

WELSHPOOL & BRO HAFREN METHODIST CIRCUIT
CHARITY NUMBER: 1135581
Report for year ended 31st August 2025

Charitable objectives:

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 superintendent minister active in the Circuit plus six 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:

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

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

Mrs Sheila Pollard
Mr Alan Peter Davies
Mr Eric Robert Pacey
Mrs Glenys May Harding
Mr Andrew Nicholas John Bond
Patricia Jane Jones

Mrs Amanda Jane Thomas
Mr Owen Lloyd Jones
Mr Andrew Gordon Mathieson
Mr Anthony Peter Harvey
Mr Herbert Proctor
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 2025/26.

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 2025**

SYNOD WALES CYMRU	District	Circuit no	02/25
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135581

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

(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. Keith Edwards

Circuit Stewards:

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

Treasurer:

Mr Stan Mountford

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		77,572			77,572	43,915
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		353	12,061		12,413	14,105
a5	Grants						22,069
a6	Other receipts		29,412			29,412	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		107,336	12,061		119,397 (a8)	80,089

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		66,394			66,394	62,177
b3	Manse Costs		6,348			6,348	6,167
b4	Administration etc		7,232	842		8,074	4,859
b5	District Assessment		13,552			13,552	13,519
b6	Grants & donations		6,317			6,317	
b7							
b8	Other payments		8,065	5,345		13,411	6,226
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		107,908	6,187		114,096 (b9)	92,948

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(572)	5,873		5,301	(12,859)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		12,369	265,409		277,778 (c6)	290,637
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	11,797	271,283		283,080	277,778
c4	Transfers and adjustments		10,000	(10,000)			
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	21,797	261,283		283,080 (c8)	277,778 (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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			283	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			283	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

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)	119,397 (a8)	114,096 (b9)	5,301	277,778 (c6)	283,080 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	119,397	114,096	5,301	277,778 (x)	283,080 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS			

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	1,096	1,671
f3	11,273	20,126
f4	6,327	6,614
f5	259,082	254,668
f6		
f7	277,778 (c6)	283,080 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	277,778 (x)	283,080 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
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 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 19/2/26

Name and address of treasurer: Mr Stanley Mountford, Plas Heddycol, Aberbechan,
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 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting KEITH EDWARDS Date 19/2/26.....

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 Methodist 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

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 *Wendy Margaret Rees*

Name of independent examiner *Wendy Margaret Rees*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *Retired*

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

Address *6 Fairfield, Kerry*

..... *Powys* Post Code *SY16 4PP*

Date *14-1-2026*

* delete or circle as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

WELSHPOOL & BRO HAFREN METHODIST CIRCUIT
(*~~Church Council~~/ Circuit Meeting/~~District~~)

To

WALES SYNOD CYMRU
(*~~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

WALES SYNOD CYMRU

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

WELSHPOOL & BRO HAFREN METHODIST

*~~Church Council~~/~~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.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

WELSHPOOL & BRO HAFREN METHODIST(*Church Council ☐ / Circuit Meeting ☐ / District ☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2025	282,961
2.	Restricted Funds held "	£0
3.	Endowment Funds held "	119

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

50% of Circuit running costs est as £54,000

Single Church expenses – basic – employees (3 year plan inc on costs) circa - £123,000

Merging of Single Church £40,000

Solar investment at Welshpool & Newtown est as £20,000: Field project/car park phase 2 Pentre Llifor est as £10,000: Champing project at Trefeglwys est as £15,000:

Total reserves figure = £262,00

Support of the above to come from Model Trust Funds; 419174; 15299 & 18199

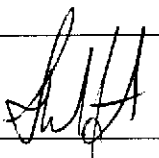
5. Policy for Restricted Funds

n/a

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Welshpool & Bro Hafren Methodist(*Church Council ☐ / Circuit Meeting ☐ / District ☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Stanley John Mountford	Full Name Amanda Jane Thomas
Signature 	Signature 