

CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT

(Charity Registration No. 1136126)

Circuit No. 28/08

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year ended 31 August 2024

**CANNOCK CHASE METHODIST CIRCUIT
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Introduction

Following the closure of two churches, Chase Terrace and Trinity Hednesford, in the year ended 31st August 2024, and at the start of this year two churches, Bourne, Heath Hayes and Trinity Norton Canes united and became one at Norton Canes. The Circuit now consists of 16 churches on and around the geographical area in South Staffordshire known as Cannock Chase.

These churches are used primarily to provide places of Christian worship, education and fellowship for the people around those places. The buildings are also used to provide rooms for a variety of community activities.

Aims and organisation

The Circuit exists to worship God, serve our communities and grow our churches.

Review of the year

During the year the ministers were Rev Samantha Hagerman (Superintendent), Rev Christopher Ambler, Deacon Susan Culver, and Rev Jacob Donkoh. The Rev Jacob Donkoh left the Circuit at 31st August 2024 and moved to work in another Methodist circuit, and he was replaced by Rev Elizabeth Dunning. There were also seven Supernumerary Ministers who assisted in the running of the Circuit and with the preaching. They are: John Bates, Helen Hoe, Christopher Parkes, Alan Jenkins, Deacon Janet Jenkins, Sheila Walker and Deacon Jan Sutton.

To assist the ministers with their work the Circuit employed 1 Lay Pastoral Assistant (until 20th June 2024) and 1 Circuit Administrator.

At the end of the year the Circuit had twenty eight fully accredited local preachers on the Plan of which seventeen are active and three local preachers on trial, none on note and there are thirteen worship leaders.

During the year, across the Circuit, there were approximately 210 Sunday services each quarter. These services are, in the main, conducted by the Ministerial Staff, Supernumerary Ministers, Local Preachers and some visiting preachers. On occasions when there are insufficient preachers available then local arrangements have to be made. To ease the difficulties of filling the preaching plan some churches are holding united services.

In addition to Sunday Services several of the churches in the circuit hold midweek services which are seen as relaxed and informal and in many cases attract a wider congregation from across the denominations.

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Youth work is maintained in some of our churches with Youth Clubs and uniformed organisations such as Boys Brigades, Girls Brigade, Brownies, Guides.

Income trends

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Expenditure trends

Stipends are increased each financial year in line with increases approved by the Methodist Conference. Stipends, national insurance and pension contributions were 42% of all expenditure.

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£27,582 was spent on repairs and maintenance of the six manses

Fund balances

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Plans for 2024/25

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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 2024 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(FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity:	Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit
Registration Charity Number:	1136126
Date of registration:	1st June 2010
Main communication address:	Mr Keith Rothery, 64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

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

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers	Rev Samantha Hagerman Deacon Susan Culver Rev Jacob Donkoh (until 31st August 2024) Rev Christopher Ambler
Circuit Lay Workers	Mr Mark Timothy (until 20th June 2024)
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Barbara Brooks Mrs Elaine Croft
Administrator	Mrs Barbara Brooks
Treasurer	Mr Keith Rothery who acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.
Independent Examiner	Elaine Glover A.C.M.A. Haywood Accounting Solutions Ltd 4 Coppenhall Mews Coppenhall Staffordshire. ST18 9BA
Investment Bankers	Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a Resource provider within the area around the Cannock Chase 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 Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following 16 Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Bethel, Bridgtown	Brereton	Burntwood
Cannock Wood	Chadsmoor	Chasetown
Featherstone	Great Wyrley	Handsacre
Mill Street, Cannock	Penkridge	Salem, Cheslyn Hay
St Paul's, Rugeley	St Stephen's, Cannock	
Trinity and Bourne, Norton Canes		Upper Landywood

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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 Cannock Chase 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 Cannock Chase 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 six months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses 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.

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies	4	40,736					40,736	420
2 Income from monetary investments	5	0	15,470		1,075		16,545	3,920
3 Income from investment properties	6	26,953					26,953	13,480
4 Assessments on Churches	7	238,770					238,770	226,680
5 Capital Receipts			562,822				562,822	0
6 Grants received							0	0
7 Other charitable income		420					420	802
8 Total income		306,879	578,292	0	1,075	0	886,246	245,302
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	8						0	1,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	9	164,536					164,536	148,512
11 Property maintenance		50,600					50,600	26,999
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0	0
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	65,210	2,303				67,513	64,707
14 Depreciation							0	0
15 Office expenses	11	5,198					5,198	3,034
16 Other outgoings	12	52,531	269				52,800	13,140
17 Total charitable expenditure		338,075	2,572	0	0	0	340,647	257,392
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties								
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(31,196)	575,720	0	1,075	0	545,599	(12,090)
21 Transfers between funds		15,621	(15,621)				0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								
23 Net movement in funds		(15,575)	560,099	0	1,075	0	545,599	(12,090)
24 Total funds brought forward		672,712	92,136	0	37,903	0	802,751	814,841
25 Total funds carried forward		657,137	652,235	0	38,978	0	1,348,350	802,751

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2024	Totals 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	673,780				673,780	673,780
Investment properties						0	0
Investments	16					0	0
Total fixed assets		673,780	0	0	0	673,780	673,780

Current Assets

Debtors	17	20,909				20,909	26,005
Loans by the Circuit		0				0	0
Investments with TMCP		2,412	652,235			654,647	94,548
Central Finance Board Deposits				18,899		18,899	34,589
Cash at Bank and in hand	17	21,312		20,079		41,391	28,510
Total current assets		44,633	652,235	0	38,978	735,846	183,652

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	61,276				61,276	54,681
Grants payable						0	0
Total current liabilities		61,276	0	0	0	61,276	54,681
Net current assets/liabilities		-16,643	652,235	0	38,978	674,570	128,971

Total assets less current liabilities		657,137	652,235	0	38,978	0	1,348,350	802,751
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Long term liabilities								
Loans to the Circuit	20					0		
						0		
Net assets		657,137	652,235	0	38,978	0	1,348,350	802,751

Funds of the Circuit

General Fund (Unrestricted)	21	657,137				657,137	672,712
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	21		652,235			652,235	92,136
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0		0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,309,372	764,848
Restricted Funds	21				38,978	38,978	37,903
Endowment Funds						0	0
Total Funds		657,137	652,235	0	38,978	0	802,751

Signed



Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 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 1 issued in 2016.

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 also the following Endowment funds as listed. 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, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Income Recognition

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

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values. 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 property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

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

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

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

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4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£		£	£	£
Donations	855			855	420
Legacies - Funds from closed churches	39,881			39,881	0
Total	40,736	0	0	40,736	420

5. Investment income	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	Unrestricted	£	£	£
Central Finance Board	0		1,076	1,076	967
TMCP		15,470		15,470	2,953
Other	0			0	0
Total	0	15,470	1,076	16,546	3,920

6. Income from investment properties.	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	Unrestricted	£	£	£
Rent received from the letting of the empty manses	26,953			26,953	13,480
Asset sale receipts from the closed churches		562,822		562,822	0
	26,953	562,822	0	629,656	13,480

7. Assessments	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Bethel, Bridgtown	5,280	4,520
Bourne		
Brereton	6,400	5,480
Burntwood	21,560	18,440
Cannock Wood	3,090	3,520
Chadsmoor	26,560	22,720
Chase Terrace		
Chasetown	21,520	18,400
Featherstone	6,880	5,880
Florence Street		
Great Wyrley	14,080	12,040
Handsacre	8,520	7,280
Mill Street	3,960	3,400
Penkridge	25,840	22,080
Salem, Cheslyn Hay	20,240	20,240
St. Paul's	27,000	23,080
St. Stephen's	31,080	26,560
Trinity, Hednesford	0	18,720
Trinity and Bourne, Norton Canes	10,200	8,720
Upper Landywood	6,560	5,600
Total	238,770	226,680

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8. Grants and Donations	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£		£	£	£
Handsacre M. C.				0	500
Upper Landywood M.C.				0	500
Total	0	0	0	0	1,000

9. Salaries & associated costs	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Ministers - Stipends	105,166	98,134
Pension Contribution	28,117	25,353
National Insurance	9,513	8,652
Lay Workers - Wages	21,740	16,373
Total	164,536	148,512

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 5 5

10. District Assessment & Levy	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District	62,570	60,432
URC Assessment	2,640	1,980
District Advance Fund	2,303	2,295
Total	67,513	64,707

11. Office Expenses	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Telephone and Internet	3,093	2,107
Printing, Postage and Stationery	2,105	927
	5,198	3,034

12 Other outgoings	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£
Travel Expenses - Ministers	8,898	3,689
Travel Expenses - Lay Workers	3,465	2,055
Supernumerary Preaching Allowances	1,103	715
Removal Expenses	0	0
Quinquennial Inspections	2,088	4,080
Church Closure Costs	16,241	0
Monies from closed churches given to churches taking their members	12,500	0
Miscellaneous	8,505	2,601
	52,800	13,140

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13. Payment to Trustees

	This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting	£ None	None

Number of trustees who were paid expenses	2	2
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Nature of the expenses

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

Total amount paid	£ 3,465	2,055
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14. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	£ 350	235
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Other fees (e.g.: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	£ 0	0
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15 Tangible Fixed Assets

Detail of assets held, State number of manses, specifically reference other buildings managed by the circuit and separately identify property treated as investment property. Provided summary information in respect of other categories and specific reference should be made in respect of any assets under construction

Cost or valuation

	Residential Land £	Other Land £	Six Manses £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			673,780					673,780
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward			673,780					673,780

Accumulated depreciation

** Basis	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate				

Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers* (+/-)								
Balance carried forward								
Net book value								
Brought forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780
Carried forward	-	-	673,780	-	-	-	-	673,780

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

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16 Investments

NONE

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

		This year	Last Year
Investments listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Investments held in common investment funds,			
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange			
Other investments			
Total			

Change in investment values

Carrying (market) value at beginning of year			
Add: additions to investments at cost			
Less: disposals at carrying value			
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation			
Carrying (market) value at end of year			

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17. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid Stipends

Accrued income

Other debtors

Total debtors and prepayments

This year

Last year

£

£

13,768	11,818
7,141	14,187
20,909	26,005

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in HSBC Bank plc

Bank balance held in Methodist Chapel Aid

Bank balance held in (Name of bank)

Total Cash and Bank

41,391	28,510
41,391	28,510

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

Other Creditors (Assessments received in advance)

Total Current Liabilities

£	13,046	8,201
£	48,230	46,480
£	61,276	54,681

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2024.

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20. Loans

NONE

Source	Purpose of loan	Amount brought forward	New borrowings	Loan interest	Repayable in the year	Balance at year end
Totals						X

					Totals	
Repayment due						
Due within 12 months	31/08/2025					
Due between 1 and 5 years	31/08/2026	31/08/2027	31/08/2028	31/08/2029		
Due later than 5 years						
Note: the two totals X and Y must agree						
						Y

21. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	672,712	306,879	338,075	15,621	657,137	
Circuit Advance Fund	92,137	578,292	2,573	-15,621	652,235	
Totals	764,849	885,171	340,648		1,309,372	

Restricted Funds

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Running Expenses	28,696	815			29,511	For reserve policy
Mission & Outreach	5,485	156			5,641	
Education Fund	3,721	105			3,826	
Totals	37,902	1,076			38,978	

Endowment Name	How the capital is invested	The current value of the capital	Annual income	What the income was used for
	Totals			

The reasons for the transfers between funds were as follows:

To replace funds expended on major repairs and refurbishment of three manse over the last two years

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 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

25 March 2025

Name of Treasurer

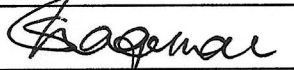
Keith Rothery

Address

64 Thorpe Street, Burntwood, Staffordshire. WS7 1NJ

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024, in draft form were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 5th February 2025, and the final accounts were emailed to Circuit Meeting members on 20th February 2025 for acceptance by them.

Signature of the Chair
of the meetingName of the Chair of
the meeting

Revd Samantha Hagerman

Date

23.06.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31st August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

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

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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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My 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 (other than as disclosed below*)

(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.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

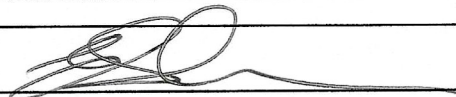
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /~~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, via sight of bank statements and fund statements.

Name of independent examiner

Elaine Glover

Signature of independent examiner



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