



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 01.09.22022 Period start date To 31.08.2023 Period end date

Charity name: Altrincham Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1137097

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the 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 <p>The circuit is a managing body of the four Methodist churches in the Altrincham area. The four churches are Altrincham Methodist Church, Bowdon Vale Methodist Church, Timperley Methodist Church and Hale Methodist Church (The Vine).</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 4 Methodist Churches and the Methodist Home for the Aged in its geographical area. These are open to all people, without charge.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Circuit Leadership Team is made up of volunteers and ordained ministers who together consider the direction for spiritual growth and social enterprise within the geographical area of the circuit.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>Altrincham Methodist Circuit has continued to provide pastoral services as well as services to youth and families in the circuit.</p> <p>The circuit is looking into supporting Trafford Council by providing help to refugees in Hale.</p>

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The circuit sold a manse property during the year which boosted the cash held at the end of the year to £3943,746
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Altrincham Methodist Circuit primarily gets it's funding from the churches in the circuit through an assessment.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointment by the Circuit Meeting or appointment to the Circuit Meeting by Church Councils or General Church Meetings.

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Altrincham Methodist Circuit
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1137097
Charity's principal address	The Office Altrincham Methodist Church Woodlands Road ALTRINCHAM Cheshire WA14 1HF

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Graham Edwards	Superintendent Presbyter		Methodist Conference
2	Liz Harwood	Circuit Steward		All other trustees appointed
3	Jacqueline Griffith	Circuit Steward		by Circuit Meeting or
4	Matthew Davies	Circuit Steward		Representatives from
5	Simon Beales	Circuit Finance Team		Church Councils
6	Ian Roberts	Circuit Finance Team		
7	Helen Brankin	AMC		
8	Dorothy Bretherton	Local Preacher		
9	Lesley Entwistle	AMC		
10	Christina Green	MHA		
11	Laura Grewer	AMC		
12	Thomas Hague	BVMC		
13	Sarah Hague	BVMC		
14	David Jolley	BVMC		
15	Beryl Hunwick	HMC		
16	Christine Hynes	TMC		
17	Kevin Jaquiss	HMC		
18	Pauline Roberts	AMC		
19	Susan Taylor	Action for Children		
20	Paul Winnington	HMC		
21	Susan Woods	HMC		

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Thomas Hague	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Circuit Treasurer	
Date	28.06.2024	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Altrincham	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2023

Manchester & Stockport	District	Circuit no	19/08
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1137097

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

(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 Graham Edwards

Circuit Stewards:

Mr Matthew Davies
Mrs Liz Harwood
Mrs Jacky Griffiths

Treasurer:

Mr Simon Beales

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	✓	130,362			130,362	123,074
a3	Capital receipts			628,496		628,496	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		216	3,563		3,779	107
a5	Grants		5,046			5,046	
a6	Other receipts		12,976	✓	25,466	38,442	16,495
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		148,600	632,059	25,466	806,125 (a8)	139,676

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	✓	102,391			102,391	119,785
b3	Manse Costs		18,267	✓		18,267	10,617
b4	Administration etc		9,198	✓		9,198	10,721
b5	District Assessment		32,248	✓		32,248	31,088
b6	Grants & donations		1,100	✓		1,100	1,100
b7	Training and Development		287	✓		287	469
b8	Other payments		16,724	✓	227,487	25,466	2,986
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		180,214	227,487	25,466	433,167 (b9)	176,765

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(31,614)	404,572		372,958	(37,090)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		17,624	3,164		20,788 (c6)	57,878
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(13,990)	407,737		393,746	20,788
c4	Transfers and adjustments		20,000	(20,000)			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	6,010	387,737		393,746 (c8)	20,788 (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					132	132
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations						493
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						493
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					132	132

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 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.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Dementia Conversations					68	68
e2 Church wages & pensions	25,466	25,466	0		(0)	(0)
e3 Ocean Outpost					40	40
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	25,466	25,466	0		108 (e11)	108 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	806,125 (a8)	433,167 (b9)	372,958	(c7)	20,788 (c6)	393,746 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	831,591	458,633	372,958		20,896 (x)	393,854 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1,420	1,873 ✓
f3 Bank Deposit Account	8	8 ✓
f4 Central Finance Board	15,372	3,988 ✓
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	3,164	387,737 ✓
f6 Other funds	716	33 ✓
f7 SUB TOTAL	20,680 (c6)	393,639 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	108 (e11)	108 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	20,788 (x)	393,746 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	911,882	620,485
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

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in (line f5))

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 the 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 (other than that 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

- (3) I have/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 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

* Please circle as appropriate

Name

S. Halsall

Signature

SJE HALSALL

Relevant Professional qualification or body

CIMA

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Date

27/11/23