, enhanced telephone ministry and doorstep deliveries, and regular mailings. The provision of food for the homeless and vulnerable was able to continue at our town centre Church by a delivery service of meals, twice weekly. This was in conjunction with other partners in CTiB and the charitable and local authority sector.

Safeguarding

The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all connexional and district safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Each church has a Safeguarding Officer and the Circuit has two Safeguarding Officers, to ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches do. We follow the connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to church and circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for Presbyters, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Trustees

The following people were members of the Circuit Meeting in November 2021:

Revd Julie Doddrell (Superintendent Presbyter to 8th November 2021, from 9th November 2021 Presbyter)
Revd Bruce Thompson (Acting Superintendent Presbyter from 16th July 2021 to 31st December 2021)
Revd Dr Val Ogden (Presbyter)
Revd Ann Lett (Presbyter)
Revd David Curran (Presbyter)
Revd Maurice Perry (Supernumerary)
Revd Marie Greenwood (Supernumerary)
Revd Ian Evans (Authorised Presbyter) (until 1st November 2021)

Mrs J Burgess (Local Church Pastor)
Mrs S Lymer (Local Church Pastor)
Miss H Darley (Local Church Pastor)

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Mrs E Holland (Circuit Steward) (Resigned 24th November 2021)
Miss J Boatwright (Circuit Steward)
Mrs C Lidgett (Treasurer)

Ms G Cooper (Circuit Meeting Secretary)
Mr S Cock (Manse Steward from November 2021)

Mr D Andrew
Mrs D Barnden
Mr Stuart Birkett
Mrs A Burrell
Mr G Carter
Mrs J Criddle
Mr P Criddle
Mrs A Crunkhorn
Miss H Darley
Mrs J Dixon
Mrs Y Dow
Mrs A Farmer
Mrs A Forinton
Mrs E Garnham

Mrs J Hall
Mr R Haresign
Mr J Hewitt (until December 2021)
Mrs J Jessop
Mr M Jessop
Mrs C Royce (Resigned 1st November 2021)
Mr G Sharp
Mrs C Wilkinson (Resigned 1st November 2021)

Review of Objectives set for year 2020-2021

a) Links with Churches Together in Boston have been maintained and strengthened
b) The circuit continues to support the local churches

Staff Changes

In August 2020 the Revd Maurice Perry sat down from his role as a part-time presbyter with Pastoral Care of Swineshead Church. He now serves as a supernumerary Presbyter.

Objectives for the Year 2021-2022

The Circuit will:

- maintain and strengthen its links with Churches Together in Boston
- continue its support for the proposed refurbishment of the chapel in Kirton
- continue to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in outreach projects
- continue its support for the outreach projects at centenary
- initiate a circuit-wide review and mission-planning process

Risk Management

Through its CLT, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate, risks have been transferred by paying insurers to take the risks. Security and safety of our churches is largely for those churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Circuit Officers.

All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. We judge that there are sufficient resources to cover any probable shortfall during the following year.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees' Expenses

With the exception of the Presbyterial staff, the local church pastors and the Circuit stewards who can claim for travel expenses and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using accruals accounting
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have the right, if necessary, to advise the independent examiner of any concerns they may have, but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Following advice from the Connexion the Trustees have produced a Health and Safety policy for the Circuit that will be regularly reviewed.

Financial Review

For the year ended 31st August 2021 the Circuit prepared receipts and payments accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

About 98% of the income for the year 2020-2021 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately £330k at the year end but £150k has been designated for the purchase of a second manse. At no time during the year

was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted, with the exception of the Lees Legacy endowment (£4,863) and the income from this fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.

Reserves Policy

Background

The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects. One of our churches is a local ecumenical projects (LEPs) where two denominations work together, often worshipping together.

Grant Support

By way of annual or one-off grant, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church.

Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant. This is because the Circuit's annual income and expenditure budget does not normally seek to make a surplus. No provisions are made for future grants.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year none have been sold. The Circuit now has one manse but it will be seeking to purchase another one in the near future.

Funding of the Circuit's costs

This is achieved by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church were to close, that church's assessment would not be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs would then have to be met by calling on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

Existing Commitments

The Circuit has committed the following grants out of its resources:

- RoadHog Youth Mission: £1,000 as a one off grant payable in May 2022..
- A grant of £25,000 to assist with the development of Kirton Church.

Annual Costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. At 31 August 2021, this sum is estimated at £72,750. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of £13,244.

Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at £48,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £24,000
The total of these projected costs is £110,494 and current reserves are able to meet this expenditure. It seems unlikely that the Circuit will be able to increase its reserves further.

Upgrading of Manses

The Circuit recognises its responsibility to provide adequate accommodation for its staff. Over the last few years the Circuit has spent sums as necessary rather than as may be desirable. A decision was made to rent a property in the town to house a Presbyter from 1 September 2018. To assist in cash flow the decision was taken to buy a property to house the Presbyter and this will be achieved with the purchase of a suitable property during the year ended 31st August 2022.

Other Future Costs

The Circuit has no current plans to increase its costs.

Free Reserves

The Circuit does not have any free reserves. The budget for 2020-21 anticipates that income will not meet expenditure. Any shortfall will be met from reserves.

Approvals

The Financial Statements were approved at the Circuit Meeting on 15th November 2021 and the Trustee's Report was approved by the Circuit Meeting, held on 22nd March 2022.

V G Ogden.

Rev Dr. Val Ogden
Joint Superintendent Presbyter

C Lidgett

Carol Lidgett
Treasurer

CIRCUIT
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THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Boston	Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

Lincoln	District	Circuit no	17/22

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1135515

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:

Rev J Doddrell
Rev Dr V Ogden
Rev A Lett

Circuit Stewards:

Lynn Thorne
Elizabeth Holland
J Boatwright
Stephen Cock (to 31st August 2021)

Treasurer

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021 — Boston Circuit

	SECTION A	Note	Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
a1	**RECEIPTS**		£	£	£	£		£
a2	Assessment/Share		126,775			**126,775**		127,250
a3	Capital receipts							149,729
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		197	328		**525**		2,134
a5	Grants							
a6	Other receipts		1,565			**1,565**		101,184
a7	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**128,537**	**328**		**128,865**	**(a8)**	**380,297**
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		88,412		15,593	**104,005**		115,059
b3	Manse Costs		3,635			**3,635**		15,850
b4	Administration etc		5,288			**5,288**		4,728
b5	District Assessment		27,080	10,899		**37,979**		23,464
b6	Grants & donations		2,500			**2,500**		13,252
b7	Telephone and travel							
b8	Other payments		7,440			**7,440**		
b9	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**134,354**	**10,899**	**15,593**	**160,847**	**(b9)**	**172,353**
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	(a7-b9)	**(5,817)**	**(10,571)**	**(15,593)**	**(31,982)**		**207,944**
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		84,700	261,987	86,831	**433,518**	(c6)	225,542
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	**78,883**	**251,416**	**71,237**	**401,536**		**433,486**
c4	Transfers and adjustments				6	**6**	(c7)	32
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**		**78,883**	**251,416**	**71,243**	**401,542**	**(c8)**	**433,518** (c6)
	SECTION D							
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					48		42
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					1,084		1,284
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					1,064		1,278
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**					68		48

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Boston Circuit

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 2021 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
e1	Lees Legacy Committee	6		6		854	860
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6		6		854 (e11)	860 (e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	128,865 (a8)	160,847 (b9)	(31,982)	6 (c7)	433,518 (c6)	401,542 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	128,871	160,847	(31,976)	6	434,372 (x)	402,402 (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 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	21,441	25,192
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	146,483	124,074
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	261,987	252,276
f6	Other funds	3,607	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**433,518 (c6)**	**401,542 (c8)**
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	854 (e11)	860 (e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**434,372 (x)**	**402,402 (y)**

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,863.49	4,864.15
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	240,995.00	240,995.00
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)

cwgcc

Name of Circuit .. Boston

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 15/11/2021

Name and address of treasurer ..... C Hidgett, 11 Hemington Way

..... Kirton, Boston, Lincs ..... Post Code PE20 1EA

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 15th November 2021.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date 15/03/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Boston Circuit

Charity Number 1135515

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 2. 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.

Name of Circuit .....Boston..... No 17/22

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 ....CALLA SEYMOUR.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ....CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ...8 BETHLEM CRESCENT WAINFLEET ST MARY.....

SKEGNESS, LINCS..... Post Code PE24 4EZ

Date 24/4/21.....

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Sep-21

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of Boston

(*~~Church Council~~/ Circuit Meeting/~~District~~)

To Lincolnshire

(*~~Circuit Meeting~~/District)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

(I) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money

(ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The BOSTON METHODIST

*Circuit Meeting/~~District received the~~ RESERVES POLICY of

BOSTON

*~~Church Co~~uncil/Circuit Meeting/~~District~~

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees YES☑/NO☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures .... Date 15/03/22

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of **Boston**

(*Church Council☐/Circuit Meeting☒/District☐)

1.	**General** Funds held at Y/E 31/08/21 (excl Properties)	£330,299
2.	**Restricted** Funds held "	£71,243
3.	**Endowment** Funds held "	£4,864

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

Under standing orders the circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers (2), the maintenance of the manses (1) the rent of a property for the second minister and the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). The circuit also employs a part-time Administrator. The total cost for the year was £110,000, in addition there is approximately a further £24,000 of general expenses. The circuit budget is reviewed annually and is based on offers from each church towards a share in the total cost.

The policy is to hold sufficient funds in hand to cover the employment costs for one year and 50% of the other annual expenditure. The circuit Model Trust fund holds £251,000 of the balance. We have grant provision of 25,000 for Kirton Methodist Church. We are committed to pay £1,000 to the RoadHog project in May 2022.

It is likely, in these difficult times, that expenditure during the year will exceed income and the circuit will attempt to maintain our reserves at a level which would allow us to purchase another manse should it become necessary.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are monies which are to be used to fund a part time family worker for Kirton Methodist Church.

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

Lees Legacy has no specific limitations and the interest/dividend is used to provide emergency support for those in need.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by **Boston**

(*Church Council☐/Circuit Meeting☒/District☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Carol Lidgett	Full Name REVD DR VALERIE J OGDEN
Signature Lidgett	Signature V J Ogden.

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	SECTION D							
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					48		42
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					1,084		1,284
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					1,064		1,278
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)**					68		48

audited

Boston Circuit

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 2021 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
e1	Lees Legacy Committee	6		6		854	860
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	6		6		854 (e11)	860 (e12)
e9	**Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	128,865 (a8)	160,847 (b9)	(31,982)	6 (c7)	433,518 (c6)	401,542 (c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	128,871	160,847	(31,976)	6	434,372 (x)	402,402 (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 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	21,441	25,192
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	146,483	124,074
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	261,987	252,276
f6	Other funds	3,607	
f7	**SUB TOTAL**	**433,518 (c6)**	**401,542 (c8)**
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	854 (e11)	860 (e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT**	**434,372 (x)**	**402,402 (y)**

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	4,863.49	4,864.15
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	240,995.00	240,995.00
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)

cwgcc

Name of Circuit .. Boston

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 15/11/2021

Name and address of treasurer ..... C Hidgett, 11 Hemington Way

..... Kirton, Boston, Lincs ..... Post Code PE20 1EA

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 15th November 2021.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Date 15/03/22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Boston Circuit

Charity Number 1135515

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Boston Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1 to 2. 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.

Name of Circuit .....Boston..... No 17/22

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 ....CALLA SEYMOUR.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ....CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ...8 BETHLEM CRESCENT WAINFLEET ST MARY.....

SKEGNESS, LINCS..... Post Code PE24 4EZ

Date 24/4/21.....

* delete or circle as appropriate

Sep-21

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of Boston

(*~~Church Council~~/ Circuit Meeting/~~District~~)

To Lincolnshire

(*~~Circuit Meeting~~/District)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

(I) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money

(ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf →

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The BOSTON METHODIST

*Circuit Meeting/~~District received the~~ RESERVES POLICY of

BOSTON

*~~Church Co~~uncil/Circuit Meeting/~~District~~

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees YES☑/NO☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures .... Date 15/03/22

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of **Boston**

(*Church Council☐/Circuit Meeting☒/District☐)

1.	**General** Funds held at Y/E 31/08/21 (excl Properties)	£330,299
2.	**Restricted** Funds held "	£71,243
3.	**Endowment** Funds held "	£4,864

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

Under standing orders the circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers (2), the maintenance of the manses (1) the rent of a property for the second minister and the Methodist Church Fund (MCF). The circuit also employs a part-time Administrator. The total cost for the year was £110,000, in addition there is approximately a further £24,000 of general expenses. The circuit budget is reviewed annually and is based on offers from each church towards a share in the total cost.

The policy is to hold sufficient funds in hand to cover the employment costs for one year and 50% of the other annual expenditure. The circuit Model Trust fund holds £251,000 of the balance. We have grant provision of 25,000 for Kirton Methodist Church. We are committed to pay £1,000 to the RoadHog project in May 2022.

It is likely, in these difficult times, that expenditure during the year will exceed income and the circuit will attempt to maintain our reserves at a level which would allow us to purchase another manse should it become necessary.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

The restricted funds are monies which are to be used to fund a part time family worker for Kirton Methodist Church.

6. **Terms relating to Endowment Funds held**

Lees Legacy has no specific limitations and the interest/dividend is used to provide emergency support for those in need.

This Reserves Policy has been approved by **Boston**

(*Church Council☐/Circuit Meeting☒/District☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Carol Lidgett	Full Name REVD DR VALERIE J OGDEN
Signature Lidgett	Signature V J Ogden.

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BOSTON METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1135515

Accounts

The **Methodist** Church

17/22 Boston Circuit

TRUSTEES' REPORT

For the year ended

31 AUGUST 2020

Charity registration number 1135515

Administrative Information

Circuit Ministers

Revd Julie Doddrell	Superintendent
Revd Dr Val Ogden	Minister
Revd Ann Lett	Minister
Revd Maurice Perry	Supernumerary Minister
Revd David Curran	Supernumerary Minister
Revd Marie Greenwood	Supernumerary Minister
Revd Ian Evans	Associate Minister

Circuit Stewards

Mrs L Thorn	Senior Steward
Mr S Cock	
Mrs E Holland	
Miss J Boatwright	
Mr P Hayter	Treasurer

Circuit Meeting Secretary
Ms G Cooper

Circuit Administrator

Mrs Grace Barkham
Centenary Methodist Church
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Circuit Website Address

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Independent Examiner

Miss Laura Seymour
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Trustees' Report

Governance and Management

The Circuit is governed by the Methodist Church Act 1976, the Deed of Union and the Model Trust Deeds of the Methodist Church.

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, and
b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church, and
c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution or subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The Circuit is a group of local churches some of which are Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) with other denominations. Circuits combine to form about 30 Districts in Great Britain. Although there is some autonomy, all Methodist organisations in Great Britain are governed by statutes determined by the Methodist Conference and which are published in the Constitution, Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church. Conference is the supreme body within the church: it delegates much of its authority to the Methodist Council. Both Conference and Council consist of lay and clerical members.

In setting our objectives and planning our activities the Circuit Meeting, held three times in each year, gives careful consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and, in particular, to its supplementary public benefit guidance on advancing our objectives as set out above.

During the year the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) – the Circuit Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards – meet approximately every six weeks to keep under review the life of the Circuit and to take forward the decisions of the Circuit Meeting.

Activities

Our mission is to be a visible expression of God's inclusive love in our communities. We aim to achieve this by encouraging, through the churches in our Circuit, the worship, social, and outreach activities that currently exist, and seeking new ways to extend to others the fellowship of the Church family.

Organisational Structure

1) Overall control rests with the Methodist Conference.
2) The Connexional Office implements decisions made by Conference and is also responsible for the stationing of Ministers in individual Circuits.
3) Connexional decisions are passed to the Chair of the District and the appropriate Officers of the District for regional implementation.
4) The Districts in turn pass decisions to the Circuits for local implementation by the Superintendent Minister, Ministerial Staff and Circuit Stewards and authority is delegated to the Circuit Meeting for certain matters.
5) The Circuit Meeting passes decisions to Church Councils for local implementation by the Minister, the Church Stewards and other officers and authority is delegated to Church Councils acting as Managing Trustees.
6) The Senior Circuit Steward chairs meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team and the Circuit Meeting, which trustees are expected to attend. Policy decisions are taken at the Circuit Meeting.
7) The Methodist Connexional year runs from 1 September to 31 August

Charity Registration

The Boston Methodist Circuit was registered as a charity (registration number 1135515) in April 2010.

The trustees confirm that they have complied with the duty under the Charities Act 2011 to have due regard to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. Specifically: Many churches make their premises available to other organisations that need somewhere to meet

- some churches have long term licencees (e.g. a Pre-School Group at Gipsey Bridge)
- uniformed organisations meet on church premises
- some churches organise lunch clubs
- other outreach activities
- supporting the activities of Churches Together in Boston (CTiB) in the provision of a soup kitchen for the homeless
- supporting a youth outreach project (RoadHog)
- raising money for charities locally and overseas

During the Covid 19 pandemic, the provision of food for the homeless and vulnerable was able to continue at Centenary by a delivery service of meals, twice weekly. This was in conjunction with other partners in CTiB, and the charitable and local authority sector.

Safeguarding

The Circuit and each individual church have adopted and abide by all Connexional and District safeguarding policies in relation to children and adults who may be vulnerable. These include policies regarding Safer Recruitment, Risk Assessments and Responding Well, when there are concerns. Each church has a Safeguarding Officer and the Circuit has two Safeguarding Officers, to ensure compliance, deliver training, and champion safeguarding in all the circuit and its churches do. We follow the connexional guidelines on obtaining DBS checks where these are necessary, and ensure they are renewed every five years. In line with connexional policy, Safeguarding training at an appropriate level is delivered to Church and Circuit officers every four years, including advanced training for ministers, lay preachers and others in a leadership role.

Trustees

The following people were members of the Circuit Meeting in November 2020.

Revd Julie Doddrell (Superintendent Minister)
Revd Ann Lett (Minister)
Revd David Curran (Supernumerary)
Revd Ian Evans (Associate Minister)

Revd Dr Val Ogden (Minister)
Revd Maurice Perry (Supernumerary)
Revd Marie Greenwood (Supernumerary)

Mrs J Burgess (Local Church Pastor)

Mrs S Lymer (Local Church Pastor)

Mrs L Thorn (Senior Circuit Steward)
Mr Stephen Cock (Circuit Steward)
Miss J Boatwright (Circuit Steward)

Mr P Hayter (Treasurer)
Mrs E Holland (Circuit Steward)

Ms G Cooper (Circuit Meeting Secretary)

Mr J Hewitt
Mrs A Burrell
Mrs G Wright
Mr G Carter
Miss H Darley
Mr R Haresign
Mr G Sharp
Mrs C Wilkinson
Mr A Atkinson
Mr D Turner
Mr S Birkett
Mrs A Farmer

Mrs E Garnham
Mrs J Criddle
Mrs D Barnden
Mrs J Dixon
Mrs A Forinton
Mrs J Jessop
Mr M Jessop
Mrs A Crunkhorn
Mrs C Royce
Mr I Harwood
Mr P Criddle

Review of Objectives set for year 2019-2020

a) Links with Churches Together in Boston have been maintained and strengthened
b) The sale of the redundant premises at Haven Bank is now complete
c) The circuit continues to support the local churches

Staff Changes

In August 2020 the Revd Maurice Perry sat down from his role as a part-time presbyter with Pastoral Care of Swineshead church.

Objectives for the Year 2020-2021

The Circuit will:

- maintain and strengthen its links with Churches Together in Boston
- continue its support for the proposed refurbishment of the chapel in Kirton
- continue to co-operate with neighbouring circuits in joint projects
- continue its support for the Centenary project 'Steady as a Rock – Ready for Renewal'
- initiate a circuit-wide review and mission-planning process

Risk Management

Through its CLT, risks faced by the Circuit have been considered. Where appropriate, risks have been transferred by paying insurers to take the risks. Security and safety of our churches is largely for those churches to determine and to mitigate following advice from Circuit Officers.

All churches and manses are the subject of quinquennial inspections and the reports on each are reviewed by the Circuit as well as the local trustees. Action is taken to reduce the risks of injury to all who have a legitimate purpose on those premises.

We have considered the resilience of churches and the risk that they will not meet their assessments. We judge that there are sufficient resources to cover any probable shortfall during the following year. However the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic are still to be fully evident. Due to a reduction in offerings and lettings in the churches, there is an increased risk of a shortfall in assessments.

The Circuit operates within a statutory framework of regulation and seeks to ensure that it follows Methodist standing orders. It relies on the Connexional Office to provide guidance on changes that could affect the Circuit.

Trustees' Expenses

With the exception of the ministerial staff, the local church pastors and the Circuit stewards who can claim for travel expenses and a very small number of claims for reimbursement of small-value administration costs, members of the Circuit Meeting received neither payment nor reimbursement of their expenses in connection with their function as trustees.

Trustees' Responsibilities

The Trustees are required to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing these financial statements the Trustees have:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently using accruals accounting
- made judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent
- followed applicable accounting standards
- prepared the financial statements on the going concern basis

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Circuit and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the law. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Circuit and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees have the right, if necessary, to advise the independent examiner of any concerns they may have, but none has done so. The CLT concludes, therefore, that there are no issues to be advised to the independent examiner.

Following advice from the Connexion the Trustees have produced a Health and Safety policy for the Circuit that will be regularly reviewed.

Financial Review

The Circuit prepares accruals accounts. They are not a consolidation of the accounts of churches in the Circuit. The Circuit budget is prepared by first anticipating the expenditure for the forthcoming year and then determining how that sum will be raised.

About 95% of the income for the year 2019-2020 came from the individual churches within the Circuit. Reserves not tied up in fixed assets were approximately £295k at the year end. The sale of a manse during the year increased our reserves but consideration of the need for a replacement is ongoing. At no time during the year was the Circuit insolvent either in terms of its assets or in terms of its ability to pay its debts as they became due. All funds are unrestricted, with the exception of the Lees Legacy endowment (£4,863). The income from this fund is administered by the Lees Legacy Committee which is appointed by the Circuit Meeting and serves as a benevolent fund for those in need.

Reserves Policy

Background

The Circuit seeks to use its financial resources wisely and to predict future needs for capital expenditure on churches, manses and projects.

Grant Support

By way of annual or one-off grants, Boston Methodist Circuit supports churches, and other organisations, within the Circuit by contributing to the cost of specific projects, especially for mission, sometimes for as long as five years. The Circuit does not generally support the normal running costs of any church.

Before committing to a grant, the Circuit believes that it is prudent to ensure that it has sufficient resources to pay for all instalments of the grant. This is because the Circuit's annual income and expenditure budget does not normally seek to make a surplus. No provisions are made for future grants.

Capital Assets

The proceeds of sale of the premises of any Methodist Church or manse within the Circuit is generally credited to the Circuit. There is, however, a substantial levy paid to the Connexion (the Methodist Church in Great Britain) so not all the proceeds are received by the Circuit. During the year one of our manses was sold. The Circuit now has one manse but it will be seeking to purchase another one in the near future, if necessary.

Funding of the Circuit's costs

This is achieved by making an assessment on each church within the Circuit. If any church were to close, that church's assessment would not be paid to the Circuit. The Circuit's costs would then have to be met by calling on reserves to meet the shortfall in income.

Existing Commitments

The Circuit has committed the following grants out of its resources:

- RoadHog Youth Mission: £2,500 for four years from 1 September 2017.
  The total outstanding liability for this grant at 31 August 2020 was £2,500.
- A grant of £25,000 to assist with the development of Kirton Church.
- A grant of £2,520 to assist with the development of Centenary Church

Annual Costs

The Circuit believes that it should ensure that it has reserves sufficient to cover the stipends of its Presbyters for the full ensuing year but not to meet any redundancy pay should this be payable. At 31 August 2020, this sum is estimated at £82,000. A part time Circuit Administrator is employed by the circuit, with an associated annual cost of £9,500.

Other costs of the Circuit are estimated at £50,000 for a full year. The Circuit deems it prudent to hold sufficient to cover these costs for six months, i.e. £25,000.

The total of these projected costs is £116,500 and current reserves are able to meet this expenditure. It seems unlikely that the Circuit will be able to increase its reserves further.

Upgrading of Manses

The Circuit recognises its responsibility to provide adequate accommodation for its staff. Over the last few years the Circuit has spent sums as necessary rather than as may be desirable. A decision has been made to rent a property in the town to house a Presbyter from 1 September 2018. The manse which was surplus to requirements has been sold.

Other Future Costs

The Circuit has no current plans to increase its costs.

Free Reserves

The Circuit does not have any free reserves. The budget for 2020-21 anticipates that income will just meet expenditure. Any shortfall will be met from reserves.

Approvals

The Financial Statements were approved by the Circuit Meeting, held on 16 November at Centenary Methodist Church. The Trustees' Report was approved by the Circuit Meeting, held on 22nd March 2021 by Zoom video link.

J. Doddrell.

Rev'd Julie Doddrell
Superintendent Minister

Paul A Hayter

Paul Hayter
Treasurer

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THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

BOSTON **Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number **1135515**

Lincolnshire	**Circuit No**	**17/22**

Ministers

Rev'd Julie Doddrell
Rev'd Val Ogden
Rev'd Ann Lett
Rev'd Maurice Perry
Rev'd David Curran

Circuit Stewards

Lynn Thorn
Stephen Cock
Elizabeth Holland
Jenny Boatwright

Circuit Treasurer Paul Hayter

Name of Circuit **Boston** Circuit No **17/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2019-20 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies		0	0	0	0	0
2 Income from monetary investments	6	1,092	1,010	0	32	**2,134**
3 Income from investment properties		0	0	0	0	**0**
4 Assessments on Churches		129,500	0	0	0	**129,500**
5 Capital Receipts	7	0	216,214	0	0	**216,214**
6 Grants received		0	0	0	0	**0**
7 Other charitable income		1,184	0	100,032	0	**101,216**
8 **Total income**		**131,776**	**217,225**	**100,032**	**32**	**449,065**
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations		7,252		0	0	**7,252**
10 Salaries and associated costs	10	93,278	0	14,024	0	**107,302**
11 Property maintenance		12,552	0	0	0	**12,552**
12 Connexional assessment & levy on sales		25,969	66,486	0	0	**92,455**
13 District Assessment & Model Trust levy		(5,729)	3,224	0	0	**(2,505)**
14 Depreciation		0	0	0	0	**0**
15 Office expenses	4	4,728	0	0	0	**4,728**
16 Other outgoings	5	11,968	0	0	0	**11,968**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**150,018**	**69,709**	**14,024**	**0**	**233,751**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		(180,000)	0	0	0	(180,000)
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**(198,242)**	**147,515**	**86,008**	**32**	**35,314**
21 Transfers between funds	16	32	0	0	(32)	0
22 Other gains/(losses)		0	0		0	0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**(198,210)**	**147,515**	**86,008**	**0**	**35,314**
24 Total funds brought forward		471,688	114,471	823	4,864	591,846
25 Total funds carried forward		**273,478**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,864**	**627,160**

Name of Circuit **Boston** Circuit No **17/22**

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018-19 £
Income						
1 Donations and legacies		0	0	0	0	0
2 Income from monetary investments	6	610	736	0	32	**1,378**
3 Income from investment properties		7,650	0	0	0	**7,650**
4 Assessments on Churches		127,000	0	0	0	**127,000**
5 Capital Receipts	7	0	1,470	0	0	**1,470**
6 Grants received		0	0	0	0	**0**
7 Other charitable income		1,465	0	32	0	**1,496**
8 **Total income**		**136,725**	**2,206**	**32**	**32**	**138,994**
Expenditure						
9 Grants and donations		31,000	0	0	0	**31,000**
10 Salaries and associated costs	10	89,918	0	0	0	**89,918**
11 Property maintenance		13,573	0	0	0	**13,573**
12 Connexional assessment & levy on sales		9,711	294	0	0	**10,005**
13 District Assessment & Model Trust levy		10,289	3,293	0	0	**13,582**
14 Depreciation		0	0	0	0	**0**
15 Office expenses	4	9,169	0	0	0	**9,169**
16 Other outgoings	5	13,841	0	0	0	**13,841**
17 **Total charitable expenditure**		**177,501**	**3,587**	**0**	**0**	**181,087**
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0	0	0	0	0
20 **Net income/(expenditure)**		**(40,776)**	**(1,381)**	**32**	**32**	**(42,093)**
21 Transfers between funds	16	32	0	0	(32)	0
22 Other gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0	0
23 **Net movement in funds**		**(40,744)**	**(1,381)**	**32**	**0**	**(42,093)**
24 Total funds brought forward		512,432	115,852	791	4,864	633,939
25 Total funds carried forward		**471,688**	**114,471**	**823**	**4,864**	**591,846**

Name of Circuit **Boston** **Circuit No 17/22**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Properties	11	240,995				240,995
Investment properties		0				0
Investments		0				0
Total fixed assets		**240,995**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**240,995**
Current Assets						
Debtors	13	9,390	0	0	0	9,390
Loans by the Circuit		0	0	0	0	0
Trustee Investment Fund at TMCP		0	261,987	0	4,863	266,851
Central Finance Board Deposits		60,507	0	85,976	0	146,483
Cash at Bank and in hand		20,634	0	854	0	21,489
Total current assets		**90,532**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,863**	**444,213**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	14	30,548				30,548
Grants payable within 2020-21	14	2,500				2,500
Total current liabilities		**33,048**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**33,048**
Net current assets/liabilities		**57,483**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,863**	**411,165**
Total assets less current liabilities		**298,478**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,863**	**652,160**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2020-21	14	25,000				**25,000**
Loans to the Circuit						**0**
						0
Net assets		**273,478**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,863**	**627,160**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)	13	273,478				**273,478**
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			261,987			**261,987**
Total Unrestricted Funds						**535,465**
Restricted Funds				**86,831**		**86,831**
Endowment Funds					**4,863**	**4,863**
Total Funds		**273,478**	**261,987**	**86,831**	**4,863**	**627,160**

Signed

Paul A Hayter

Circuit Treasurer

Name of Circuit **Boston** **Circuit No 17/22**

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2019 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Properties	11	420,995				420,995
Investment properties		0		0	0	0
Investments		0	0	0	0	0
Total fixed assets		**420,995**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**420,995**
Current Assets						
Debtors	13	6,696	0	0	0	6,696
Loans by the Circuit		0	0	0	0	0
Trustee Investment Fund at TMCP		0	114,472	0	4,863	119,335
Central Finance Board Deposits		103,214	0	0	0	103,214
Cash at Bank and in hand		7,100	0	822	0	7,922
Total current assets		**117,009**	**114,472**	**822**	**4,863**	**237,167**
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	14	32,817	0	0	0	32,817
Grants payable within 2019-20	14	6,000	0	0	0	6,000
Total current liabilities		**38,817**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**38,817**
Net current assets/liabilities		**78,193**	**114,472**	**822**	**4,863**	**198,350**
Total assets less current liabilities		**499,188**	**114,472**	**822**	**4,863**	**619,345**
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)						
Grants payable after 2019-20	14	27,500	0	0	0	**27,500**
Loans to the Circuit		0	0	0	0	**0**
		0	0	0	0	**0**
Net assets		**471,688**	**114,472**	**822**	**4,863**	**591,845**
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		471,688				**471,688**
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			114,472			**114,472**
Total Unrestricted Funds						**586,159**
Restricted Funds				**822**		**822**
Endowment Funds					**4,863**	**4,863**
Total Funds		**471,688**	**114,472**	**822**	**4,863**	**591,845**

Signed

Paul A Hayter

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

Boston Circuit

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein.

2 Funds

The funds held include General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted, the Circuit Model Trust Fund which has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders (SO955) and is categorised as Unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose and are listed in the final Note below and Endowment funds which are also listed in that Note. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash, and are listed in Note 16 in the form of a table: Detailed analysis of individual fund movements.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expense to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if their anticipated reliable life is more than one year, and individually cost at least £2,000.

The freehold properties are shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values , of which the land component in the opinion of the Trustees is £100,000. No depreciation is provided on any of the buildings because the trustees consider their current residual fair value (on the assumption that they had reached the end of their useful economic lives by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

The Circuit holds 1 manse which is now occupied by a presbyter. A second presbyter is currently housed in a rented property. The circuit holds no investment properties.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipends in August.

Creditors

Creditors are Assessments (£30,500) which are paid before the beginning of each quarter and an amount of £48 oustanding from agency monies collected. There are also agreed Grants to the Lincolnshire Youth Mission (note 14) of £10,000 to be paid at £2500 per year from 2017, the amount outstanding at August 2020 is £2500 and one to Kirton Methodist Church of £25,000.

Adjustments

There are no adjustments to report.

4. Office Expenses	This Year £	Last Year £
Quinquennial Inspections	0	1750
Safeguarding	175	69
Training (includes apprenticeship levy)	636	750
Administration Expenses - including telephones, printing advertising etc	2,974	4,658
Sundry Expenses	713	0
Ministerial Removals		1,318
Outreach - plus £2500 of the £10,000 grant to RoadHog already accounted for	230	624
Total Office Expenses	**4,728**	**9,169**

5. Other Outgoings	£	£
Ministerial Expenses (Telephone, Travel etc)	7270	8260
Supernumary Expenses	1,400	990
Insurance Costs	1,143	1,390
Council Tax, Water Charges etc	2,155	3,201
Total Other Outgoings	**11,968**	**13,841**

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6. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Year to 31st August 2020					
Central Finance Board	1,092				**1,092**
TMCP		1,010		32	**1,042**
Other					-
Total	**1,092**	**1,010**	-	**32**	**2,134**
Year to 31st August 2019					
Central Finance Board	610	-	-	-	**610**
TMCP	-	736	-	32	**768**
Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total	**610**	**736**		**32**	**1,378**

7. Capital Receipts		This year £	Last Year £
Sale of Manse (net income)		**216,214**	
Less District/Connexional levies		**(66,486)**	
Haven Bank Methodist Chapel	Sale of closed church		**2,924**
Less grants recovered			(1,454)
		149,728	**1,470**

8. Payment to Trustees

With the exception of Stipends paid to ministers, no payments were made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting

	This year	Last year
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	6	6
Nature of the expenses		
Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel costs		
	£	£
Total Amount Paid	**7,270**	**7,951**

9. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts	£	£
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	50	75
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	nil	nil

10. Paid employees (including Ministers)

Staff costs paid during the year were:

	£	£
Gross wages, stipends and benefits in kind	71,610	69,537
Employer's National Insurance Costs	5,114	5,532
Pension Costs	16,554	14,850
Apprenticeship Levy is included in other outgoings	0	0
Total Staff Costs	93,278	89,918

The restricted payment of £14,024 relates to the Family Worker at Kirton who the Circuit pay as an agency from the £100,000 provided by the church at Kirton.

Average number of staff employed during the year were	4	4

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11. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

Year to 31st August 2020

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Total £
Balance brought forward	160,000		140,995		300,995
Additions					
2 Marian Road					
268 London Road					
Revaluations (+/-)					
Disposals (-)	-60,000				-60,000
Transfers*(x/-)					
Balance carried forward	100,000		140,995		240,995
Accumulated depreciation					
****Basis**			SL or RB	SL or RB	
**** Rate**					
Balance brought forward					
Depreciation charge for year(-)					
Revaluations (x/-)					
Disposals (-)					
Transfers* (x/-)					
Balance carried forwards					
Net book value					
Brought forward	160,000	-	140,995	-	300,995
Carried forward	100,000	-	140,995	-	240,995

Cost or valuation

Year to 31st August 2019

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Manses £	Other buildings £	Total £
Balance brought forward	160,000		120,000	140,995	420,995
Additions					
2 Marian Road			-120,000		-120,000
268 London Road			140,995	-140,995	
Revaluations (+/-)					
Disposals (-)					
Transfers*(x/-)					
Balance carried forward	160,000		140,995		300,995
Accumulated depreciation					
****Basis**			SL or RB	SL or RB	
**** Rate**					
Balance brought forward					
Depreciation charge for year(-)					
Revaluations (x/-)					
Disposals (-)					
Transfers* (x/-)					
Balance carried forwards					
Net book value					
Brought forward	160,000	-	120,000	140,995	420,995
Carried forward	160,000	-	140,995	-	300,995

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line,depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

12. Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Trust Property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

		This year	Last Year
		£	£
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
Total		0	0

Change in investment values		£	£
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost		0	
Less: disposals at carrying value		0	
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			0

13. Analysis of current assets	£	£
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments and other creditors	30,548	32,817
Outstanding Grants	27,500	33,500
Accrued income		0
Other debtors	9,390	6,696
Total debtors and prepayments	48,658	59,621

Analysis of cash at bank		
Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd (Includes £854 in Lees Legacy - restricted)	21,489	7,922
Bank balance held at CFB	60,507	103,214
Bank balance held at CFB for Kirton Family Worker (restricted)	85,976	
Bank balance held at TMCP Model Trust	261,987	114,472
Endowment Fund Balance help at TMCP Lees Legacy	4,863	4,863
Total Cash and Bank	434,822	230,471

Circuit Properties	240,995	420,995
less debtors and prepayments	48,658	59,621
	627,159	**591,845**

14. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Trade Creditors		
Other Creditors - prepaid assessments, credit card balance and Tax and NI due.	30,548	32,817
Road Hog Project - see note below	2,500	5,000
Total Current Liabilities	33,048	37,817

A Grant of £10,000, £2,500 per annum for four years, was awarded in 2017 to the Roadhog project commencing during 2017.

	This Year New				General			
Grants/Donations	Agreed	Paid External	Paid Internal Transfer	Carried Forward	Unpaid brt fwd	Paid this year ext	Paid this year int trf	Carried forward
RoadHog bus project			2500.00		5000.00	2500.00		2500.00
Kirton Methodist Church					25000.00			25000.00
Zion Methodist Church					3500.00	3500.00		0.00
Gipsey Bridge	7252.00		7252.00					
Totals	7252.00	0.00	9752.00	0.00	33500.00	6000.00	0.00	27500.00

15. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At 31st August 2020 the Circuit has no capital commitments (2019:Nil).

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2020 (2019: None).

16. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements **Year ended 31st August 2020**

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	
General	102,880	131,776	150,018		84,638	Day to day income and expenditure
Model Trust	114,472	217,225	69,709		261,988	To serve the needs of the Circuit in Mission & Outreach
					0	
Totals	217,353	349,001	219,727	0	346,626	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Revalue Investments	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Lees Legacy Committee	822	32				854	Benevolent Fund
Kirton Family Worker	100,000			14,024		85,976	Family Worker Salary Fund
Totals	100,822	32	0	14,024	0	86,831	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	Current value of capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
		£	£	
Lees Legacy	TMCP TiF	4,863	32	Transferred to Lees Legacy Committee
	Totals	4,863	32	

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

Income received into several Restricted and Endowment Funds is transferred to the Circuit General bank account for Circuit use. The Transfers in the Restricted Funds analysis were made out of funds received from the sale of disused Churches to meet exceptional expenditure on those Churches prior to sale.

16. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements **Year ended 31st August 2019**

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	
General	115,156	136,725	149,001		102,880	Day to day income and expenditure
Model Trust	115,853	3,892	5,272		114,472	To serve the needs of the Circuit in Mission & Outreach
					0	
Totals	231,009	140,617	154,273	0	217,353	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Revalue Investments	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Lees Legacy Committee	791	32				822	To serve the needs of the Circuit in Mission & Outreach
Totals	791	32	0	0	0	822	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	Current value of capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
		£	£	
Lees Legacy	TMCP TiF	4,863	32	Transferred to Lees Legacy Committee
	Totals	4,863	32	

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

Income received into the Restricted and Endowment Funds is transferred to the Circuit General bank account and Lees Legacy account for Circuit use.

Name of Circuit ..... Boston ..... No. 17/22 ...

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 ..... Paul A Hayter ..... Date 21st September 2020

Name and address of treasurer ..... Mr P A Hayter .....

38 Kings Crescent, Boston, Lincolnshire ..... Post Code PE21 0AP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16th November 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... J. Doddrell .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Revd Julie Doddrell ..... Date 27.5.21 ...

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Boston ..... **Circuit**

Charity Number 1135515 .....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Boston ..... Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages 1 to 13. 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 Circuit ..... Boston ..... No 17/22

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. *Delete* [ ] *if not applicable.*

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/~~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 ..... ANNA SEYMOUR .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner CERTIFIED ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN.

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 8 BETHLOM CRESCENT, WAINFLEET ST MARY, SKEGNESS LINCS Post Code PE24 4EZ

Date 18/10/20

* delete or circle as appropriate

September 2020