

South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit

Annual Report from Trustees to year end August 2021

The South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit comprises eight churches and is located in South Somerset with one chapel just over the county border in Dorset. The Circuit covers Chard, Crewkerne, Combe St Nicholas, South Petherton, Kingsbury Episcopi, Ilminster, Broadway Hill and Netherhay.

The congregations worshipping in the above named churches varies across the Circuit but each congregation meets for worship in their own chapel every Sunday. The Superintendent of the Circuit arranges the preaching plan which tells both congregation members and the public when services are to be held in each church and who has been allocated to lead that worship service. A Circuit website advertises both services and other events taking place in all eight buildings.

Each church conducts the main part of its business through Church Council meetings held regularly and representatives from each church attend the Circuit meetings held quarterly. The Circuit meeting is responsible for collecting reports from all the churches and it is the Circuit meeting which explores and develops Circuit policy. In addition Circuit meetings are responsible for the review and implementation of staffing, finance, mission and training. Minutes of these meetings are kept on record.

The Circuit Leadership Team oversees the day to day running of the Circuit and is made up of the Circuit ministers and lay representatives from a number of the churches. These meetings occur every four weeks. On occasions some decisions will be devolved to the CLT by the Circuit meeting as per the constitution of the Methodist Church.

The Circuits link with the wider Methodist Church through the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District and to the Methodist conference. The present superintendent is a member of the National Methodist Conference being elected by the synod to be a member of Conference. While each local church has its own Church Council the Circuit Meeting also supports work in each local church. Volunteers give their time in the annual production of local financial and building schedules which are brought to the Circuit meeting. The Circuit meeting produce an annual report and accounts. This year getting the accounts completed has been more challenging as our Circuit Treasurer passed away very suddenly in January 2022 and the Circuit Leadership Team has therefore been the Circuit Treasurer for a few months whilst a replacement Treasurer was found.

All churches in the Circuit work with their local communities and neighbouring churches from other denominations to support mission and ministry where it is needed in the local context. A number of our Circuit churches are involved in local ecumenical groups helping to support holiday clubs for young people, chaplaincy to local care homes and food banks. Six out of the eight Circuit churches are registered for marriages and all churches undertake both baptisms and funerals.

The Circuit churches provide valuable community buildings and are not used for worship alone. Various groups use our meeting spaces and halls, and all of our churches provide activities during the week for their local communities including coffee mornings and community lunches, women's fellowship groups, Bible studies and men's breakfasts. Our buildings include two busy church-based pre-schools which are OFSTED registered and in Ilminster, despite not having a church building, Methodist volunteers run a thriving mother and toddler group. Circuit ministers provide local care home services regularly and take part in local school assemblies across the Circuit.

All this work is managed by the local Church trustees and is supported by the Circuit meeting. It is the Circuit meeting which provides oversight of safeguarding for both children and vulnerable adults through its lay safeguarding officers and the Circuit safeguarding officer. All safeguarding training is provided through the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District and is governed by the Methodist Church at Connexional level.

The circuit meeting encourage the local churches in affirming the historic nature of faith which is lived out today in the Methodist tradition in the context of the communities of the 21st century. The chapels are community spaces and the policy of the Circuit is to develop their use in current as well as in new ways.

The Circuit affirms the living Christian faith shown in all of the Methodist churches within the Circuit and continues to encourage the work locally with all of the 8 Methodist churches, and their surrounding communities, which are part of the South Petherton and Crewkerne Methodist Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Petherton & Crewkerne	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021**

Plymouth & Exeter	District	Circuit no	24/18
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1139503

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. Anna Flindall

Circuit Stewards:

Ken Banks
Pat Farr
Jacquie Wheatley
Vernon White

Treasurer:

Jacquie Wheatley

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	Assessment/Share		87,081			87,081	102,404
a3	Capital receipts (Manse & O.S.)			411,640		411,640	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		68	806	77	951	2,093
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		2,485			2,485	1,142
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		89,634	412,446	77	502,157 (a8)	105,639

SECTION B							
	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		46,093			46,093	73,339
b3	Manse Costs		6,869			6,869	6,206
b4	Administration etc		1,344	369	46	1,759	1,873
b5	District Assessment		21,386	39,810		61,196	28,211
b6	Grants & donations		5,233	16,785		22,018	2,232
b7	O.S. exps/ New manse		179	407,962		408,141	2,568
b8	Other payments		84			84	382
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		81,188	464,926	46	546,160 (b9)	114,811

SECTION C							
	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
c1	(a7-b9)		8,446	(52,480)	31	(44,003)	(9,172)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		57,046	184,370	22,904	264,320 (c6)	273,492
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	65,492	131,890	22,935	220,317	264,320
c4	Transfers and adjustments		28		(28)		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	65,520	131,890	22,907	220,317 (c8)	264,320 (c6)

SECTION 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)				

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 2021 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						
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)	502,157 (a8)	546,160 (b9)	(44,003)	(c7)	264,320 (c6)	220,317 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	502,157	546,160	(44,003)		264,320 (x)	220,317 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	1,615	5,881
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	55,431	59,639
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	207,274	154,797
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	264,320 (c6)	220,317 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	264,320 (x)	220,317 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	594,100	545,964
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)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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 A. L. Findell (^{Superintendent Minister}
(~~Previous Treasurer deceased~~) Date 22/05/22

Name and address of treasurer A. L. Findell, 16 Barbary Drive,
Chard, Somerset Post Code TA20 1HR

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on 16/05/22.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

SOUTH PETHERTON & CREWKERNE Circuit

Charity Number 1139503

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the SOUTH PETHERTON & CREWKERNE
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages ... to 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 SOUTH PETHERTON & CREWKERNE No 2418

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 D. Hawking

Name of independent examiner DAVID HAWKINGS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C. MATHS

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