

# **WELSHPOOL & BRO HAFREN METHODIST CIRCUIT**

## **CHARITY NUMBER: 1135581**

### **Charitable objects:**

The purposes of the Methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of:

- the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

### **Structure:**

Welshpool & Bro Hafren Methodist Circuit is in the Upper Severn Valley in Mid Wales. It is a Circuit within the Wales Synod. There were 6 chapels in the Circuit: Cefn (Trewern), Welshpool, Pentre Llifior, Newtown, Caersws, and Zoar (Trefeglwys). The Circuit has three manses: two in Welshpool, one in Newtown. There is one minister active in the Circuit plus four supernumerary, retired, ministers. The managing trustees meet regularly during the year in Circuit Meetings and Finance and General Purposes Meetings. A small Circuit Leadership Team is elected annually to oversee the day to day running of the Circuit. The trustees are the active minister plus representatives from the chapels, appointed annually by members of the chapels.

### **Activities:**

The Circuit has been involved in worship, prayer and bible studies, available to all. Chapels have been used for funerals, weddings and baptisms. Other activities include: coffee mornings, meals, illustrated talks, concerts and exhibitions. In addition to worship, premises have been used by various external groups, including: Visually Impaired Groups; W.I., Wildlife Groups, choirs, dance groups, Powys Carers, Action for Children, Hard of Hearing groups, arts and crafts groups and others.

### **List of Trustees:**

Mrs Helen Sarah Judge  
Mr David Michael Jones  
Mrs Margaret Griffith  
Mrs Irene Harbron  
Miss Susan Williams  
Mrs Anthea Bradburn  
Mrs Freda Mary Davies

Mr Stanley Mountford  
Mr John Mackenzie Harbron  
Mr Terence Maxfield Jobling  
Mr Kevin Gilman  
Mrs Christine Elizabeth Richards  
Mr Alan Bradburn  
Mrs Sheila Pollard

Mrs Amanda Jane Thomas  
Mr Owen Lloyd Jones  
Mrs Linda Mountford  
Mr Eric Pacey  
Mr Anthony Peter Harvey  
Mr Herbert Proctor

Mr Alan Peter Davies  
Mr Andrew Gordon Mathieson  
Mrs Margaret Jane Wilkins  
Mrs Glenys May Harding  
Mr Andrew Nicholas John Bond  
Rev. Keith Edwards

### Reserves Policy:

An amount of circuit reserves are to be ring-fenced annually for use:-

- Minimum reserves to be held - 50% of annual budget or previous year's expenditure plus RPI
- Chapel Developments: - including amounts already committed but outstanding
- New initiatives grants - up to 5% of reserves annually. One successful application per chapel per year.
- Ministry support - (total annual budget for ministry) minus (income from chapel assessments capped at annually agreed figure).

### Circuit income from:

- Assessments from chapels subject to an annual review, with increases capped at 3%
- Income schemes
- Donations
- Sale of capital assets
- Rental Income

### Review frequency

The principles contained in this policy, by which the circuit determines the use of its reserves, should be reviewed 2024/25.

### Notes :

**Chapel Development grants.** The existing sliding scale of awards will be maintained. These grants are discretionary. Applications will be assessed in the light of these qualifiers:

- Is the chapel committed to raising new funds for their project to at least 10%?
- Is the chapel demonstrating an appropriate use of its own reserves?
- Has the chapel demonstrated a desire to develop its mission, outreach and discipleship?

**New initiatives grants.** Discretionary start-up grants aimed at encouraging chapel initiatives are available.

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Welshpool & Bro Hafren	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024

Wales Synod	District	Circuit no	.2/25
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135581

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

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

Ministers:

Rev. Ketih Edwards

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Michael Jones	Mrs Anthea Bradburn
Mr Stan Mountford	Mr Bert Proctor
Mr Eric Pacey	Mr Kevin Gilman
Mr Andrew Bond	

Treasurer:

Mr Stan Mountford
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	43,915			43,915	50,006
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	451	13,654		14,105	9,140
a5	Grants	22,069			22,069	
a6	Other receipts					20,507
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>66,435</b>	<b>13,654</b>		<b>80,089 (a8)</b>	<b>79,653</b>

SECTION B						
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	62,177			62,177	51,425
b3	Manse Costs	6,167			6,167	10,147
b4	Administration etc	4,142	717		4,859	4,629
b5	District Assessment	13,519			13,519	13,461
b6	Grants & donations					1,250
b7						
b8	Other payments	1,001	5,224		6,226	17,423
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>87,007</b>	<b>5,941</b>		<b>92,948 (b9)</b>	<b>98,335</b>

SECTION C						
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>(20,572)</b>	<b>7,713</b>	<b>(12,859)</b>	<b>(18,682)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	32,941	257,696		290,637 (c6)	309,319
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>12,369</b>	<b>265,409</b>	<b>277,778</b>	<b>290,637</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>12,369</b>	<b>265,409</b>	<b>277,778 (c8)</b>	<b>290,637 (c6)</b>

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



**SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING****SECTION E**Please follow the [Guidance Notes to complete this page](#)

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
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)					
	80,089 (a8)	92,948 (b9)	(12,859)	(c7)	290,637 (c6)	277,778 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	80,089	92,948	(12,859)		290,637 (x)	277,778 (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		
f2	8,119	1,096
f3	24,822	11,273
f4	6,012	6,327
f5	251,684	259,082
f6		
f7	290,637 (c6)	277,778 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	290,637 (x)	277,778 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer .....



Date .....

27/3/25

Name and address of treasurer

Mr Stan Mountford

Plas Heddychol, Aberbecahn, Newtown, Powys

Post Code: SY16 3AX

### 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 27/3/25

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



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev Keith Edwards

Date .....

27/3/25

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Welshpool & Bro Hafren Circuit

Charity Number 1135581

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Welshpool & Bro Hafren Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**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 Mrs Wendy Rees

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

n/a

Name of firm (where appropriate)

n/a

Address 6 Fairfields, Kerry

Newtown, Powys

Post Code SY16 4PP

Date 23-1-2025

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Name of Circuit

Welshpool & Bro Hafren

No: 02/25

CIRCUIT  
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS  
ACCOUNTS

### Independent Examiner's Statement

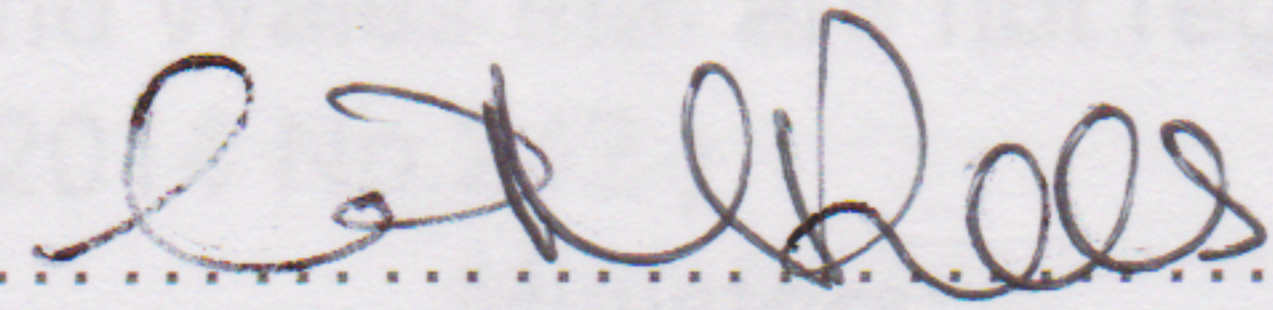
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