



The Methodist Church

Northampton Circuit
23/13

ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

"The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond
to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out
its discipleship in worship and mission"

2021 - 2022

Registered Charity No 1135635

Introduction

This is the thirteenth annual report produced by the Northampton Methodist Circuit since its registration as a separate charity and aims to share a review of the activities of the Circuit during 2021 – 22 while also meeting all the legal requirements.

The Vision Statement

The Northampton Methodist Circuit currently consists of 13 Christian Communities, seeking to be a discipleship movement shaped for mission. We see mission as who we are. It is the sharing of the good news of God's love incarnate, through Jesus Christ, in the witness of the community to the world.

Superintendent's letter of Greeting

As the Acting Superintendent Minister it gives me great pleasure to present the annual report and accounts for the Northampton Methodist Circuit for 2021/22.

Significant changes in the oversight and trusteeship arrangements in our circuit have led to the creation of a new multi-site church known as Northampton Methodist Church that brings ten worshipping communities under a single Church Council. These arrangements enable a more effective sharing of resources within the church and an opportunity to develop and strategically further our mission priorities in Northampton and the surrounding villages. At the same time, the Northampton Circuit continues to support the Emmanuel Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) and its work in the Weston Favell area of Northampton.

Although these accounts demonstrate, at present, a reasonable level of financial stability in the Northampton Methodist Circuit we must remain aware of the significant challenges and financial risks that lie ahead of us. With our church buildings in various conditions and states of repair and with a downward decline in membership numbers, it seems clear that the circuit, and Northampton Methodist Church, will need to make bold and courageous decisions in the near future in order to continue the furtherance our aims and objectives in the medium to long term and make more disciples of Jesus. The 'reimagining of the circuit', which has already commenced, will therefore become an even more urgent task over the next 12 months.

At the time of writing Northampton Methodist Church and Northampton Methodist Circuit are conducting a joint Mission and Property Review, the outcomes of which will form the basis for decision making in both the church and circuit. We are also piloting the Connexion's discipleship resources as well as seeking to develop our worship so that it becomes more engaging and relevant in the twenty-first century.

Most importantly, we continue to place our trust in God and the vision that he supplies us with, as we endeavour to follow Jesus as his disciples and depend on the power of the Holy Spirit.

The final words of John Wesley were "The best of all is, God is with us." Just as those early Methodists did, we rely on God's presence amongst us as we continue in our calling to worship, learn & care, serve, and evangelise in Northampton.

Yours faithfully, Revd David Speirs

Operational review - A review of our published Mission Statement

Mission is our key purpose. It is the sharing of the good news of God's love incarnate, through Jesus Christ, in our witness to the community and the wider world.

As a circuit we are committed to Worship, Service, Evangelism, and Learning & caring. The highlighted statements are our overarching intent and the notes below show our activity

WORSHIP, which seeks to increase awareness of God's presence and celebrates God's love seeking to underpin everything we do in God-centred prayer

Regular worship was resumed in all our buildings with some revision to scheduled service times. Throughout the year we continued to offer weekly online worship through the Circuit website.

The year also saw the full accreditation of three new local preachers following their successful completion of the training programme.

SERVICE seeking to be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.,

The year has seen the emergence of several targeted activities offering help and support into our local community. We have continued to provide an active input into the work of the UON chaplaincy. Planning had commenced at the end of the year to support the warmer places initiative.

EVANGELISM, which is a call to all people to Christian discipleship, growing in the Christian faith alongside others seeking the same, to talk about God and to serve God in the world

The One Voice Podcast has continued to be produced each month and has remained a valuable means of sharing the Christian message.

LEARNING and CARING, which is equipping and resourcing people for mission and Christian relationships.

It has been a positive encouragement to witness growth within a number of our Boys and Girls Brigade groups across the Circuit, the continued support for the circuit planned bible study groups has also been encouraging.

We remain intentional about 'Re-imagining' the work and organisation of the Circuit in order to grow as a mission focused Christian organisation seeking to serve our community. This means that our resources need to be utilised and developed in such a way that they are outgoing and outward facing. In 2019 the circuit produced a Property and Resources audit, which has begun to see implementation during this 2021-22 year. The most significant change has been the formation of Northampton Methodist Church as a single trustee body, with multiple worshipping communities across the town.

Review of and financial position of the Circuit

The following summary reflects the financial activities of the Circuit for the year, with the previous 3 years provided for comparison: -

	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Income				
Assessment contributions from circuit churches	276.2	242.9	218.3	230.3
Other income	1.7	1.8	18.3	5.6
Interest	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.1
Rental income	15.9	15.2	11.2	15.8
Total income	294.3	260.3	247.9	252.8
Expenditure				
Ministerial Stipends	148.0	155.4	141.7	116.1
Lay Workers	16.9	17.0	17.0	19.4
Manse maintenance	23.0	25.1	26.3	11.1
Manse utility costs	21.2	23.0	19.5	19.7
Methodist Church Fund	50.0	46.2	42.6	33.5
District Assessment	9.9	10.6	10.0	6.6
Grants	3.0	0.0	0.0	5.5
Levy	0.6	0.0	118.7	8.9
Wootton running costs	5.8	6.8	12.0	5.8
Depreciation	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Other Expenses	25.8	11.5	17.1	24.7
Total expenditure	304.5	295.9	405.2	251.6
Net incoming/ (outgoing) resources	(10.2)	(35.6)	(157.3)	1.2
Increase/ (Reduction) in manse valuation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gain/ (Loss) on Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/ (Decrease) in value of funds	(10.2)	(35.6)	(157.3)	1.2

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessment paid by the circuit churches. The 2021-22 contributions requested were reduced from those prior to the pandemic reflecting the lower overall funding requirement consequent on a reduction in full time ministerial staffing.

The rental income relates to the rental of a manse to the Vineyard Church, along with letting income generated from Wootton Trinity.

Other income during 2021-22 relates to grant income received from the District towards the production cost of the monthly One Voice podcast.

Expenditure trends

Ministerial stipends have increased each financial year in line with conference approved increases, the reduction in 2021/22 reflects the reduction of one in the full time ministerial team.

During the year the lay administrators hours of work were increased to full time to support the changes to the governance framework of the local worshipping communities.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit was £230k, of this £180k was being held in the Circuit Model Trust Fund. To replenish the Circuit General Fund a transfer of £40k was actioned during the financial year to ensure adequate funds were available for operational purposes.

Plans for 2022/23

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there are only three full time ordained staff along with usage of our local supernumerary team to provide both preaching and pastoral care support.

It is anticipated that the work of re-imagining the Circuit will continue over the coming year to provide further clarity on the circuits longer term physical and financial structure.

Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard FRS102.

The Charity's report and accounts include all the separately established funds for which the Circuit has primary responsibility.

Full Name of Charity:	Northampton Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1135635
Date of registration	22 April 2010
The circuit office is located at:	Wootton Trinity Christian Centre High Street Wootton Northampton NN4 6LW

The members of the Northampton Methodist Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report.

Circuit Ministers and officers

<u>Active Circuit Ministers</u>	Rev Romeo Pedro, (Until August 2022) Rev David Spiers, Rev Francis M Itiiri, Rev Ian Forsyth (from September 2022)
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<u>Circuit Stewards</u>	Dr Hellen Okello Mrs E Hale Miss P Kirkland Mr P Leeson
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<u>Circuit Treasurer</u>	Mr Keith Brooks,
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<u>Administrator:</u>	Miss Sarah Eason
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Mr K Brooks acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner	Miss C Haynes (ACA) 4 Delamere Road Northampton
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Investment Banker	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
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Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around Northampton for 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 discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Taking religious assemblies in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Northampton District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Circuit is a member of Shared Churches Northampton Ltd in relation to support of the Emmanuel Group of Churches.

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Northampton Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Northampton Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Annual Financial Statements

Basis of preparation

As treasurer I confirm that I have prepared the accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting

Signature of
Treasurer

W K Brooks

Date 23 November
2022

Name

W K Brooks ACMA

Address

2a Stanfield Road
Duston
Northampton

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Circuit Meeting on 23 November 2022 and were approved.

Signature of the
Chair of the meeting

Rev David Speirs

23 November 2022

Name of the Chair of
the meeting

Rev David Speirs

Date

23 November 2022

Statement of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2022

		Unrestricted funds	Model Trust Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2021- 22
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations, legacies & grants		4,722				4,722
Church assessments		230,281				230,281
Lettings		9,480		6,332		15,812
- Miscellaneous						-
Investments		231	868			1,099
Other		321		107	490	918
Total		245,035	868	6,439	490	252,832
Expenditure on:						
Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	135,535		2,395		137,930
District Assessment		6,610				6,610
Methodist Church Fund		33,486				33,486
Telephone & travel		7,665				7,665
Insurance, utilities, etc		19,664		2,770		22,434
Maintenance on manses		11,145				11,145
Expenditure on other Circuit property		4,800		668		5,468
Depreciation	9	250				250
Other Expenditure		10,992	651		500	12,143
Grants and Donations		5,000		500		5,500
Contributions to District Advance Fund			8,921			8,921
Total		235,147	9,572	6,333	500	251,552
Net income/(expenditure)		9,888	(8,704)	106	(10)	1,280
Transfers between funds		30,000	(40,000)	10,000		0
		39,888	(48,704)	10,106	(10)	1,280
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						0
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						0
Net investment in funds		39,888	(48,704)	10,106	(10)	1,280
Total funds brought forward		1,387,511	228,421	200,313	1,174	1,817,419
Total funds carried forward		1,427,399	179,717	210,419	1,164	1,818,699

Comparative Statement of Financial Activities for previous year ended 31 August 2021

		Unrestricted funds	Model Trust Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£
Income and Endowments from:						
Donations, legacies & grants		5,600		3,132		8,732
Church assessments		218,253				218,253
Lettings		9,480		1,765		11,245
- Miscellaneous						-
Investments		66	24	1		91
Other		58	8,907		600	9,565
Total		233,457	8,931	4,898	600	247,886
Expenditure on:						
Stipends, salaries, NIC & Pension costs	6	153,669		2,340		156,009
District Assessment		9,994				9,994
Methodist Church Fund		42,580				42,580
Telephone & travel		6,023				6,023
Insurance, utilities, etc		19,485		8,207		27,692
Maintenance on manses		26,288				26,288
Expenditure on other Circuit property		1,200		1,499		2,699
Depreciation	9	250				250
Other Expenditure		14,299			605	14,904
Grants and Donations						0
Contributions to District Advance Fund			118,728			118,728
Total		273,788	118,728	12,046	605	405,167
Net income/(expenditure)		(40,331)	(109,797)	(7,148)	(5)	(157,281)
Transfers between funds		(337,892)	337,892			0
		(378,223)	228,095	(7,148)	(5)	(157,281)
Gains/(Losses) on revaluation of fixed assets						0
Gains/(Losses) on investment assets						0
Net investment in funds		(378,223)	228,095	(7,148)	(5)	(157,281)
Total funds brought forward		1,765,734	326	207,461	1,179	1,974,700
Total funds carried forward		1,387,511	228,421	200,313	1,174	1,817,419

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Land & Buildings		1,405,808		200,000		1,605,808
Equipment		2,268				2,268
Investment properties						
Investments						
Total fixed assets		1,408,076		200,000		1,608,076
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments		9,548				9,548
Other						
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits			179,717			179,717
Central Finance Board Deposits		63,838		21		63,859
Cash at Bank and in hand		24,691		10,398	1,164	36,253
Total current assets		98,077	179,717	10,419	1,164	289,377
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		58,754				58,754
Net current assets (liabilities)		39,323	179,717	10,419	1,164	230,623
Total assets less current liabilities		1,447,399	179,717	210,419	1,164	1,838,699
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		20,000				20,000
Provisions for liabilities and charges						
Net assets		1,427,399	179,717	210,419	1,164	1,818,699
Funds of the Circuit						
Unrestricted funds		21,591				21,591
Property reserve		1,405,808		200,000		1,605,808
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			179,717			179,717
Designated funds	12			10,419		10,419
Restricted funds	12				1,164	1,164
Total Funds		1,427,399	179,717	210,419	1,164	1,818,699

Comparative Balance Sheet for 31 August 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £
Tangible Fixed Assets						
Land & Buildings		1,405,808		200,000		1,605,808
Equipment		2,518				2,518
Investment properties						
Investments						
Total fixed assets		1,408,326		200,000		1,608,326
Current Assets						
Debtors and Prepayments		9,093				9,093
Other						
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits			228,421			228,421
Central Finance Board Deposits		31,870		21		31,891
Cash at Bank and in hand		7,563		292	1,174	9,029
Total current assets		48,526	228,421	313	1,174	278,434
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		49,341				49,341
Net current assets (liabilities)		(815)	228,421	313	1,174	229,093
Total assets less current liabilities		1,407,511	228,421	200,313	1,174	1,837,419
Loans and creditors due after 1 year		20,000				20,000
Provisions for liabilities and charges						
Net assets		1,387,511	228,421	200,313	1,174	1,817,419
Funds of the Circuit						
Unrestricted funds		(18,297)				-18,297
Property reserve		1,405,808		200,000		1,605,808
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			228,421			228,421
Designated funds	12			313		313
Restricted funds	12				1,174	1,174
Total Funds		1,387,511	228,421	200,313	1,174	1,817,419

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2015 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 2 issued in 2018.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

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 and land and buildings at deemed current value. Accruals accounting principles have been adopted as far as practical to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

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.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £350,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life 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

Investment properties – In 2020 accounts 16 Booth Lane was deemed to not be required for the long term purposes of the charity and was reclassified as an investment property, details of the sale transaction during 2021 are included within Note 9.

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

The prepayment included in the accounts is in respect of ministerial stipends paid in August due on 1st September..

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2021/22	2020/21
Number of Trustees	8	6
Total amount	£7,749	£5,779

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	Nil	Nil
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	Nil	Nil

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	105,848	117,945
Employer's National Insurance costs	9,761	10,551
Pension costs	21,838	26,839
Apprenticeship levy	483	673
Total staff costs	137,930	156,008

Average number of employees in the year were:

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 there are no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2022.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2021/22 £	2020/21 £
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under constructio n £	Total £
Balance brought forward	152,000	1,263,808	190,000	4,863		1,610,671
Additions						
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers * (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	152,000	1,263,808	190,000	4,863		1,610,671

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward				2,345		2,345
Depreciation charge for year (-)				250		250
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward				2,595		2,595

Net book value

Brought forward	152,000	1,263,808	190,000	2,518		1,608,326
Carried forward	152,000	1,263,808	190,000	2,268		1,608,076

10 Investment assets

The Circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has a loan from the District of £20,000 in respect of initial funding related to the redevelopment of the Kingsthorpe Church. This has been treated as a long term creditor.

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Restricted fund						
Benevolent Fund	1,174	490	500		1,164	Support for individuals in specific need
2020/21	1,179	600	605		1,174	
Designated funds						
Development Fund	912	106	500		518	Available for funding outreach and development work
2020/21	912	0	0		912	
Wootton Trinity Fund	(598)	6,332	5,833	10,000	9901	Fund designated for the operation & maintenance of the centre.
2020/21	6,549	4,899	12,046		(598)	
Totals	314	6,438	6,333	10,000	10,419	
2020/21	7,461	4,899	12,046		314	

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Northampton Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 and is carried out under Sections 145 of the Charities Act 2011.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

As Trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The Charity's Trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under Section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 and that an independent examination is needed. The charity is preparing accrued accounts and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of Institute of Chartered Accountants England & Wales.

It is my responsibility to:

- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a "true and fair view" and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
 - to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act ; and
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or .
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
- (3) I have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 at the balance sheet date.

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