



Annual Report

2024 - 2025

Nene Valley Methodist Circuit

Charity No.1135896

The Circuit

The Circuit consists of 7 Churches situated in Higham Ferrers/Rushden, Irchester, Irthlingborough, Raunds, Wellingborough, Earls Barton and Wollaston. The Circuit is committed to worship, learning and caring, service and evangelism. There is good support/fellowship and sharing of resources between the Church communities with an ever-growing sense of belonging to one another across the Circuit. Conversations about becoming One Trusteeship are at an early stage but initial plans have been positively received.

Our Mission Statement

Our Mission Statement, based on the Parable of the Sower (Matthew 13) is

To Plant Faith, Grow God's Kingdom and Provide Places Where All People Can Flourish

As a Circuit we will endeavour to support our Mission Statement by:

- Encouraging one another in our daily walk with Christ as well as showing others the love of God within our lives by our actions.
- Continuing to nurture and grow our discipleship and remaining open to new challenges in finding different ways of worshipping and learning together.
- Discerning with congregations to identify and develop a range of activities to welcome and meet the needs of the wider communities.
- Supporting each person to meet their full potential
- Reaching out and engaging in sustainable mission activities which are appropriate for each setting which will become embedded in the life of the Church.

Since September 2023, we have employed two Mission Enablers to encourage our congregations to look to grow God's Kingdom through sharing our faith both in person and online using social media so that we connect with people further than in the communities where we live.

Since April 2024 we have employed an operations manager who supports the Circuit staff and Circuit Leadership team in dealing with finance, property, safeguarding and GDPR and providing administrative support to Church Leadership teams and to the superintendent minister in order that they can be more focused on mission and pastoral care.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Nene Valley	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Northampton	District	Circuit no	23/23
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Ruth Moss
Debbie Craggs

Treasurer:

Ruth Austen

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

Nene Valley

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	Assessment/Share		153,695			153,695	164,455
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,792	2,904	287	4,983	10,061
a5	Grants				10,653	10,653	6,000
a6	Other receipts		12,309		350	12,659	13,582
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		167,796	2,904	11,290	181,990 (a8)	194,098

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		123,482		6,000	129,482	103,827
b3	Manse Costs		8,598			8,598	7,863
b4	Administration etc		3,239	1,760		4,999	6,624
b5	District Assessment		33,410			33,410	25,449
b6	Grants & donations				350	350	125,200
b7							
b8	Other payments		20,698		339	21,037	12,930
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		189,427	1,760	6,689	197,876 (b9)	281,893

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(21,631)	1,144	4,601	(15,886)	(87,795)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		132,514	62,301	6,035	200,850	288,645
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	110,883	63,445	10,636	184,964	200,850
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	110,883	63,445	10,636	184,964 (c8)	200,850 (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					171
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					171
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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)	181,990 (a8)	197,876 (b9)	(15,886)	(c7)	200,850 (c6)	184,964 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	181,990	197,876	(15,886)		200,850 (x)	184,964 (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 Cash in hand	195	358
f2 Bank Current Account		
f3 Bank Deposit Account	132,319	114,858
f4 Central Finance Board	62,301	63,445
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	6,035	6,303
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	200,850 (c6)	184,964 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	200,850 (x)	184,964 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	4726	4726
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	796,301	1,021,244
g3 Other Assets		576
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		291


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..... 18/3/2026

Name and address of treasurer Ruth Austen, 9 Berkeley Close Northampton

..... Post Code..... NN1 5BJ

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 23rd March 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Leif Lunn Chairperson Date 18/3/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Nene Valley Circuit

Charity Number 1135896

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Nene Valley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 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 *Pymccarthy*

Name of independent examiner *PETER MCCARTHY*

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Name of firm (where appropriate)

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