

## Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit

TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD  
1st SEPTEMBER 2020 to 31st AUGUST 2021

### SECTION A REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATION DETAILS

Registered Charity Number: 1142805

Charity's Principal Address: Kingsleigh Methodist Church, King Street, Leigh WN7 4LR

The Trustees who manage the charity:

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted. (If not for whole year)	Name of body entitled to appoint trustee	Leadership team
Jean Aldred	Chair Lay Appointment & Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Gillian Baglee	Circuit Meeting Secretary & Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Marian Bilsbury			Astley / Tyldesley Church	
Rev. K. Bland	Minister		Ex-Officio	Yes
Elsbeth Brighton	Circuit Steward, Treasurer, Safeguarder		Ex-Officio	Yes
Delia Caswell			Glazebury Church	
David Clayworth	World Mission		Hindley St. John's Church	
Janet Crozier			Glazebury Church	
Joyce Daniels	Local Preachers Secretary, Synod Representative.		Ex-Officio	
Rev. B. Deakin	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Alan Eaves			Astley / Tyldesley Church	
Linda Fish	Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Rev. J. Fisher	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	Yes
Nick Fletcher			Kingsleigh Church	
Margaret Freeborn			Bag Lane Church	
Keith Garbett			Atherton Central Church	
Irene Goodhew			Atherton Central Church	
Joanne Grundy			Glazebury Church	
Maureen Hilton	Circuit Steward, Synod Representative		Ex-Officio	Yes
Janette Hutchinson			Culcheth Church	
Janet Jennions			Hindley St. John's Church	
Rev. B. Jones	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Rev. M. Jones	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Philip Kennedy			Hindley Green Church	
Jean Leech			Bedford Church	
Janice MacKenzie			Hindley St. John's Church	

Thomas Martin	Circuit Steward		Ex-Officio	Yes
Jean Maryan			Astley / Tyldesley Church	
Kevin Meredith			Bedford Church	
Susan Mooney			Kingsleigh Church	
Vera Nelson			Bedford Church	
Lynda Nuttall			Atherton Central Church	
David Ogilvy			Culcheth Church	
Anne Parry			Wigan Road Church	
Rev. L. Pereira	Minister		Ex-Officio	Yes
Mavis Power			Bag Lane Church	
Valerie Pownall			Bedford Church	
Dorothy Sim			Wigan Road Church	
Elizabeth Smith			Hindley Green Church	
Rev. L. Smith	Acting Superintendent Minister	May 2021 – 31/08/2021	Ex-Officio	Yes
Rev. V. Smith	Superintendent Minister	Moved April 2021	Ex-Officio	Yes
Susan Stewart			Wigan Road Church	
Edith Todd			Bag Lane Church	
Rev. S. Whitehead	Supernumerary		Ex-Officio	
Andrew Wilcox			Bamfurlong Church	
Stan Worgan			Bamfurlong Church	

## SECTION B STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

### Description of the charity's trusts:

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976) and the charity is constituted by Act of Parliament.

Trustees are appointed by local churches or circuit organisations and the existing trustees. Ministers and circuit stewards are automatically trustees.

### Induction and Training for Trustees

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion is issued to new trustees including the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in the Methodist Church' and they are offered the support of the Circuit Meeting Secretary. From time to time training sessions are provided on a range of aspects of the role of Trustees.

### Structure

The Circuit is part of the Bolton and Rochdale Methodist District and appoints representatives to its meeting (The District Synod) and is accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Meeting of the Trustees (Circuit Meeting) is supported by a Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) which comprises of the Ministers and the Circuit Stewards. The CLT advises the Circuit Meeting and ensures that its decisions are enacted.



**Risks:** A standing modest risk to the Circuit is the ability of Churches to pay the financial assessment so that the Circuit can meet its costs. However, this risk has become much greater since the start of the Covid pandemic two years ago. The balances held by most Churches in the Circuit have been adversely affected by limitations on their sources of income during various lockdowns. While Church balances were sufficient to pay most of the Circuit assessment in 2020/2021 this capacity is now under threat as Churches fundraising activities and premises lettings have not returned to pre Pandemic capacity as yet.

A real risk of the overloading of the ministers, particularly the Superintendent, had been identified and Trustees appointed a part-time lay Pastoral and Preaching Assistant to support the ministerial team and have appointed a lay chaplain to support the work in the circuit schools. A re-distribution of pastoral charge was agreed in June 2017 to even up the responsibilities from September 2017, and this has been effective for several years. However, there is a continuing risk as ministers leave the circuit over time, that the Methodist Church may not be able to replace them, given a national shortage of presbyters and the Circuit will then have to explore further lay appointments.

Across the Circuit some Churches are struggling to recruit new office holders, with some individuals feeling unable to retire despite long service. This poses a risk to good governance and limits the energy available to pursue new initiatives and look outwards to serve the communities within which the churches sit.

The community sees Circuit and Church organisations as safe places and many young children and vulnerable adults use them. The risk of inappropriate behaviour is controlled by application of the statutory procedures for the Safeguarding of Children and Vulnerable Adults. Additionally, in the year, the Circuit updated its Safeguarding Policy using the model that had been recommended by the Methodist Church. Churches are responsible for ensuring that the requirements are met in all their activities. The Circuit appoints a Safeguarding Officer supported by a Safeguarding Co-ordinator and ensures that each Church appoints its own Safeguarding Officer. The Circuit Safeguarding Officer supports them and calls meetings to share good practice. Training sessions are made available for all those in Churches and Circuit organisations involved in work with Children and Vulnerable adults. The Circuit monitors that all those who are required to do so have attended, and is currently in final stages of completing an initial round of refresher training for those whose original training was some years ago. Refresher sessions of advanced training for those in leadership roles have now been introduced and many of those required to attend have now been trained.

## **SECTION C OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its 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 organisation of The Methodist Church;
- (c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- (d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.

## SECTION D ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### Part 1

#### **Summary of the main activities under taken for the public benefit in relations to these objects.**

The trustees confirm that they have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the Methodist Churches in its geographical area. These are open to all people without charge. The Churches welcome all families for baptisms, marriages and funerals and make their facilities available for community use.

The Circuit continues to support a Food Bank operating in the centre of Leigh under the auspices of the Trussell Trust.

Volunteers and the ministers of the Circuit, especially from Bedford and Hindley Green Churches, support the work of Bedford Hall and Westleigh Methodist Primary Schools whose children and families include many of no or different faiths. An example is the "It's Your Move" programme designed to support children in their transition from Primary School to High School. The schools feel privileged to be able to offer this support to all children. The Foundation Governors continue to play a pivotal part in the life of the schools.

Individual Churches within the Circuit operate a variety of community services for young and old which are open to all regardless of faith. These include Luncheon and Coffee clubs for older people and varied youth activities.

The trustees have used some of the moneys generated from the sale of redundant Churches to employ a lay chaplain to work in the two schools.

Mission priorities were recently revised to recognise progress on earlier priorities:

"As the Leigh and Hindley Methodist Circuit we are determined:

1. To Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul and mind. Our first priority is to worship Him, and grow in faith;
2. To be a prayerful people;
3. To explore all God-given opportunities to share the good news of Jesus with others;
4. To be prepared to consider new ideas in order to extend our mission;
5. To love and care for all God's people but especially the vulnerable and all who are struggling;
6. To encourage, support and give a voice to under 25's, building upon, and investing in, the children's and youth work already happening within the Circuit;
7. To continue to work and pull together as a Circuit and as sections."



## **SECTION D**

### **ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

#### **Part 2**

#### **Summary of other activities.**

##### **The Ministerial Team**

Reverend Katharine Bland joined the Circuit on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Reverend John Fisher continues to work as a part-time Supernumerary.

Reverend Len Pereira retired from the Circuit in August 2021.

Reverend Wilfred Robinson has agreed to commence his position as Superintendent Minister on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

Reverend Vivienne Smith (Superintendent Minister) left the Circuit at Easter 2021 to help out in her new Circuit.

Reverend Luke Smith took over as caretaker Superintendent until August 2021.

##### **Lay Employees**

In 2020/21 there were three lay employees: a part-time circuit administrator, Andrea Metcalfe, a part-time lay pastoral assistant, Eileen Groves, and a part-time schools chaplain, Vicky Tyrrell.

##### **Local Preachers and Worship Leaders**

Groups have continued to meet in person and Zoom as allowed

##### **Governance**

The Circuit met in person as allowed and conducted business remotely by email and Zoom when necessary, as did Circuit Leadership Team and Circuit Invitation Committee.

Churches and Circuit continue to carry out their legal duties in respect of pensions for lay employees, with the circuit treasurer supporting churches to do so. GDPR requirements are also adhered to.

##### **Circuit Property**

Regular maintenance and minor improvements have been undertaken at the manses at Marsh Brook Close, Hindley, Burton Close, Culcheth and Stour Rd, Astley to ensure that they continue to meet the required standards.

##### **Circuit Grants to Churches**

The resources, which the Circuit set aside in 2015, to allow each Church to further its mission priorities, have now been expended. A new scheme of grants to Churches had been introduced but was then repurposed during the year to focus on equipment to facilitate setting up IT required to stream services into Churches and continue Church business during lockdown.

##### **Epworth Trust (formerly Acorn Academy)**

The Circuit continues to work closely with the two Methodist Primary Schools in Leigh – Bedford Hall Methodist and Westleigh Methodist. Both are now part of the Epworth Trust, created in November 2020 and this now includes Nutgrove Primary, Rosehill Primary, Summerseat Primary and Wesley Primary Schools. The schools are extremely proud of their Methodist inheritance and the positive impact it makes upon all aspects of school life. Education Sunday services in chapel were suspended during the pandemic and in addition, school governors met via zoom for Local Advisory Board meetings. Obviously visits into school by both church members and governors were deemed unsafe during this time also.

Both schools have a higher percentage than the national average of children supported by the additional Pupil Premium to address the needs of those from particularly disadvantaged backgrounds. They deploy these resources to provide a wide range of practical and learning support for these pupils, ranging from breakfast clubs to employment of additional teaching assistants and subsidising educational trips. The work of the pastoral managers is of great value in supporting pupils from struggling families and ensuring effective safeguarding of pupils.

Both schools have been judged as Outstanding in their most recent inspections as part of the Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools.

## SECTION E FINANCIAL REVIEW

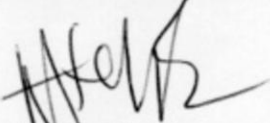
There are General Fund balances of £93,689, which are just sufficient to meet 6 months' routine expenditure. Capital receipts from sales of surplus properties in recent years had led to much greater reserves in the Circuit Model Trust Fund (CMTF) than the circuit has held in the past, leading the circuit to review the Reserves Policy and develop mechanisms to ensure resources are used to support mission, discipleship, and evangelism. Trustees have identified a range of specific projects and appointments as key steps in delivering the agreed mission priorities and implementation is now well under way. Once resources are allocated to these initiatives moneys are drawn down from the CMTF and placed in dedicated accounts at the Central Finance Board. The revised Reserves Policy is appended together with the accounts and the independent examiner's report, in which no major concerns are raised.

## LEGAL OBLIGATION

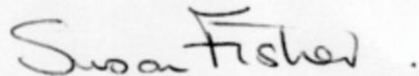
The trustees confirm that there are no serious incidents or other matters, which they should have brought to the attention of the Commission.

The trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above at their meeting on 17 February 2022.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:



Rev Wilfred Robinson  
Chair (Superintendent Minister)



Mrs Susan Fisher  
Circuit Steward and Treasurer

Date: 17/02/2022.

Date: 17/02/2022



THE METHODIST CHURCH  
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Leigh &amp; Hindley

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
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District

Circuit no

06/07

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Rev John Fisher

Circuit Stewards:

Jean Aldred

Gillian Baglee

Maureen Hilton

Linda Fish

Thomas Martin

Treasurer:

Elspeth Brighton

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	y	179,813.99			179,813.99	183,475.78
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and investment income		161.83	392.77	0.64	555.24	2,108.31
a5	Grants						5,000.00
a6	Other receipts		2,440.79			2,440.79	4,311.41
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>182,416.61</b>	<b>392.77</b>	<b>0.64</b>	<b>182,810.02 (a8)</b>	<b>194,893.50</b>

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		129,727.93			129,727.93	148,902.25
b3	Manse Costs		14,165.25			14,165.25	13,533.03
b4	Administration etc		10,270.41			10,270.41	11,555.53
b5	District Assessment		42,888.00	3,475.59		46,363.59	42,898.43
b6	Grants & donations		7,387.84			7,387.84	15,000.00
b7							
b8	Other payments		6,113.02	239.02		6,352.64	12,300.67
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>210,553.05</b>	<b>3,714.61</b>		<b>214,267.66 (b9)</b>	<b>244,189.91</b>

SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a7-b9)	-28,136.44	-3,321.84	0.64	-31,457.64	-49,295.41
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		105,002.14	119,511.76	4,691.00	289,205.56 (c5)	338,501.07
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	<b>136,865.70</b>	<b>116,189.92</b>	<b>4,692.30</b>	<b>257,747.92</b>	<b>289,205.56</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	<b>136,865.70</b>	<b>116,189.92</b>	<b>4,692.30</b>	<b>257,747.92 (c8)</b>	<b>289,205.56 (c6)</b>

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



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

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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)			(c7)	(e6)	(e8)
e10	182,810.02 (a8)	214,267.66 (b9)	-31,457.64		289,205.56 (z)	257,747.92 (y)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT		214,267.66	-31,457.64		289,205.56 (z)	257,747.92 (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	289.97	
f2	34,318.96	43,176.25
f3		
f4		
f5	130,393.27	93,689.45
f6	124,205.42	120,882.22
f7		
f8	289,205.56 (c6)	257,747.92 (c8)
f9	(e11)	(e12)
f10	289,205.56 (x)	257,747.92 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1		
g2	998,337	949,530
g3		
g4		
g5		

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)

Name of Circuit: Leigh & Hindley No: 06/07

## 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 .....  ..... Date..... 5/2/2022

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Elspeth Brighton

32 Wadeson Way, Croft, Warrington, WA3 7JS

### 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 ... 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Wilfred Robinson Date 17/02/2022...

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit

Charity Number 1142805

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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



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#### 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:

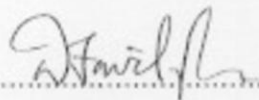
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 other than the following:

Independent evidence is unavailable to support the characterisation of payments made to one of the Circuit's ministers totalling £945 recorded as "for benevolence" in the Circuit's records (disclosed in the accounts as "Other Payments"). The unavailability of evidence reflects the Circuit's understanding of the confidentiality required by Standing order 527.

I 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 John Fairclough

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ... N/A

Address ..... 6, Doeford Close, Culcheth, Cheshire

..... Post Code .. WA3 4DL

Date .... 22 February 2022

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## 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 .....  ..... Date..... 5/2/2022

Name and address of treasurer ..... Dr Elspeth Brighton

32 Wadeson Way, Croft, Warrington, WA3 7JS

### 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 ... 17<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....  .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Wilfred Robinson Date 17/02/2022...

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit

Charity Number 1142805

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Leigh & Hindley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages P1 to P3. 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: Leigh & Hindley No: 06/07

#### 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:

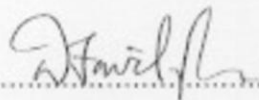
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 other than the following:

Independent evidence is unavailable to support the characterisation of payments made to one of the Circuit's ministers totalling £945 recorded as "for benevolence" in the Circuit's records (disclosed in the accounts as "Other Payments"). The unavailability of evidence reflects the Circuit's understanding of the confidentiality required by Standing order 527.

I 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 John Fairclough

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ... N/A

Address ..... 6, Doeford Close, Culcheth, Cheshire

..... Post Code .. WA3 4DL

Date .... 22 February 2022

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