



Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit
Registered Charity No. 1139498

Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit Trustees' Annual Report
for the period from 1st September 2023 to 31st August 2024
Charity registration number: 1139498

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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Reference and Administrative Details

Charity Name

The name of the charity is Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit.

Registered Charity Number

The registered charity number is 1139498.

Charity's Principal Address

Mid Derbyshire Circuit Office
Belper Community Cottage
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Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for preparing the Report of the Trustees and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales, the Charities Act 2011, Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed requires the trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, including the income and expenditure, of the charity for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
- observe the methods and principles in the Charity SORP.
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements.
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

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Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

These trustees form the Circuit Leadership Team, who are delegated with the day-to-day running of the circuit.

| | 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 Ann Miller Anderson | Superintendent Minister | | Ex officio |
| 2 | Deacon Michaela Jayne Doherty | Circuit Minister | 1 st September to 15 th November 2023 | Ex officio |
| 3 | Rev Helen Ruth Penfold | Circuit Minister | | Ex officio |
| 4 | Rev Timothy Paul Simms | Circuit Minister | | Ex officio |
| 5 | Ruth Beresford | Circuit Steward | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 6 | Kathleen Brydon | Circuit Steward | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 7 | Sandra Haycock | Circuit Steward | From 20 th September 2023 | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 8 | Lesley Vivienne Joy Palfreyman | Circuit Steward | 1 st to 20 th September 2023 | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 9 | Paul Albert Selby | Circuit Steward | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 10 | David Shirtcliffe | Circuit Steward | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 11 | Eddie Sweet | Circuit Steward | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 12 | Judith Anne Milner | Lay Employee | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 13 | Roanna Joy Pilsbury | Lay Employee | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 14 | Gillian Dorothy Stamp | Lay Employee | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |

Names of any other people who served as charity trustees in the financial year in question

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| 15 | Rev Kevin Price | Minister in Local Ecumenical Partnership | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 16 | Rev Adrian Smith | Supernumerary Minister | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 17 | Rev Juan Thompson | Supernumerary Minister | 1 st September to 30 th November 2023 | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 18 | Rev Anthony Wells | Supernumerary Minister | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |
| 19 | Margaret Garratt | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ambergate Church Council |
| 20 | Paul Garratt | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ambergate Church Council |
| 21 | Jane Gentry | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Belper Church Council |
| 22 | Christine Nelson | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Belper Church Council |
| 23 | Jennifer Scotchbrook | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Belper Church Council |
| 24 | Dorothy Annette Taylor | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Codnor Church Council |
| 25 | Kathleen Mary Hassall | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Codnor Church Council |

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| 26 | Helen Rogers | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Cromford Church Council |
| 27 | Timothy Nigel Everard Rogers | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Cromford Church Council |
| 28 | Gill Clifton | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Darley Dale Church Council |
| 29 | Monica Render | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Darley Dale Church Council |
| 30 | Jeanette Anne Welch | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Darley Dale Church Council |
| 31 | Andrew Bales | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Denby Bottles Church Council |
| 32 | Beverley Margaret Evans | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Heage Church Council |
| 33 | Lynne Terry | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Heage Church Council |
| 34 | Sheila Wheatley | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Holbrook Moor Church Council |
| 35 | Helen Elizabeth Whitham | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Holbrook Moor Church Council |
| 36 | John Daglish | Rep to Circuit Meeting | 1 st to 19 th September 2023 | Holloway Church Council |
| 37 | Marjorie Ann Thoday | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Holloway Church Council |
| 38 | Barbara Moore | Rep to Circuit Meeting | 1 st September 2023 to 11 th March 2024 | Horsley Woodhouse Church Council |
| 39 | Pamela Jean Nelson | Rep to Circuit Meeting | From 11 th March 2024 | Horsley Woodhouse Church Council |
| 40 | Phyllis Shaw | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Horsley Woodhouse Church Council |
| 41 | Brenda Jean Clarke | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ilkeston Church Council |
| 42 | Michael Edward Parker | Rep to Circuit Meeting | 1 st September 2023 to 3 rd May 2024 | Ilkeston Church Council |
| 43 | Tony Stevens | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ilkeston Church Council |
| 44 | Mark Ratcliffe | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Marehay Waingroves Church Council |
| 45 | Christine Dianne Richards | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Marehay Waingroves Church Council |
| 46 | Viv Walters | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Marehay Waingroves Church Council |
| 47 | Penny Brown | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Matlock Methodist & United Reformed Church Council |
| 48 | Mike Haynes | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Matlock Methodist & United Reformed Church Council |
| 49 | Alan Piper | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Matlock Moor Church Council |
| 50 | Christine Diane Piper | Rep to Circuit Meeting | From 11 th March 2024 | Matlock Moor Church Council |
| 51 | Gillian Chatto | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Nether Heage Church Council |
| 52 | Karen Julie Morley | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Nether Heage Church Council |
| 53 | Karen Biggs | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ripley Church Council |

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| 54 | Elaine Grout | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ripley Church Council |
| 55 | Scott Handbury | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Ripley Church Council |
| 56 | Anne Brown | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | St. Andrew's Church, Langley Mill, Church Council |
| 57 | Peter Charles Norman | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Tansley Church Council |
| 58 | Sylvia Norman | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Tansley Church Council |
| 59 | Irene Bourne | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | United Church of All Saints, Stanley Common, Church Council |
| 60 | Sheila Ivy Redfern | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Wellspring Church, Wirksworth, Trustees |
| 61 | Susan Margaret Watts | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | Wellspring Church, Wirksworth, Trustees |
| 62 | Alan Hickingbotham | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | West Hallam Church Council |
| 63 | Andrew John Pierson | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | West Hallam Church Council |
| 64 | Lesley Ann Tooley | Rep to Circuit Meeting | | West Hallam Church Council |
| 65 | Anne Kettlewell | Circuit Safeguarding Officer | | Mid Derbyshire Circuit |

Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day-to-day management of trust property. The Managing Trustees act under the guidance and direction of TMCP and thus comply with charity law and Methodist law and policy, as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Name and Address of Auditor

David Mellor FCA
Johnson Tidsall Chartered Accountants & Statutory Auditor
81 Burton Road
Derby
DE1 1TJ

Name of Superintendent Minister

Rev Ann Anderson

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Objectives and Activities

Summary of the Purposes of the Charity as set out in the Governing Document

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 organization 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 in Relation to the Purposes of the Charity

The members of the Circuit Meeting are the Managing Trustees for the shared resources (e.g. manses, other properties, financial assets and personnel) related to the group of Methodist churches known as the Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit. At the end of August 2024, the circuit had 18 Methodist worship centres and 4 Local Ecumenical Partnerships (LEPs) in its geographical area. The Methodist worship centres at Marehay and Waingroves are managed by a single Church Council; the others all have their own Church Council.

For worship, a quarterly preaching plan is produced to ensure regular acts of worship take place in all the worship centres; all the acts of worship are open to all people, without charge. The circuit also provides monthly services of worship at Maple Leaf House in Ripley, a purpose-built MHA nursing home for people with dementia. Circuit services are organised from time to time to encourage worship and fellowship for the whole circuit; and new styles of worship are offered with the intention of engaging people in the community, especially children, young people and families.

For mission, the Circuit Mission Plan was updated and adopted by the Trustees in December 2023. The Mission Plan is based on the Nottingham and Derby District Mission Plan and focuses on the key components of *A Methodist Way of Life*, a resource produced by the Methodist Connexion to help people on their journey of discipleship. The Circuit Mission Plan includes: events and activities to build relationships within the circuit and to deepen faith; exploring spirituality with people on the periphery of the churches; offering hospitality and activities to engage people in the local communities; and providing training opportunities. The Circuit Mission Plan will continue to be reviewed and updated regularly.

Public Benefit

We confirm that the Managing Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The document *The Five Golden Rules of being a Trustee*, from the Methodist Church, is issued to everyone who becomes a Trustee. The Circuit Mission Plan will continue to be reviewed regularly by the Trustees so that it continues to set out activities which support the purposes of the Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit.

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Achievements and Performance

Summary of the Main Achievements of the Charity

Circuit Worship and Prayer

Muddy Church

Muddy Church continued once a month during the year. Individuals and families from church congregations and on the periphery of church have attended. It is a place for people of all ages to gather outdoors and to connect with the space and with God. The intention is that the time together will be fun and engaging and it is a place to enjoy creation, nature and being together. As well as a different venue being explored each month on a Sunday afternoon, this year there was also a Muddy Church Campout at Bonsall Camp over a weekend in June. Forty-three people attended, including eleven volunteer helpers. The theme of the weekend was Restoration, based on the stories of Jesus and Peter. There was a range of faith experience, with some people having very little faith. Everyone who went was happy with the event and there was a great feeling of fellowship.

Rooted

This quarterly event has continued throughout the year at different venues in the circuit. It is a contemporary worship event, including testimony, prayer, active worship and a simple meal. This year, one of the venues was an outdoor event.

Christianity Month

May 2024 was designated as Christianity Month in the Nottingham and Derby Methodist District. The circuit had two initiatives to join in with this:

1. *Thy Kingdom Come* is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. The circuit held a 24/7 prayer event from 9th to 19th May, with people in the churches praying either alone or in groups at home or in their church for half-hour sessions. It included a period of one hour praying via *Zoom*.
2. The circuit had a Prayer Calendar for the month of May: each church, each Minister and other groups in the circuit were allocated one day in May. They wrote a prayer or prayer points which were put on the circuit Facebook page and the circuit website on the relevant day, along with a photograph relating to the church or people.

Cliff College Festival

Several people from the circuit attended *CliffFest* in May 2024 at Cliff College, a Christian theological college in Calver, Derbyshire. The 2024 festival was called *Rerouted* and included worship, teaching and activities for all ages.

Services of Celebration and Commemoration

These services have been of a traditional nature, except the Circuit Praise Service:

Circuit Advent Celebration

Circuit Ash Wednesday Service

World Day of Prayer Service (ecumenical)

Circuit Celebration Service for a Local Preacher's 60 years of preaching

Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service

Circuit Praise Service

Open Air Songs of Praise Service

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Monthly Prayer Services
Weekly Prayers via Zoom

Discipleship

An Advent Reflection for Preachers and Worship Leaders was led by Rev Ann Anderson, the Superintendent Minister.

Ministers and Local Preachers preached on the book of Genesis in some churches during June 2024 as part of the national Bible Month.

Circuit Mission

Reimagining the Circuit

Members of the circuit churches met together three times during the year to consider the mission of the circuit.

The Dwelling Place

A Warm Space was offered at The Dwelling Place during the winter months. This was changed to a free food café; a free lunch is offered on Fridays from 1 o'clock and the Food Cabin is open from 2.00pm to 4.00pm where a family can buy 10 items for £5 or 15 items for £7 for a family of 6 or more. The Circuit purchases food from FareShare and from local supermarkets. The Food Cabin is not a foodbank; however, one emergency food parcel can be given to a family if they have not received benefits and have run out of money.

A monthly Memory Café, for people living with dementia and their families, was started and ran for about six sessions. A Toddler Group also ran for a few months. Unfortunately, everything except the Food Cabin and free lunch had to stop running when Deacon Michaela Doherty's appointment was curtailed because of her ill health. A Family and Outreach Worker, Rachel Barclay, was appointed to continue the work at The Dwelling Place; she began working in the circuit on 1st August 2024. The circuit planned to start a new Toddler Group in September 2024. There was no worshipping community at The Dwelling Place during the year but a Tea Time Church service was planned to start in September 2024. A Craft Group continues to meet at The Dwelling Place. Methodist Women in Britain meeting for the wider Methodist community took place there, as well as meetings for the Circuit.

Big Questions of Faith

A group of people started meeting during 2023/2024 for coffee and cake, using the Methodist resource *Conversations Against Mundanity* to discuss the bigger questions of life and faith. The group started with a few non-church people and about five church-goers in support. Some of the church-goers dropped out which left a small number of people with limited support. It was decided that the group would not continue meeting; but the leaders keep in touch with the members and they meet in other contexts. One non-church person has a passion to reignite the group; it is hoped that appropriate support can be found.

Mission Weekend

A Mission Weekend took place on 14th and 15th October 2023. On Saturday 14th October a *Duggie Dug Dug Circus Praise Party* was led by Doug Horley, who is a well-known song writer and has a national and international ministry with children. This was aimed at primary school children and their families but was open to all. Approximately 60 children and 100 adults attended. On Sunday 15th October a circuit all-age service was led by Doug Horley; about 120 people from across the circuit attended the service.

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Follow the Star

An Epiphany Trail was provided at two churches in the circuit on 6th January 2024. It was based on the story of the Wise Men's journey and included crafts, activities, reflection and prayer. This was aimed at families but was also suitable for individuals.

Events for Adults

Guy Willcock, a Community Partnerships Manager with The Leprosy Mission, came to speak to a group of people from the churches about the work of The Leprosy Mission.

A mission event for adults, with a speaker, was planned but had to be postponed because of ill health.

Coach Trip

About 240 people travelled on five coaches to Scarborough in August 2024. There were church members and people on the fringe of the church and 65 children were included. Each child was given £5 to spend and younger children also received an activity bag.

Training

The circuit has provided training as follows:

Safeguarding training was provided in the Circuit and the District. Training was completed by those people in circuit and church roles requiring such training.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) training has been completed by Worship Leaders as well as the people who did the training during the previous year. People who take up roles requiring this training will complete the training online.

Food Hygiene and Allergy Awareness training was completed by 11 people from local Methodist churches; this is in addition to the 75 people who completed the training during the previous year.

24 people achieved a QNUK Level 3 Award in Emergency First Aid. The Trustees wish to make sure that there is someone with first aid training at every circuit event or service.

The Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit had a new website created in 2020 by ThenMedia. Their Chrestos software is also used for making the quarterly preaching plans. Since 2020, there have been a number of new circuit staff members so 5 people were trained this year on the use of the cloud technology and website provided by ThenMedia.

Data Protection

The Circuit has fulfilled its responsibilities regarding the General Data Protection Regulation. The Privacy Policy, from the Methodist Church, is available for the public. The Circuit Data Protection Annual Checklist was completed and returned to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Circuit Staffing

The Circuit welcomed one new minister in September 2023: Rev Tim Simms, a Circuit Minister. At this time, the Circuit had 4 Ministers: 3 Presbyters and a Deacon. Deacon Michaela Doherty requested her appointment should be curtailed because of ill health in November 2023; the request was accepted by the Circuit. Rev Helen Penfold agreed to continue working full-time for the remainder of her appointment. i.e. until 31st August 2026.

The responsibilities of the Circuit Property and Facilities Manager role were reconsidered and the post was advertised as a full-time role. Four other Lay Employee roles were also advertised during the year: a Family and Outreach Worker, to be based mainly at The Dwelling Place; a Local Lay Pastor, to work in three churches in the circuit; a CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Worker, focused on working with people aged 55 and above; and a Youth, Family and Children's Worker. The Family and Outreach Worker, Rachel Barclay, began work at The Dwelling Place and at St. Andrew's Church, Langley Mill, in

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August 2024. Philip Stainer was appointed to the role of Circuit Property and Facilities Manager; he will start work in the Circuit in November 2024. Anne Welch was appointed to the role of Local Lay Pastor; she will start work in the Circuit in October 2024.

Circuit Property

During the year, five houses which were not needed for ministers' housing were put up for sale. Three of the houses have been sold and the sale of the other two houses are expected to be completed in the early part of the 2024-2025 connexional year. The proceeds of the sale of one house will go towards the Ilkeston Methodist Church property project: the upgrade of the Wilmot Street building. The proceeds from the sale of the other houses will be used for mission, including an eco project.

The Methodist Church has a target of becoming a net zero carbon emissions church by 2030; the plan is called *Action for Hope*. As part of this plan in the Mid Derbyshire Circuit, the proceeds from the sale of the house in Loscoe will go into a fund to set up a missional eco project to help church buildings and ministers' manses to be made carbon neutral. Churches will need to apply for a grant with a robust mission statement. One third of the cost of a project may be given as a circuit grant; the church should provide one third of the cost and should apply for a grant from the District or from an external source for the other third.

Building projects are ongoing in three churches in the circuit. The Nottingham Road church building in Ilkeston has been sold and the money from the sale is being used to refurbish the Wilmot Street building, where the congregation is now worshipping. The levy on the sale may be reclaimed for the work on the Wilmot Street building. The Belper church hall has not yet been sold; work will begin during the next connexional year on upgrading the kitchen facilities. The church and the hall at Darley Dale Methodist Church are separate buildings and part of their building project is to link the two buildings together to enable them to be used more flexibly and to create easier access.

A request for cessation of worship at Cromford Methodist Church was to go to the District Synod on Saturday 21st September 2024. It has been suggested that it would be better to sell the church with outline planning permission. The Circuit Property and Facilities Manager will be asked to do this when he starts work in the circuit in November 2024.

The Circuit Office was tidied, decorated and refurbished by a group of volunteers from one of the circuit churches. It can now more easily be used for meetings in the circuit.

Future Plans

Tea Time Church services will begin at The Dwelling Place in September 2024.

There will be a Circuit Celebration Service to admit Rachael Walker as a Local Preacher and to celebrate 60 years as a Local Preacher for David Gent and 70 years as an ordained minister for Rev Kenneth Cupit. A mission event for adults with Paul Kerensa, a Christian comedian, is planned to take place in September 2024.

It was agreed that another Mission Weekend, including a Praise Party and Circuit All-Age Service would take place in November 2024.

The Circuit Stewards will review and re-advertise two Lay Employee roles: the CAMEO (Come And Meet Each Other) Worker, focused on working with people aged 55 and above; and the Youth, Family and Children's Worker.

It was agreed that a Circuit Holiday Club will take place during the February 2025 half-term school holiday. *Play it by Ear*, a drama group, has been booked to lead this.

An Alpha Course did not take place during the year but it is hoped to run an Alpha Course at The Dwelling Place during the year 2024/2025.

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Financial Review

The Financial Position at 31st August 2024

At the end of the year, on 31st August 2024, the net deficit for the year on the General Fund was £693,812. A transfer of £997,926, representing the proceeds of the sale of three properties, was made from the General Fund to the Circuit Model Trust Fund. The balance on the General Fund was £2,574,078.

The net surplus for the year on the Circuit Model Trust Fund was £230,680 and the balance was £1,130,891. This can be used for a variety of purposes, along with the properties managed by the circuit; it includes a balance of £533,328 designated for the purpose of reserve projects.

There is a separate restricted fund which is designated for the sole use of The Dwelling Place.

Properties were valued as follows: Freehold Properties £1,176,770; Investment Properties £1,255,000.

During the year, £200,000 was transferred from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General Fund to contribute to stipends, salaries, general maintenance and administration.

Policy for Holding Reserves

The Reserves Policy for the Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months' average expenditure in the General Fund. 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, to fund planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full assessment from churches. It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the payment of stipends and salaries, business expenses for the Ministers and Lay Employees and our contribution to the Nottingham and Derby Methodist District.

Amount of Reserves Held

£2,574,078 was held in the General Account at 31st August 2024, of which £2,434,348 is represented by freehold and investment properties. This results in a balance on free reserves of £139,730. Free reserves are defined as the total fund balance less fixed assets. Total expenditure on the General Fund for the year ended 31st August 2024 amounted to £432,917. If the reserves policy of 6 months is applied, this gives an amount of £216,459 and indicates a potential shortfall of funds of around £77,000. The shortfall was to be made good by a transfer of funds from the Circuit Model Trust Fund to the General Fund.

Pay and Remuneration

The circuit paid the stipends for the following Ministers for the whole year: Rev Ann Anderson, Rev Helen Penfold and Rev Tim Simms. Deacon Michaela Doherty's stipend was paid by the circuit until her appointment was curtailed in November 2023.

The circuit paid the salaries for the following Lay Employees for the whole year: Judith Milner, Roanna Pilsbury and Gill Stamp. Rachel Barclay was paid from 1st August 2024.

All Ministers and some Lay Employees are required by the constitution of the circuit meeting to be trustees of the charity.

All the Ministers and Lay Employees named above, except Rachel Barclay, also served as trustees; they did not receive any remuneration for being trustees.

The authority for the circuit to pay the stipends of Ministers and the salaries of Lay Employees who are also trustees is contained in the governing document.

Deacon Michaela Doherty's stipend, Roanna Pilsbury's salary and Rachel Barclay's salary are paid from funds for mission work in the circuit.

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Risk Management

The circuit is largely risk averse but is prepared to underwrite considered risks when embarking on new and imaginative initiatives. A Risk Management Policy, including a Risk Register, was adopted in December 2023. It will be reviewed annually and approved at the first Circuit Meeting of each connexional year.

Risks are managed by: being aware of them; quantifying their impact in terms of possible reputational, structural and financial damage; insuring against them; and minimising them by not taking them or by setting up control systems that promptly report any significant change in the risk.

Risks are considered by the Circuit Leadership Team, which takes professional advice as required. Risks for the circuit are outlined below.

- 1) The circuit relies on the assessment received from the churches to fund its commitments, including stipends and salaries. Failure by a church or churches to pay part, or all, of their assessment could limit the circuit's ability to further its Mission Plan. The circuit has a consultation process with Church Treasurers before setting the assessments to reduce the likelihood of this happening. There is a risk that some churches will struggle financially because of the cost-of-living crisis.
- 2) There is also a financial risk from the closure of a church or churches. There would be costs involved in interim maintenance or if planning permission is sought for change of use before the sale of a church building. And the church would no longer contribute its share of the circuit assessment. It has been suggested that the Cromford church building is sold with outline planning permission
- 3) Risks regarding safeguarding are managed through the safeguarding procedures which are in place at circuit and church level, including DBS checks and mandatory training; the circuit has a safeguarding policy. Funds might be required if abuse is identified, although insurance policies would normally cover this.

Going Concern

The trustees have reviewed the circumstances of the circuit and consider that adequate assets and resources continue to be available to fund its activities for the foreseeable future. The trustees believe that they have put suitable measures in place to ensure that the charity will continue to operate and develop its activities. The trustees therefore believe that the preparation of the annual report and accounts on a going concern basis is appropriate.

Principal Sources of Income and Main Items of Expenditure

In the 2023-2024 accounts:

£256,839, which is 47.8% of the circuit's general unrestricted income, was provided by the local churches.

£200,347, which is 46.3% of general unrestricted expenditure, was on pay and related costs.

£57,904, which is 13.4% of general unrestricted expenditure, was on property maintenance, including manse and other circuit property.

£744,719 was spent on worship centres during the year. Of which £390,000 was spent on the Ilkeston church project, with the remainder being spent on property improvements and Levy's.

£68,556, which is 15.8% of general unrestricted expenditure, is our contribution to the Nottingham and Derby Methodist District; part of this is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

During the year, income of £997,926 in the Circuit Model Trust Fund was generated from the sale of two manse and one investment property. A total levy of £327,170 was paid on the sales. Money charged as

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a levy goes into the Connexional Priority Fund and is redistributed to support other projects in the Methodist Church.

Changes in the economy improved the circumstances of the Methodist pension scheme so donations made to the Pensions Reserve Fund were returned to the donors; £15,000 was returned to the circuit.

The Trustees agreed to reduce the assessments from the churches by 20% for the year 2023/2024. The Circuit Leadership Team proposed that the assessments for 2024/2025 should be reduced by 10% but that assessments should not be reduced in the following years.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Constitution and Governing Documents

The charity is unincorporated and is governed by the Methodist Church Act (1976) and the Deed of Union (1932). It was registered with the Charity Commission on 1st September 2014.

Trustee Selection Methods

Trustees are appointed by local churches and existing trustees in accordance with the modified constitution under Section 58 of the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of The Methodist Church, which was implemented on the formation of the Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit on 1st September 2014 and amended on 1st September 2017. Circuit Ministers are automatically trustees.

Training of Trustees

The Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit follows the policies, procedures and guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion, including Safeguarding, Data Protection and EDI guidance. Creating Safer Space safeguarding training and EDI training was provided in the Circuit. The Five Golden Rules of Being a Trustee leaflet is sent to all Managing Trustees. Guidance from the Charity Commission, including the Charity Commission News emails are sent to all Managing Trustees.

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**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

Declarations

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's Trustees.

Signature

Full name Ann Miller Anderson

Position Superintendent Minister

Date

Signature

Full name Judith Anne Milner

Position Secretary of the Circuit Meeting

Date

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITORS TO THE TRUSTEES OF MID DERBYSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise the Statement of Financial Activities, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow Statement and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024 and of its incoming resources and application of resources, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusions relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The trustees are responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the information included in the Annual Report, other than the financial statements and our Report of the Independent Auditors thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters where the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 requires us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the Report of the Trustees is inconsistent in any material respect with the financial statements; or
- sufficient accounting records have not been kept; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements which give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditors under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with the Act and relevant regulations made or having effect thereunder.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue a Report of the Independent Auditors that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

In identifying and assessing the risks of material misstatement in respect of irregularities, including fraud and non-compliance with laws and regulations, we considered the following:

- The nature and control environment of the charity
- Our discussions with management and governance including whether they had knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud
- The internal controls to mitigate the risks of fraud

Following our review, we have identified the following areas which are deemed to have the greatest potential for fraud or material misstatement within the financial statements:

- The recognition of rental income from freehold investment properties
- The recognition of assessments from churches
- The valuation of estimates in respect of freehold investment properties
- The valuation of financial investments
- Management override

We also considered any laws and regulations that were central to the operation of the charity including charity law and employment law.

The following procedures were undertaken in respect of the risks where we identified the potential for material misstatement:

At the planning stage of the audit, we reviewed controls put in place by the board of trustees. We also carried out a review of the minutes of trustee meetings.

Income transaction testing was performed to test completeness of income. This included agreeing rental income to leases in respect of freehold investment properties to ensure that all properties received regular income in the year. We also carried out a review of monthly assessments from churches which are set by an annual budget. Where there were periods of no income in respect of freehold investment properties we referred to periodic statements from managing agents appointed by the trustees and Trustees' Board minutes to justify the reasons for this.

In respect of assessments on churches, we referred to Trustees' Board minutes to justify any non payments and carried out a subsequent events review to determine any debtor balances cleared after date.

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We tested the valuation of estimates in respect of freehold investment properties by obtaining a trustees' valuation. The valuation of investments was tested to reports from the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church.

Freehold properties held at deemed cost or valuation were tested to trustees' valuations for any indications of impairment. None were identified.

Consideration was given to the reliance on the use of experts in respect of the management of the rental investment properties.

Journal entries were reviewed for appropriateness and enquiries made of management as to the procedures in place for posting journal entries. During our audit we considered any large, unusual journals or transactions outside the normal course of business. Very few journals were posted in the year.

The financial statements were reviewed alongside our disclosure checklists to identify any unusual or unexpected relationships or any areas of non-compliance. Discussions were held with management where it was considered additional disclosures were required.

We remained alert to any indications of fraud, material misstatement or non-compliance with laws and regulations throughout the audit including those relating to the financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements is located on the Financial Reporting Council's website at www.frc.org.uk/auditorsresponsibilities. This description forms part of our Report of the Independent Auditors.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Johnson Tidsall Limited
Chartered Accountants
& Statutory Auditor
81 Burton Road
Derby
Derbyshire
DE1 1TJ

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| | | | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Circuit Model Trust Fund £ | Restricted fund £ | Total funds £ | Total funds £ |
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | 3 | - | - | 4,401 | 4,401 | 200,867 |
| Charitable activities | 5 | | | | | |
| Assessments on churches | | 256,839 | - | - | 256,839 | 270,606 |
| Worship centres | | - | 151,158 | - | 151,158 | 103,308 |
| Mission and outreach | | - | - | 4,466 | 4,466 | - |
| Investment income | 4 | 46,311 | 55,835 | - | 102,146 | 108,946 |
| Other income | 6 | 233,881 | - | 200 | 234,081 | 11,533 |
| Total | | 537,031 | 206,993 | 9,067 | 753,091 | 695,260 |
| EXPENDITURE ON Charitable activities | 7 | | | | | |
| Assessments on churches | | 413,270 | - | - | 413,270 | 504,416 |
| Worship centres | | 2,000 | 742,719 | - | 744,719 | 19,156 |
| Mission and outreach | | - | - | 44,864 | 44,864 | 75,853 |
| Other | 10 | 17,647 | 37,832 | - | 55,479 | 98,196 |
| Total | | 432,917 | 780,551 | 44,864 | 1,258,332 | 697,621 |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | | - | 6,312 | - | 6,312 | (90,384) |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | | 104,114 | (567,246) | (35,797) | (498,929) | (92,745) |
| Transfers between funds | 19 | (797,926) | 797,926 | - | - | - |
| Net movement in funds | | (693,812) | 230,680 | (35,797) | (498,929) | (92,745) |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | | 3,267,890 | 900,211 | 125,014 | 4,293,115 | 4,385,860 |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | | 2,574,078 | 1,130,891 | 89,217 | 3,794,186 | 4,293,115 |

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 AUGUST 2024

| | | | | | 2024 | 2023 |
|--|-------|-------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Notes | Unrestricted funds £ | Circuit Model Trust Fund £ | Restricted fund £ | Total funds £ | Total funds £ |
| FIXED ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Tangible assets | 14 | 1,179,348 | - | 28,568 | 1,207,916 | 1,651,171 |
| Investment property | 15 | 1,255,000 | - | - | 1,255,000 | 1,605,000 |
| | | 2,434,348 | - | 28,568 | 2,462,916 | 3,256,171 |
| CURRENT ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Debtors | 16 | 78,145 | 3,701 | 3,822 | 85,668 | 48,682 |
| Investments | 17 | - | 65,795 | - | 65,795 | 59,483 |
| Cash at bank | | 84,212 | 1,096,618 | 56,827 | 1,237,657 | 982,209 |
| | | 162,357 | 1,166,114 | 60,649 | 1,389,120 | 1,090,374 |
| CREDITORS | | | | | | |
| Amounts falling due within one year | 18 | (22,627) | (35,223) | - | (57,850) | (53,430) |
| NET CURRENT ASSETS | | 139,730 | 1,130,891 | 60,649 | 1,331,270 | 1,036,944 |
| TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES | | 2,574,078 | 1,130,891 | 89,217 | 3,794,186 | 4,293,115 |
| NET ASSETS | | 2,574,078 | 1,130,891 | 89,217 | 3,794,186 | 4,293,115 |
| FUNDS | 19 | | | | | |
| Unrestricted funds | | | | | 3,704,969 | 4,168,101 |
| Restricted funds | | | | | 89,217 | 125,014 |
| TOTAL FUNDS | | | | | 3,794,186 | 4,293,115 |

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on
and were signed on its behalf by:

.....
Trustee

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CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

| | Notes | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|-------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Cash flows from operating activities | | | |
| Cash generated from operations | 1 | <u>(740,045)</u> | <u>(9,499)</u> |
| Net cash used in operating activities | | <u>(740,045)</u> | <u>(9,499)</u> |
| Cash flows from investing activities | | | |
| Purchase of tangible fixed assets | | (2,433) | (40,046) |
| Sale of tangible fixed assets | | 656,137 | - |
| Sale of investment property | | <u>341,789</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net cash provided by/(used in) investing activities | | <u>995,493</u> | <u>(40,046)</u> |
| Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period | | <u>255,448</u> | <u>(49,545)</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period | | <u>982,209</u> | <u>1,031,754</u> |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period | | <u><u>1,237,657</u></u> | <u><u>982,209</u></u> |

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NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. RECONCILIATION OF NET EXPENDITURE TO NET CASH FLOW FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---|------------------|----------------|
| Net expenditure for the reporting period (as per the Statement of Financial Activities) | (498,929) | (92,745) |
| Adjustments for: | | |
| Depreciation charges | 8,188 | 10,113 |
| (Gain)/losses on investments | (6,312) | 90,384 |
| Profit on disposal of fixed assets | (210,426) | - |
| Increase in debtors | (36,986) | (751) |
| Increase/(decrease) in creditors | 4,420 | (16,500) |
| Net cash used in operations | <u>(740,045)</u> | <u>(9,499)</u> |

2. ANALYSIS OF CHANGES IN NET FUNDS

| | At 1/9/23 £ | Cash flow £ | At 31/8/24 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Net cash | | | |
| Cash at bank | <u>982,209</u> | <u>255,448</u> | <u>1,237,657</u> |
| | <u>982,209</u> | <u>255,448</u> | <u>1,237,657</u> |
| Liquid resources | | | |
| Deposits included in cash | - | - | - |
| Current asset investments | <u>59,483</u> | <u>6,312</u> | <u>65,795</u> |
| | <u>59,483</u> | <u>6,312</u> | <u>65,795</u> |
| Total | <u>1,041,692</u> | <u>261,760</u> | <u>1,303,452</u> |

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MID DERBYSHIRE METHODIST CIRCUIT

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

1. STATUTORY INFORMATION

Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit is a charity registered in England and Wales. The charity's, registered charity number and registered office address can be found in the reference and administrative details of the Report of the Trustees.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention, as modified by the revaluation of certain assets.

The currency basis for the preparation of these financial statements is pound sterling (£).

Going concern

The trustees regularly monitor the charity's reserves policy, risk assessment and cash flow to assess the viability of the charity. The trustees have sold, and are in the process of selling some of its manses and investment properties. Proceeds of sale will be set aside to meet the future plans of the trustees. To date, no material uncertainties exist that would affect the preparation of the financial statements on a going concern basis.

Significant judgements and estimates

The following judgements (apart from those involving estimates) have been made in the process of applying the charity's accounting policies that have had the most significant effect on amounts recognised in the financial statements:

The key source of estimation uncertainty in the financial statements is investment property valuation. The investment properties were informally valued by a professional valuer in the year ended 31 August 2023. The valuation is considered annually by the trustees and they have confirmed no changes as at 31 August 2024.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Donations, legacies and similar incoming resources are included in the year in which they are receivable, which is when the charity becomes entitled to the resource.

Rental income and assessments on churches is included in the period to which it relates. Amounts received in advance are deferred to the following period.

Income from investments and interest on short term deposits is accounted for in the year in which it is receivable.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of 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

The Circuit is not registered for VAT and all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Fixtures and fittings - Straight line over 5 years and Straight line over 15 years

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they have a life exceeding one year and a cost of at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the financial statements at 2015 deemed cost values except for one property reclassified from the investment property portfolio in the 2023 year. No depreciation is provided on the buildings as the trustees consider that the current residual fair value of the manse buildings is not less than its value as reflected in the financial statements. Should depreciation have been provided, the amount would be immaterial.

The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investment property

Investment property is shown at most recent valuation. Any aggregate surplus or deficit arising from changes in fair value is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities.

Investment properties are included at fair value at the balance sheet date and an informal valuation has been included for the year ended 31 August 2024 based on estimates agreed by the trustees after taking into account the informal professional valuation carried out as at 31 August 2023.. The trustees consider the values of the investment properties on an annual basis in the years where a professional valuation is not carried out.

Current asset investments

Financial investments are stated at a fair valuation at the balance sheet date and are revalued annually.

Gains and losses on disposal and revaluation of investments are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA).

Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors are recognised at the invoiced amount after any discount offered. Prepayments and accruals are valued at the amount calculated.

Debtors are receivable within twelve months and include the September stipend paid in August.

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the September assessments received in August.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

The charity has unrestricted funds and designated funds. All funds are used to benefit and promote its charitable objects.

Unrestricted funds are general funds that are available for use at the trustees' discretion in furtherance of any objectives of the charity.

Designated funds are unrestricted funds set aside at the discretion of the trustees for specific purposes.

Restricted funds are those donated for use in a particular area or for specific purposes, the use of which is restricted to that area or purpose and the restriction means that the funds can only be used for specific projects or activities.

When donors specify that donations and grants are for particular purposes which do not amount to pre-conditions regarding entitlement, this income is included in incoming resources of restricted funds when receivable. The relevant expenditure is then matched as restricted expenditure.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Fund accounting

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

Financial instruments

Financial instruments are classified and accounted for, according to the substance of the contractual arrangement, as either financial assets, financial liabilities or equity instruments. An equity instrument is any contract that evidences a residual interest in the assets of the company after deducting all of its liabilities.

3. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------|--------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Donations | 401 | 681 |
| Legacies | - | 197,586 |
| Grants | 4,000 | 2,600 |
| | <u>4,401</u> | <u>200,867</u> |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Derbyshire County Council | 3,000 | 2,600 |
| Amber Valley District Council | 1,000 | - |
| | <u>4,000</u> | <u>2,600</u> |

Grants relate to the setting up of the food bank at the Dwelling Place.

4. INVESTMENT INCOME

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Rents received | 43,606 | 73,423 |
| Short term accounts | 58,540 | 35,523 |
| | <u>102,146</u> | <u>108,946</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

5. INCOME FROM CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | | 2024 | 2023 |
|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Activity | £ | £ |
| Assessments or share | Assessments on churches | 236,194 | 270,606 |
| Grants | Assessments on churches | 20,645 | - |
| Sale of closed churches | Worship centres | 151,158 | 103,308 |
| Dwelling Place income | Mission and outreach | 4,466 | - |
| | | <u>412,463</u> | <u>373,914</u> |

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------|---------------|----------|
| | £ | £ |
| Methodist Church | <u>20,645</u> | <u>-</u> |

Grant relates to a contribution towards manse adaptation work.

6. OTHER INCOME

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets | 218,637 | - |
| Church sales items and sundry | 444 | 533 |
| District reimbursement: Deputy Chair | - | 11,000 |
| Pension repayment | 15,000 | - |
| | <u>234,081</u> | <u>11,533</u> |

7. CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES COSTS

| | Direct Costs (see note 8) | Support costs (see note 9) | Totals |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Assessments on churches | 399,679 | 13,591 | 413,270 |
| Worship centres | 742,719 | 2,000 | 744,719 |
| Mission and outreach | 44,864 | - | 44,864 |
| | <u>1,187,262</u> | <u>15,591</u> | <u>1,202,853</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued **FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

8. DIRECT COSTS OF CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------------|------------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Staff costs | 200,347 | 230,232 |
| District assessment | 395,727 | 102,647 |
| Telephone & travel | 22,010 | 17,007 |
| Insurance & utilities | 22,712 | 22,258 |
| Ilkeston project | 390,000 | - |
| Maintenance of manses | 46,770 | 107,857 |
| Other Circuit property costs | 80,774 | 101,443 |
| Mission events and food bank | 20,362 | - |
| Other expenditure | 372 | 1,868 |
| Depreciation | 8,188 | 10,113 |
| | <u>1,187,262</u> | <u>593,425</u> |

9. SUPPORT COSTS

| | Finance | Governance costs | Totals |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ | £ |
| Assessments on churches | 8,211 | 5,380 | 13,591 |
| Worship centres | - | 2,000 | 2,000 |
| | <u>8,211</u> | <u>7,380</u> | <u>15,591</u> |

Support costs, included in the above, are as follows:

Finance

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| | Assessments on churches | Total activities |
| | £ | £ |
| Loss on sale of tangible fixed assets | <u>8,211</u> | <u>-</u> |

Governance costs

| | Assessments on churches | Worship centres | 2024 | 2023 |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| | £ | £ | Total activities | Total activities |
| | £ | £ | £ | £ |
| Auditors' remuneration | <u>5,380</u> | <u>2,000</u> | <u>7,380</u> | <u>6,000</u> |

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

10. OTHER

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Other expenditure | 15,521 | 20,611 |
| Grants and donations | 4,735 | 58,750 |
| Contributions to District fund | <u>35,223</u> | <u>18,835</u> |
| | <u>55,479</u> | <u>98,196</u> |

During the year grants were awarded to churches by the Circuit trustees amounting to £4,735 (2023: £58,750). These were paid from the general fund.

Grants are awarded in relation to specific church projects.

11. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Trustees during the year include clergy appointed to churches within the Circuit. Stipends and allowances are paid by the Methodist Church for the administration of their duties.

Remuneration and benefits paid to trustees during the year amounted to £132,081 (2023: £170,655).

In addition, salaries of £57,531 (2023: £50,093) were paid to Circuit employees, who are also trustees, for administration, accountancy and pastoral services throughout the year.

Trustees' expenses

Payments to trustees for the reimbursement of expenses, as agreed with the Circuit meeting, amounted to £18,437 (2023: £13,424) in respect of 9 (2023: 10) trustees.

Expense payments primarily relate to the reimbursement of travel and office costs.

12. STAFF COSTS

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | £ | £ |
| Wages and salaries | 158,174 | 181,142 |
| Social security costs | 13,549 | 15,298 |
| Other pension costs | <u>28,624</u> | <u>33,792</u> |
| | <u>200,347</u> | <u>230,232</u> |

The 2024 gross charge includes removal costs of £nil (2023: £7,683).

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------------------|----------|----------|
| Administration and pastoral salaries | 5 | 5 |
| Stipends | <u>3</u> | <u>4</u> |
| | <u>8</u> | <u>9</u> |

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

The full time equivalent is 6 (2023: 7)

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13. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

| | Unrestricted funds £ | Circuit Model Trust Fund £ | Restricted fund £ | Total funds £ |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM | | | | |
| Donations and legacies | - | - | 200,867 | 200,867 |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Assessments on churches | 270,606 | - | - | 270,606 |
| Worship centres | - | 103,308 | - | 103,308 |
| Investment income | 76,730 | 32,216 | - | 108,946 |
| Other income | 11,533 | - | - | 11,533 |
| Total | <u>358,869</u> | <u>135,524</u> | <u>200,867</u> | <u>695,260</u> |
| EXPENDITURE ON | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Assessments on churches | 504,416 | - | - | 504,416 |
| Worship centres | 1,833 | 17,323 | - | 19,156 |
| Mission and outreach | - | - | 75,853 | 75,853 |
| Other | 77,845 | 20,351 | - | 98,196 |
| Total | <u>584,094</u> | <u>37,674</u> | <u>75,853</u> | <u>697,621</u> |
| Net gains/(losses) on investments | <u>(90,000)</u> | <u>(384)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(90,384)</u> |
| NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE) | <u>(315,225)</u> | <u>97,466</u> | <u>125,014</u> | <u>(92,745)</u> |
| Transfers between funds | <u>174,000</u> | <u>(174,000)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Net movement in funds | <u>(141,225)</u> | <u>(76,534)</u> | <u>125,014</u> | <u>(92,745)</u> |
| RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS | | | | |
| Total funds brought forward | <u>3,409,115</u> | <u>976,745</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,385,860</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD | <u><u>3,267,890</u></u> | <u><u>900,211</u></u> | <u><u>125,014</u></u> | <u><u>4,293,115</u></u> |

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14. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

| | Freehold property £ | Fixtures and fittings £ | Totals £ |
|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| COST | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 1,614,270 | 60,749 | 1,675,019 |
| Additions | - | 2,433 | 2,433 |
| Disposals | (437,500) | - | (437,500) |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>1,176,770</u> | <u>63,182</u> | <u>1,239,952</u> |
| DEPRECIATION | | | |
| At 1 September 2023 | - | 23,848 | 23,848 |
| Charge for year | - | 8,188 | 8,188 |
| At 31 August 2024 | - | <u>32,036</u> | <u>32,036</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | | | |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>1,176,770</u> | <u>31,146</u> | <u>1,207,916</u> |
| At 31 August 2023 | <u>1,614,270</u> | <u>36,901</u> | <u>1,651,171</u> |

Freehold land and buildings were valued by the trustees in September 2015. Under transition to FRS 102 these values were adopted as deemed cost.

The title to the properties is held on behalf of the Mid Derbyshire Methodist Circuit by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY

| | £ |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| FAIR VALUE | |
| At 1 September 2023 | 1,605,000 |
| Disposals | (350,000) |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>1,255,000</u> |
| NET BOOK VALUE | |
| At 31 August 2024 | <u>1,255,000</u> |
| At 31 August 2023 | <u>1,605,000</u> |

Fair value at 31 August 2024 is represented by:

| | £ |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Valuation in 2021 | 1,118,455 |
| Valuation in 2022 | 851,545 |
| Valuation in 2023 | (365,000) |
| Valuation in 2024 | (350,000) |
| | <u>1,255,000</u> |

The investment properties were informally valued by the trustees as at 31 August 2024.

The historic cost of the properties is not known.

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15. INVESTMENT PROPERTY - continued

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16. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other debtors | <u>85,668</u> | <u>48,682</u> |

17. CURRENT ASSET INVESTMENTS

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-------|---------------|---------------|
| Other | <u>65,795</u> | <u>59,483</u> |

18. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

| | 2024 £ | 2023 £ |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Other creditors | <u>57,850</u> | <u>53,430</u> |

19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

| | At 1/9/23 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31/8/24 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 2,506,345 | 104,114 | (797,926) | 1,812,533 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund | 900,211 | (567,246) | 797,926 | 1,130,891 |
| Revaluation | <u>761,545</u> | - | - | <u>761,545</u> |
| | 4,168,101 | (463,132) | - | 3,704,969 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Dwelling Place | <u>125,014</u> | <u>(35,797)</u> | - | <u>89,217</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>4,293,115</u> | <u>(498,929)</u> | - | <u>3,794,186</u> |

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 537,031 | (432,917) | - | 104,114 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund | <u>206,993</u> | <u>(780,551)</u> | <u>6,312</u> | <u>(567,246)</u> |
| | 744,024 | (1,213,468) | 6,312 | (463,132) |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Dwelling Place | <u>9,067</u> | <u>(44,864)</u> | - | <u>(35,797)</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>753,091</u> | <u>(1,258,332)</u> | <u>6,312</u> | <u>(498,929)</u> |

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

| | At 1/9/22 £ | Net movement in funds £ | Transfers between funds £ | At 31/8/23 £ |
|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 2,557,570 | (225,225) | 174,000 | 2,506,345 |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund | 976,745 | 97,466 | (174,000) | 900,211 |
| Revaluation | <u>851,545</u> | <u>(90,000)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>761,545</u> |
| | 4,385,860 | (217,759) | - | 4,168,101 |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Dwelling Place | - | 125,014 | - | 125,014 |
| | <u>-</u> | <u>125,014</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>125,014</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>4,385,860</u> | <u>(92,745)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>4,293,115</u> |

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

| | Incoming resources £ | Resources expended £ | Gains and losses £ | Movement in funds £ |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | | | |
| General fund | 358,869 | (584,094) | - | (225,225) |
| Circuit Model Trust Fund | 135,524 | (37,674) | (384) | 97,466 |
| Revaluation | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>(90,000)</u> | <u>(90,000)</u> |
| | 494,393 | (621,768) | (90,384) | (217,759) |
| Restricted funds | | | | |
| Dwelling Place | 200,867 | (75,853) | - | 125,014 |
| | <u>200,867</u> | <u>(75,853)</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>125,014</u> |
| TOTAL FUNDS | <u>695,260</u> | <u>(697,621)</u> | <u>(90,384)</u> | <u>(92,745)</u> |

The Circuit Model Trust fund includes a balance of £533,328 (2023: £549,909) which is a designated fund for the purpose of Reserve Projects. The movement in the year represents interest received less payments to Darley Dale Church and administration costs. This fund is likely to be utilised further within the next twelve months.

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund are held by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited on a monthly basis.

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including 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 policy as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Restricted fund: Dwelling Place

This relates to income from a legacy released by the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) for the sole used of the church and buildings at Mansfield Road, Heanor, DE75 7AQ.

Expenditure relates to the repair and maintenance of church buildings and their utilisation for outreach work within the area, including a food bank which commenced in November 2023.

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19. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Transfers between funds

During the year a transfer of £200,000 was made from the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) to the General fund. The funds were released to assist with funding stipends, salaries and general administration of the charity.

In addition, there was a transfer of £997,926 from the General fund to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP). This represented the sale proceeds on disposal of two manses and one investment property in the year.

The costs of these assets had been represented in the general fund but since TMCP act as custodian for the assets, the sales were effected through the TMCP account and they retain the funds for future draw downs as requested by the Circuit, subject to levies paid.

The net amount transferred from the General fund to the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) amounted to £797,926.

20. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

Stipends and salaries paid to trustees in the year are detailed in note 9 of these financial statements.