

Type of Governing document: DEED OF UNION (1932) AND METHODIST CHURCH ACT (1976)

Charity Constitution: previously excepted charities - excepted charities were not required to register but are regulated by the Charity Commission. This is because they have been excepted from the requirement to register either by legislation or an order made by us. Churches and chapels of some Christian denominations: The Charities Act 2006 required excepted charities with an annual income over £100,000 to register with us.

Charity trustee selection methods: Charity trustees for the West Norfolk Methodist Circuit are appointed as per the rules of the Methodist Church. They are a mixture of stationed ministers, volunteer elected stewards and volunteer representatives elected from individual constituent chapels within the Circuit.

Summary of the objectives of the charity: 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 THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH.
- (B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSES 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.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit:

What

RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES - the West Norfolk Methodist Circuit has four Methodist Ministers (three Presbyters and one Deacon) of which two are full time and two are part time, plus an Anglican who is Authorised to serve, working in the Circuit and facilitates local chapels such that religious worship may be undertaken by any and all people wishing to do so. It also makes available its services for baptisms, weddings and funerals as well as providing pastoral care. Many volunteers within the Methodist Church are Lay Preachers who lead worship and many other volunteers take on a variety of roles to promote the religious ethos of the charity.

Who

THE GENERAL PUBLIC/MANKIND - any member of the community may attend any services and can seek help and/or support from members of the charity.

How

PROVIDES SERVICES - regular local and Circuit wide religious services are provided within the Circuit on various days and at various times. Services are also held in Retirement Homes. Youth work is undertaken in the local area and Youth activities are organised and supported. A "Social Centre" in one of the church buildings is supported for the benefit of vulnerable people.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity in 2023-2024

Ordained Ministers - the Circuit continued to financially support its full-time stationed Ministers plus part time Ministers who enable the charitable objectives of the Circuit to be fulfilled amongst its members.

Circuit Policy — The circuit continued to act on the agreed policy which is reviewed annually and is on the agenda for each September Circuit Meeting.

Major activities were fund-raising events to provide a borehole and a satellite internet link in Matjinge, Zimbabwe, at the school which one of our ministers attended. This was very successful and fulfilled the missional ethos of the Methodist Church.

Growing in God — volunteers from the Circuit continued to support a number of local projects involving youth activities. Guiding, scouting and Boys' Brigade activities were also enabled under the auspices of the Circuit and its chapels. Special event services were held, both on Sundays and midweek, both via Zoom and "in person", in order to enable whole Circuit participation. Mid-week activities were organised in most churches to support their communities e.g. warm spaces.

Risks- The trustees review the risks to which the charity is exposed and take steps to mitigate those risks as appropriate. Safeguarding policy is kept up to date in accordance with new legislation.

Reserves policy— Our reserves policy relates to our General (Unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any or all purposes of the Circuit. Our reserve policy is to hold up to 50% of annual expenditure in hand, including the Manses Fund, but is currently about 57% standing at £168,456 with the annual expenditure being £294,560. These reserve funds allow for fluctuations in receipts against set payments and act as contingency funds.

Circuit Model Trust Fund (Restricted Fund). This fund derives from the sale of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal obligation although the fund may be used for a variety of purposes. The balance at the year-end was £350,540.

The Charity Commission has previously agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of this fund as set out below.

Money held in the Model Trust Fund will be held available to assist churches in carrying out schemes beyond their own resources in addition to funding the provision of Manses and Chapels and supporting the work of the Circuit. Schemes supported this year have been: £6,377 on Ministerial subsidy to support the work of the Circuit, £9,530 on building repairs, £9,391 to East Anglia Methodist District and £31,813 on Manse renovations.

Signatures:



Revd P Critchley — Superintendent Minister 20th April 2026

Mrs S Johnson --- Senior Circuit Steward . 20th April 2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

WEST NORFOLK	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025

EAST ANGLIA	District	Circuit no	14 /20
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1136177

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

2420

(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. P. CRITCHLEY
REV. R. NCUBE
REV. J. GODDARD
DEACON L. TONGE

Circuit Stewards:

MRS. S. JOHNSON
MR. R. WEBB
MRS. R. VYSE
MRS. L. DENT
MR. D. SCOTNEY

Treasurer:

MR D. & MRS. L. DENT

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025

WEST NORFOLK

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		180,750			180,750	180,958
a3	Capital receipts		2,393	238,702		241,096	211,457
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,617	12,293		18,910	13,764
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		42,918			42,918	76,222
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		232,678	250,996		483,673 (a8)	482,401

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		128,259			128,259	137,288
b3	Manse Costs		55,184			55,184	29,219
b4	Administration etc		11,563	773		12,336	12,242
b5	District Assessment		44,626			44,626	42,621
b6	Grants & donations			18,921		18,921	2,010
b7							
b8	Other payments		35,234	71,481		106,715	94,709
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		274,866	91,175		366,041 (b9)	318,089

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(42,188)	159,821		117,633	164,312
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		163,544	237,819		401,363 (c6)	237,052
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	121,356	397,640		518,996	401,364
c4	Transfers and adjustments		47,100	(47,100)			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	168,456	350,540		518,996 (c8)	401,364 (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						
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

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)	483,673 (a8)	366,041 (b9)	117,633	(c7)	401,363 (c6)	518,996 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	483,673	366,041	117,633		401,363 (x)	518,996 (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

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2026		BALANCES		BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	12,984		12,141	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	150,560		156,315	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	237,819		350,540	
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL	401,363	(c6)	518,996	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		(e11)		(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	401,363	(x)	518,996	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES		1 September 2024	31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	3785	3858
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,940,489	1,987,022
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

q1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit ... WEST NORFOLK NO. 14 / 20

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 D. Dent Date 28/10/2025
Name and address of treasurer DEARBURY EAST END HILLWAY
..... Post Code PE38 0JH

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 11th MARCH, 2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. P. CROFT Date 11/03/2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

WEST NORFOLK Circuit

Charity Number 1136177

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the WEST NORFOLK Circuit
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 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

Name of Circuit ...WEST NORFOLK..... NO. 14 / 20

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 

Name of independent examiner CLIFFORD SHELTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner A.C.M.A. C.C.M.A.

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 1 WOODLAND GARDENS, NORTH WOOTTON,
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Date 4th March 2024

* delete or circle as appropriate