

Trustee's Annual Report for the period 01/09/24 – 31/08/25

South Petherton and Crewkerne Circuit

Objectives and Activities: The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of The Methodist Church as laid out in the "Constitution, Practice and Discipline" of the Methodist Church.

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit local church or other organisation of The Methodist Church.

Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

Any Purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

The Mission Statement of our Circuit is:

To be a vibrant community of Christian believers; living out the call of discipleship and mission, through our Christian beliefs, love, respect for all and pastoral care. We exist to worship God, as revealed in Jesus Christ, through His Life, teaching, death, and resurrection. In our Circuit of Methodist churches, we want to encourage growth through evangelism, fellowship and service in and around the towns and villages located in this area.

Our Circuit Priorities are:

God-centered worship and prayer

Action to help where and when needed.

Developing eco-friendly and accessible churches, with well-maintained property

Encouraging fresh expressions of being church

Care, respect, inclusion and love for all

A deep belief that we have a future and a relevance.

This Circuit has an umbrella body of 5 Methodist churches and continues to serve the 2 villages (South Petherton and Combe St Nicholas) where our churches have recently ceased to worship. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each church. They are open to all, without charge.

Achievement and Performance

The Trustees have taken note of the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit, and in particular their guidance on charities for the advancement of religion, when planning their activities. The actions of The Circuit therefore meet the requirement for there to be an identifiable public benefit, or benefits, and that benefit is to the public, or a section of the public.

During the 2024/2025 financial year the Circuit has used accessible funds for the following:

Our presbyteral minister, (this Circuit can only afford 1 minister) together with Local Preachers and Worship Leaders provide regular Sunday worship in our 5 churches and in local residential and care homes, when requested. Such services are publicly advertised, open to all, and every effort is made to provide accessible, welcoming and meaningful worship.

The Circuit encourages its churches to regularly review their position in the community they serve and envision new and contextual ways of engaging people. Each church provides a report to the Circuit of their work, mission, and outreach throughout the year. The Circuit provides a Trustee to sit on each Church Council and be available to report the work undertaken by the Circuit. It is a two-way process as we assess the requirements and viability of both Circuit and churches.

The Circuit has provided courses for those individuals requiring Safeguarding training and ensures that DBS checks are completed for those in posts that require them. The Safeguarding policy of the Circuit and the churches is regularly reviewed in line with the Policy produced by the Connexional Team of The Methodist Church. It covers both children and vulnerable adults.

The Circuit also accesses GDPR and Inclusion, Equality and Diversity training for those individuals needing it.

The Circuit continues to support churches in their work with children and young people.

There is a regular review process carried out by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to ensure that the charity is fulfilling its objectives.

The CLT oversee the day to day running of charity and regularly report to the full meeting of the Trustees. Professional advice is sought when necessary.

The Circuit continues to prioritise the commitment to Our Calling and a Methodist Way of Life as it encourages its members to grow in discipleship and share the love of God in line with our mission statement.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Petherton and Crewkerne	18/37
-------------------------------	-------

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

South West Peninsula	District	Circuit no	18/37
----------------------	----------	------------	-------

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1139503

If not a registered charity **His 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 Andrew Longshaw

Circuit Stewards:

Ken Banks
Elizabeth Beattie

Treasurer:

Rev Peter Thomas

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		66,468		66,468	67,916
a3	Capital receipts			396,659	396,659	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		231	6,563	6,930	6,372
a5	Lettings		18,292		18,292	
a6	Other receipts		1,582		1,582	7,894
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		86,572	403,222	489,930 (a8)	82,182

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		43,735		43,735	59,927
b3	Manse Costs		11,892		11,892	60,851
b4	Administration etc		60	262	332	1,641
b5	District Assessment		16,570	2,017	18,587	9,997
b6	Grants & donations					
b7	CPF levy			110,664	110,664	6,506
b8	Other payments		6,865	22,943	29,808	7,355
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		79,122	135,886	215,017 (b9)	146,277

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	7,451	267,336	127	274,913	(64,095)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		25,071	80,696	2,904	108,671 (c6)	172,766
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	32,521	348,032	3,031	383,584	108,671
c4	Transfers and adjustments		127		(127)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	32,648	348,032	2,904	383,584 (c8)	108,671 (c6)

SECTION D						
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

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 2025 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)	489,930 (a8)	215,017 (b9)	274,913	(c7)	108,671 (c6)	383,584 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	489,930	215,017	274,913		108,671 (x)	383,584 (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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	22,866	18,935
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	2,204	13,712
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	83,601	350,936
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	108,671 (c6)	383,584 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	108,671 (x)	383,584 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
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 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *Peter J Thomas* Date /10/25

Name and address of treasurer
Peter J Thomas
..... Post Code.... TA1 2TA

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on December 10th 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *Andrew Longshaw*

Name of the Chair of the meeting Andrew Longshaw Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

South Petherton and Crewkerne Circuit

Charity Number 1139503

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner

Name of independent examiner David Hawkings

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner C Math

Name of firm (where appropriate) N/A

Address 5 Hither Acre, ILMINSTER

..... Post Code TA19 9DA

Date 09/10/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

Incorporated in SFA return