



Aims and purposes

The Staines and Feltham Methodist Circuit is responsible, with the Superintendent and the Ministers appointed to the Circuit, for the spiritual and material well-being of the circuit, and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the Circuit Meeting. (SO 531).

Circuit Stewards have particular rights and duties which are set out in The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church, which is reviewed and published annually. Part 5 in particular deals with the role of the Circuit Meeting and SO's 532 -534, 540,552 and 610 have particular application.

The Circuit Meeting is also specifically responsible for the maintenance of the 3 Circuit Manses, the cottage at Englefield Green, the Village Centre and the church buildings in the Circuit.

In the year under review, many of our properties have applied for work to be carried out to maintain them. All such applications have been considered by the Circuit Meeting and processed accordingly.

Objectives and Activities

As a Methodist Circuit, we will endeavour to:

- Underpin everything we do with God-centred worship and prayer
- Support community development and action for justice, especially among the most deprived and vulnerable in Britain and worldwide
- Develop confidence in evangelism and in the capacity to speak of God and faith in ways that make sense to all involved
- Encourage fresh ways of being Church
- Nurture a culture in the Church which is people-centred and flexible
- Develop a culture of Nurturing and Outreach to achieve Christian maturity and invite new members into our community.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and Prayer

Services are held regularly at all 7 churches in the Circuit, as can be seen from the Preaching Plan, which is produced quarterly. The number of Churches now holding evening Services is 2. Once again, details of this can be found on the Plan.

We have a team of 11 Local Preachers, 9 of whom are available to lead services, with 1 being "on trial". They provide valuable support to the Presbyters in fulfilling the Services on the Preaching Plan, but on occasion it is necessary to call upon Visiting Preachers or to arrange "Own Arrangement" Services. We also have 4 Worship Leaders who can assist in leading worship at their local Church.

Some Churches hold Prayer Meetings either as formal calendar events or as part of their weekly House Groups. These contribute significantly to the spiritual growth of the Circuit's members.

Two of our churches currently offer online services, helping to promote inclusion. These services enable those who are unable to attend in person to remain connected and actively involved in the life of our worshipping community.



Our services embrace a wide variety of worship styles, reflecting the breadth and beauty of our congregations. From intergenerational worship to traditional and liturgical services, there is a genuine openness to different expressions of faith that help people engage with God in meaningful ways. Our diversity is not simply something we accommodate; it is something we celebrate as a gift from God, enriching our common life and strengthening our witness as a Circuit.

District Synod

The Ministerial Staff and elected members from the Circuit attend two Synods each year whilst an additional Synod is held in March for Presbyters.

Pastoral Care

Those Churches with large enough congregations have Pastoral Committees or the equivalent in SCLEP's. In smaller churches the Church Councils review pastoral situations as part of their meetings. Each church has a team of pastoral visitors who maintain contact with members and those associated with the local church. In addition the Ministers in the Circuit make regular home visits and provide Holy Communion when requested.

Mission and Evangelism

The churches each express their mission through distinctive community engagement and outreach. St Jude's United Church, Englefield Green centres its mission on deep community involvement via the Village Centre and strong ties with local schools. United Church of Egham holds a regular coffee morning and serves as a social and cultural hub, hosting events, charitable activities, and providing worship at a residential care home. Staines Methodist Church also hold a regular coffee morning and fortnightly lunches for the community on a Thursday. Woodthorpe, working with another denomination, use their premises for a community café every week and support families in the community through the Bookworms initiative to provide children with free access to story books. Ashford Common is dedicated to children and youth, leveraging its location to reach families and running programs like Junior Church and Boys' Brigade. Southville's ministry to children and families can be seen through initiatives like Brick Church (exploring the Bible through LEGO) and family-friendly worship and their strong working links with local primary schools. They too run a weekly community coffee morning. Christ Church Feltham emphasizes outreach to asylum seekers, families, and schools. Collectively, the churches blend worship, community engagement, partnerships, and targeted programs to serve children, families, and vulnerable groups, while actively seeking new ways to grow and share their faith.

Ecumenical Relationships

Each church in the Circuit has a relationship with their own "Churches Together". Ministers endeavour to attend meetings whenever possible although this is complicated by the fact that this can mean attendance at multiple groups. Joint events between the churches are arranged and Methodist representation is good.



Financial Review

Total receipts on unrestricted funds (General Funds) were £226,877. This is used for all day to day expenditure including Ministerial and lay employee salaries, Methodist Church Fund, District Expenses (running costs for the district) and the 3 Ministerial Manses. Full details are in the attached Financial Statements.

Most of the financial income comes from the churches via their assessment / share.

Reserves policy

The Circuit Meeting's policy is to maintain a balance of unrestricted funds, which equates to at least six months unrestricted payments, equivalent to £154,593. This is to cover emergency situations that may arise from time to time.

It is our policy to invest Reserve funds with the CFB (Methodist Church Central Finance Board).

Volunteers

Like many circuits, volunteers are not great in number and some posts are difficult to fill. This continues to impose an additional load on many of the active volunteers already in post.

Structure, governance and management

Circuit Meeting representatives are elected by the Churches of the Circuit from their members. Designated office holders of the Circuit are elected by the Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit Meeting is responsible for making decisions on all matters of general concern and importance to the Circuit including deciding on how the funds of the Circuit are to be raised and spent.

The full Circuit Meeting meets 3 times a year with an average level of attendance of 60%. Given its wide responsibilities the Circuit Meeting has some committees each dealing with a particular aspect of Circuit and wider life. These committees which include Local Preachers Meeting, Circuit Leadership Team and the Invitations Committee report back to it regularly with minutes of their deliberations being received by the full Circuit Meeting and discussed as necessary.

Administrative information

The Circuit, situated in Surrey and Greater London, is part of the South East District of the Methodist Church.

Correspondence address is The Circuit Office, Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Clarendon Rd, Ashford TW15 2QR. Registered Charity No: 1135633

The Circuit Meeting members are the Trustees and those who have served from 1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025 are:

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES:

Ashford Common	Justin Camis (Treasurer), Chris Morton (Church Steward)
Egham	Jean Morwood, Jane Mackerness (Church Secretary), Jane Leckie
Englefield Green	Brian Hooker (Treasurer)
Staines	Geoff Nicholson (Treasurer), Pauline Shilston, Roz Sendorek
Southville	Marilyn Woodley (Treasurer), Orville Callender, Maggie Netto



Woodthorpe

**Clarendon Rd
Edinburgh Drive**

Verna Doe, Jill Britton (Treasurer)
Graham Wells, Jill Britton (Treasurer)

CIRCUIT MINISTERS

Lansford Penn-Timity, Jacqueline Esama-John, Judith Allford, Andy Watkins

SUPERNUMERARY STAFF

Julie Underwood

CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Marilyn Woodley, Jonathan Griffiths, Pauline Shilston

SECRETARY

Maggie Netto

L.P. SECRETARY

Paul Murphy

6 LOCAL PREACHERS

Margaret Ash, Sheila Hassan, Shirley Price, Jonathan Perkins,
Vacancy, Vacancy

REPS. FROM CIRCUIT:

Property	Jonathan Griffiths
Acting Treasurer	Jonathan Griffiths
Missions	Vacancy
MWiB	Roz Sendorek
MHA	Pauline Shilston
Webmaster	Jonathan Griffiths
Safeguarding	Andrew Reed

4 REPS. NOMINATED BY THE CIRCUIT MEETING:

Marilyn Woodley, Maggie Netto, Vacancy, Vacancy

Report prepared by the Circuit Leadership Team, January 2026

Received by Circuit Meeting: 3 February 2026

Signed:

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Staines & Feltham Circuit

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

South East

District

Circuit no

36/5

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1135633

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

N/A

(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:

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Mr Roger Griffiths

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Treasurer:

Mr Jonathan Griffiths

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		213,588		213,588	217,335
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,147	3,964	5,111	9,743
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		12,141		12,141	38,118
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		226,877	3,964	230,841 (a8)	265,196

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		162,347		162,347	204,446
b3	Manse Costs		87,041		87,041	63,995
b4	Administration etc		7,577	355	7,933	7,324
b5	District Assessment		4,945	2,965	7,910	25,808
b6	Grants & donations		14,048	25,109	39,157	40,000
b7						
b8	Other payments		33,228		33,228	14,796
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		309,186	28,429	337,616 (b9)	356,369

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(82,310)	(24,465)	(106,775)	(91,173)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		71,019	109,300	180,319 (c6)	271,492
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(11,291)	84,835	73,544	180,319
c4	Transfers and adjustments		50,000	(50,000)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	38,709	34,835	73,544 (c8)	180,319 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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				1,388	4,471
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				1,388	3,083
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					1,388

SECTION E

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.

SECTION F

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

SECTION G

At	At
1 September 2024	31 August 2025
983	983
2,012,000	2,012,000

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 3/2/2026

Name and address of treasurer Mr Jonathan Griffiths

16 Walsham Road, Feltham, Middlesex. TW14 0JD

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 LANSFORD PENN-TIMITY Date 23/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Staines & Feltham Circuit

Charity Number 1135633

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

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
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Signature of independent examiner



Name of independent examiner Margaret Fowler

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

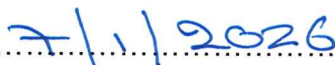
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SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E**

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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)					
e10	230,841 (a8)	337,616 (b9)	(106,775)	(c7)	180,319 (c6)	73,544 (c8)
	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	230,841	337,616	(106,775)		180,319 (x)	73,544 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	7217.12	23,760
f2		
f3		
f4	63,802	14,949
f5	109,300	34,835
f6		
f7	180,319 (c6)	73,544 (c8)
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Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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Name of independent examiner Margaret Fowler

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

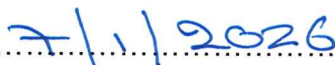
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