

# NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1143259

## Details

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Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2011-08-05
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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 THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

**Activities:** We seek to: call people to Jesus Christ, to nurture them in the faith and help them live it out identify spiritual, material and physical needs and engage in such serviceprovide pastoral care where brokenness can be healed and people discover their potential in Christ. We provide governance of the local Methodist schools as they promote personal, social, moral and spiritual education.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- North Yorkshire

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£613,180	£302,039	£2,280,473	3
2023-08-31	£613,180	£302,039	£974,662	3
2022-08-31	£251,275	£308,234	-	-
2021-08-31	£348,000	£260,752	-	-
2020-08-31	£119,084	£131,108	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
ANN WIGHT		2011-08-05
Angela Mary Heywood		2016-09-01
Barbara Robinson		2016-09-01
EUNICE SPENCER PAGE		2011-08-01
Elizabeth Sparey		2013-09-18
Graham Di Duca		2015-03-16
HEATHER SOWERBY		2014-09-01
Helen Hughes		2020-08-01
JANET EILEEN HARKER		2011-08-05
JULIE PLEDGE		2011-08-05
Jackie Mc Cartney		2016-09-01
Janet Leahy		2022-01-01
Janet Pringle		2020-08-01
Janet Pringle		2022-09-01
Jonathan Sparey		2013-09-18
Joshua Huddleston		2022-03-09
KATHERINE BRIGHTMAN BA HONS		2011-08-05
Kathleen Wood		2020-08-01
MRS ANGIE BAILY		2013-09-18
MRS BEV MACE		2011-08-05
MRS CHRISTINE LAMB		2013-09-18
MRS LIZ HAYTHORNTHWAITE		2012-09-01
Margaret Elizabeth Simpson		2013-09-18
Marion Young		2022-09-01
Marjorie Iveson		2020-08-01
Mary Sowerby		2020-08-01
Michelle Stonley		2020-08-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Pauline Beckett		2022-03-09
RUTH POULTNEY		2013-04-10
Rachel Martin		2022-09-01
Rev David Wood		2020-08-01
Rev JENNIFER EDMONDSON		2012-04-11
Rev Jo Brown		2024-09-01
Rev KATHLEEN BOWE BED BA		2011-08-01
Rev Phil Clarke		2020-08-01
TREVOR SMITH CQSW		2011-08-01
Tricia Kirby		2020-08-01
Wendy Grannan		2020-08-01

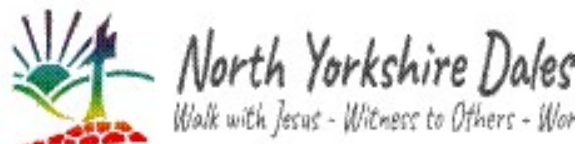
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# Accounts

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## NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT

### Trustees Annual Reports and Accounts Year ended: 31 August 2023.

#### Introduction:

Formed in September 2010, NYDC is part of the Darlington Methodist District, within the Methodist Church of Great Britain; and encompasses 11 worshipping congregations, 10 chapels and 9 church councils with a total membership of 282. This is made up of the following:

<u>Melmerby</u>	16	members	<u>Richmond</u>	115	members
<u>*Gayle/Marsett/Bainbridge</u>	29	members	<u>Scorton</u>	19	members
<u>West Burton</u>	13	members	<u>Brompton-on-Swale</u>	13	members
<u>Leyburn</u>	48	members	<u>Gunnerside</u>	16	members
			<u>Hunton</u>	13	members

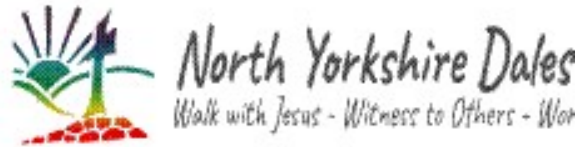
\*(Marsett a class of Gayle with a building and Bainbridge a class of Gayle without a building who meet at Sycamore Hall)

The Circuit is set in some 375 square miles of the beautiful countryside of Swaledale and Wensleydale: not forgetting Coverdale, Bishopdale, Raydale and Arkengarthdale.

The Superintendent is Rev Melanie Reed. Her colleagues are Rev Julia Reid, Rachel Pinkney (finished in post on 30.6.23), the Schools and Families Worker, and Julie Greenslade, the Circuit Administrative Assistant. New colleague from 4.9.23 is Wendy Bunting, the Circuit Methodist Primary Schools Chaplain (see below).

The 11 worshipping congregations differ in size and location and some offer activities several days per week, others are less busy. There are regular Circuit Services throughout the year when communities are encouraged to meet together at one church, or location within the circuit and further details can be found on our website [www.nydalesmeth.org.uk](http://www.nydalesmeth.org.uk)

The Circuit has pastoral responsibility for the Methodist Schools in Gunnerside and Richmond and from 4.9.23 has formed a partnership with the Darlington and Teesdale Circuit whereby the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit has appointed a Lay Methodist Primary Schools Chaplain to serve across the 3 Methodist Schools of Gunnerside, Richmond and Melsonby.



## **Aims and Organisation:**

### **Mission Statement**

#### ***Our mission...***

is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity,  
so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales, and beyond,  
may encounter the love of God.

#### ***Our aim...***

*to walk with Jesus,  
to witness to others,  
to worship the Lord.*

#### ***Our vision...***

is for a God-led, Spirit-filled church  
serving and ministering  
to individuals, families and the community.

The Circuit encourages and supports chapel communities to build each other up, in their local area group, encouraging growth of Christian discipleship, ministry and mission; through shared Bible studies and prayer groups, mutual witness and worship to the wider communities in which they are placed, through sharing special services, local celebrations and events and outreach projects. The principal purpose being to:

- ^ Create opportunities to regularly share in fellowship in their locality, and across the wider Circuit.
- ^ Be encouraged to serve, witness & care for the local communities in which they live & work.
- ^ Develop strong pastoral links with fellow Methodists across the community in their local area, as well as in the wider Circuit, in order to create a larger supportive community from several smaller fellowships.

### **Brief financial review of the year:**

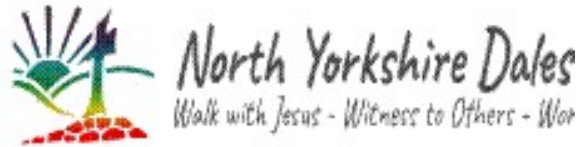
The budgeted expenditure at the beginning of the year was £143,514.00. Actual expenditure was £136,678, ie 95% of the budget was spent.

Several cost centres were underspent, including travel costs for ministers, the administrative assistant, quinquennials and burial grounds costs.

The budgeted income was £143,514.00. Actual income fell short of actual budget expenditure, ie 95% received. Income from chapel assessments remained, as agreed, at the amount set for 2019/20.

Income from rented properties was reduced due to one being sold, and costly repairs and maintenance expended on the remaining one. Conversely, interest on capital was greatly increased due to a high balance in the Circuit MTF following chapel sales, and high interest rates. The budget shortfall was funded from the Sewell's Trust sale of Wesley Cottage, the proceeds of which were transferred to the Circuit in 2021.

Stipend expenditure has increased in each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Almost 25K of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other Circuit expenditure includes ongoing maintenance and insurance of empty chapel buildings.



The lay appointment of a Circuit Schools and Families worker (initially 30 hrs/wk, reduced to 20 hrs/wk in October 2020) was made in September 2017, which is budgeted and paid for through a district grant and Circuit Model Trust Funds (MTF). The contract terminated in June 2023. Funds remaining from the project are to be transferred to the new Chaplaincy post due to begin in September 2023. A contribution from the District has been received towards funding the post.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 the nett assets of the Circuit were as follows:

General Account: £224,809 of which £88,352 (remainder of sale transfer of Wesley Cottage) to be used to fund Circuit mission, including budget deficit. £71,319 is ring-fenced for other projects.

Circuit MTF: £718,280.

Plans for the coming year 2023 / 2024:

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain two full time ordained staff with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases, and a part-time self-employed administrator whose hourly rate increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Average Weekly Earnings Index recommendations, and always above the recommended Living Wage rates.

Where possible, other costs have been kept to a minimum. The CLT have agreed that chapel assessments will remain at the 2019/20 level due to loss of income throughout the pandemic, with the budget shortfall to be made up from Circuit reserves.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

**The Full name of Charity:** The North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit

**Registered Charity Number:** 1143259

**Date of Registration:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Main communication address:** Dove Cottage, Moor Road, Leyburn, N Yorks. DL8 5DH

The members of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

**Circuit Ministers and Officers:**

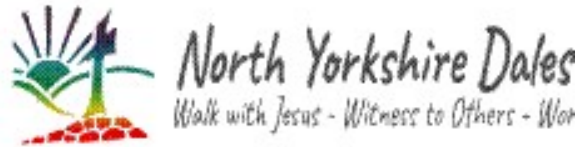
Active Circuit Ministers:

Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

Rev Julia Reid

Circuit Lay Workers:

Mrs Rachel Pinkney (finished in post 30.6.23)



Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Angie Bailey  
Mr Graham Di Duca  
Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite (resigned 4.10.22)  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

Administrator:

Mrs Julie Greenslade

*(Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report)*

**Structure, Governance and Management:**

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Management of the Circuit is the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting who meet four times per year. Day to day management is exercised through the Circuit Leadership team on behalf of the Circuit Meeting along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee.

The Circuit is part of the Darlington District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

**Risk Management:**

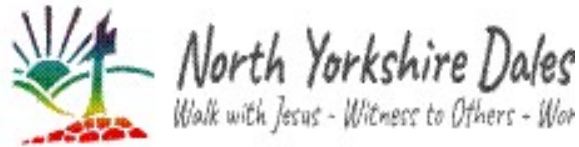
Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

**Safeguarding:**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care



- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

### **Aims and organisations:**

The charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area of the North Yorkshire Dales for The Methodist Church.

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 the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

### **Achievements and performance:**

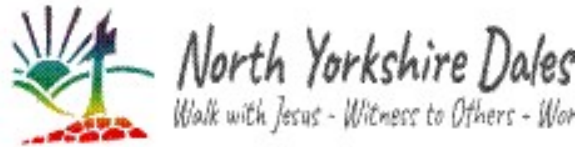
#### Ministry

Regular services are held in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, the local residential home where many of the members are Christian. These services are open to all residents of all Christian denominations or none. Methodist-led services are regularly held in the Anglican church of St Margaret's, Hawes and the ecumenical relationships with both St Margaret's in Hawes and St Matthew's in Leyburn mean that Anglican and Methodist Congregations regularly come together for Sunday and mid-week worship in each other's buildings as well as outdoors. Ecumenical working across the entire Circuit brings a wealth of shared opportunities and a mutual delight in being able to worship and work together regularly.

As a Circuit we continue to challenge ourselves by declaring that our Mission is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity, so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales and beyond may encounter the love of God. Whilst acknowledging that membership figures continue to indicate that this is a real challenge, there are small signs of growth at both Scorton and Melmerby within the last 12 months, whilst Leyburn is experiencing continual sustained numbers each Sunday.

We remember our promise to maintain the life of worship and service that the children among us may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The work of the Schools and Families worker has been a key part of this mission and outreach, and the hope this year is that this work will be taken forward with a different focus by the newly appointed Schools Chaplain who begins in post on 4.9.23.

The Circuit continues the process of exploring its "Vision and strategy for the Future", recognising that resources both financial and personnel are key. There is a concerted effort to ascertain what we can do well. A lot of work over the last 4 years has been done on freeing up resources through the sales of redundant property to provide a healthy reserve recognising that there is an ongoing budget deficit to be met alongside having sufficient monies to enable outreach and mission projects. Carlton



Chapel was due to cease to worship and close at the end of August 2022 but had been granted a further year by the Circuit Trustees to explore whether it was possible to grow the membership to 12 and increase the financial income, sadly this was not the case, and the Chapel held its final worship service on 20.8.23. Permission was given by the District Synod on 22.4.23 for Carlton Chapel to cease to worship, close, and for the building to be sold.

The Circuit is host to two Methodist Primary Schools, one each at Richmond and Gunnerside. The school at Gunnerside is currently in Federated Governance with the slightly larger primary school at Reeth. There are three Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Richmond Methodist school and up until the end of the summer term 2023, Rev Julia Reid was the Chaplain. There are two Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Reeth and Gunnerside School, and due to a lack of suitable volunteers, one of those is now held by the Superintendent, and up until the end of the summer term 2023 Rev Melanie Reed also held the role of Chaplain. From the new Autumn Term 2023 the Circuit Ministers will no longer provide chaplaincy to these schools because the Circuit has appointed a Lay School Chaplain for 30 hours per week, however it is likely that Circuit Ministers will still be involved with the mission to these schools.

Both schools have continued to have regular Christian based assemblies provided through the Circuit. During term time some occasional services have been held in Gunnerside chapel with both pupils and parents in attendance. Time is spent with all year groups at Reeth and Gunnerside which enables the children to lead their own whole school assemblies during the school year. At Richmond school there has been new successful initiatives like Messy Church and the school also visits Richmond Chapel for special events. At the end of the school year, the Circuit provides Year 6 pupils in both Methodist schools with Youth Bibles, as the children leave to move up to a Senior School.

#### Outreach work

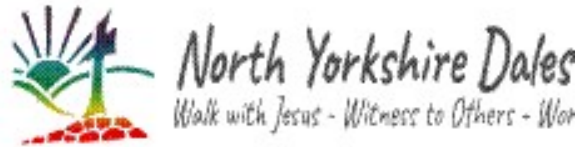
*King's Club:* Building on the post Covid model, King's club has now morphed into a differently focussed Ecumenical Circuit initiative. This year saw the Revered Gillian Lunn, Curate at Leyburn and Bellerby take over the coordinator role, and lead a team of volunteers from across the Circuit and the parish of Leyburn and Bellerby to deliver a family focussed 2 session, 2 centre activity afternoon on the theme of 'I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord' Jeremiah 29:11. 100 free family activity bags were put together and families were invited, through various means of advertising, to one of two King's Club sessions based at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall and West Burton Village Hall. These sessions ran from 12noon to 3pm providing activities, games, refreshments, and the gift of an activity bag containing bulbs to plant, gifts, books, chocolate etc. The sessions once again attracted both holiday makers and locals. Children were accompanied by parents, grandparents, and childminders.

*Individual chapels* – Bible studies, fellowships, choirs, harvest concerts, sing-a-longs, cream teas, coffee mornings, plant sales, Messy church, Coronation events etc have all taken place this year. Safe spaces have been a significant part of the outreach of the Circuit during this past year with Richmond specifically opening its doors mid-week to a number of vulnerable and needy individuals.

#### Property:

*Chapels:* At the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> August 2023) there were 10 chapels in use in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit:

Brompton on Swale; Gayle; Gunnerside; Hunton; Leyburn; Marsett; Melmerby; Richmond; Scorton; and West Burton and whilst the responsibility for the maintenance of these properties lies with the trustees of each church, the Circuit is responsible for arranging quinquennial inspections.



Satisfactory independent inspections were undertaken of Carlton, Gayle, Melmerby, West Burton chapels and the Richmond Manse, during the year with individual reports presented to the Church Property Stewards and the Circuit Property Committee.

This year the Circuit has successfully completed on the sales of Aysgarth and Ravensworth Chapels. Aysgarth was sold for community use and Ravensworth was sold at Auction.

*Manses:* At the start of the year the Circuit had four manses, two of which were occupied by Ministers of the Circuit. The former manse in Leyburn (St Matthew's Terrace) was marketed for sale and the former manse at Catterick Garrison continues to be let to tenants. The sale of St Matthews Terrace Manse completed on 27.3.23 leaving a total of 3 manses in the Circuit. All legally required annual checks are carried out at all manses. All manses are in good condition.

Burial Grounds

There are burial grounds at Hawes, Low Row, Hurst, Arkengarthdale, and an additional within the grounds of Gunnerside Chapel. All grounds are well maintained and the required topple testing has been carried out and all unstable headstones have been re-fixed and made safe.

**Financial review:**

The Reserves Policy for the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure in the General account. 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, funding of planned activities in the event of the closure of a church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment requirement from the individual churches.

The Circuit does hold sufficient working capital in its General account to enable the monthly payment of stipends and work-related expenses for the two full-time presbyters and its contribution to the District. The money made available for the Catterick Garrison project is now ring-fenced within the General account, under the Circuit Schools and Families funding.

1.	<b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2023	£224,809	MTF= £718,280
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2.	<b>Restricted</b> Funds held	"	£19,834
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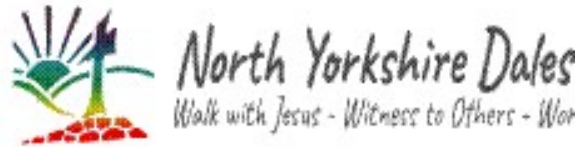
3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held	"	£ 5,738
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4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

**An amount of the general funds - £71,319 is held as designated funds, having been taken from the Circuit MTF for specific purposes. £48,760 of the £88,352 remaining from the sale of Wesley Cottage is earmarked for making up the 2023/2024 budget shortfall, with the remaining £39,592 to be used to fund Circuit mission and the Circuit budget deficit in future years.**

**The budget for 2022/23 was £143,514 and that for 2023/24 is £150,634, therefore the reserves held equate to 75% of budget expenditure, which is above the recommended 50%**

**The Circuit Leadership Team welcomes applications for the remaining monies which further the Mission Vision of the Circuit.**



The Circuit Finance Team consisting of Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite and Mrs Michelle Stonley, has acted as the principal body overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner – Mrs Sue Brunskill

Investment Bankers:- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

HSBC info etc – Current Account: HSBC, 23 Market Place, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4QQ

**Section G – Other information:**

None

**Section G – Declaration:**

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>M Reed</i>	<i>GR Di Duca</i>
<i>Full name(s)</i>	Rev Melanie Reed	Mr Graham Di Duca
<i>Position e.g. Chair, Secretary,</i>	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Steward

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Appendix A

Chair of District: Rev Richard Andrew (Darlington)

Circuit Superintendent: Rev Melanie Reed

Circuit Minister: Rev Julia Reid

Rev Kathleen Bowe (Supernumerary)

Deacon Elizabeth Timmins (Supernumerary)

Rev David Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Phil Clarke (Supernumerary)

Circuit Finance Team: Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite,  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

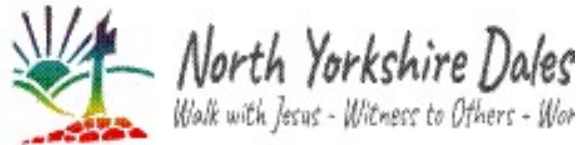
Circuit Meeting Secretary: Mrs Julie Greenslade

Circuit Administrative Assistant: Mrs Julie Greenslade

Circuit Steward: Mrs Angie Bailey

Circuit Steward: Mr Graham Di Duca

Circuit Steward: Mrs Michelle Stonley



Local Preacher's Secretary: Mrs Christine Lamb (resigned 15.2.23)  
Local Preachers' Rep: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
Circuit Evangelism Enabler: Rachel Martin  
Connexional Funds Treasurer: Mrs Angie Bailey  
Education and Youth Secretary: *vacancy*  
Youth Reps: *vacancy*  
World Missions Secretary: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
World Missions Treasurer: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
MWIB Secretary/ Treasurer: *Superintendent is contact person*  
JMA Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Janet Pringle  
Schools & Families Worker: Mrs Rachel Pinkney (finished in post 30.6.23)  
Health & Safety Advisor: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Mission in Britain Secretary: *Vacancy*  
Action for Children Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Julie Pledge  
Methodist Homes Sec/Treasurer: delegated out to each individual chapel  
District Policy Committee Rep: Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)  
Representatives to Synod: Angie Bailey, Jos Huddleston, Pauline Beckett  
District Ecumenical Officer: Rev P Clarke  
Circuit Evangelism Enabler: Rachel Martin

#### Church Representatives

*Brompton on Swale*: Mr Arthur Wheeler; Mrs Katherine Brightman; Mrs Christine Lamb  
*Gayle*: Mrs Janet Fagg, Mrs Mary Sowerby, Miss Heather Sowerby  
*Gunnarside*: Mrs Eleanor Cherry; Mrs Jackie McCartney  
*Hunton*: Mrs Helen Hughes; Mr Peter Latham  
*Leyburn*: Mr Jonathan Sparey; Mrs Elizabeth Sparey, Mrs Wendy Grannan, Mrs Marjorie Iveson  
*Melmerby*: Mrs Margaret Simpson; Mrs Janet Harker, Mrs Mary Gill  
*Richmond*: Mrs Janet Pringle, Mrs Janet Leahy, Mrs Eunice Page  
*Scorton*: Mrs Barbara Robinson; Mrs Tricia Kirby; Mr Eric Kirby  
*West Burton*: Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite, Mrs Pauline Beckett

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Yorkshire Dales	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

Darlington	District	Circuit no	13/19
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1143259
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(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:

Reverend Melanie Reed (Superintendent)
Reverend Julia Reid

Circuit Stewards:

Graham Di Duca
Angie Bailey
Michelle Stonley

Treasurer:

Katherine Brightman (Finance Team Member)
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	93,556			93,556	100,010
a3	Capital receipts		415,573		415,573	495,016
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,946	17,362	642	24,950	2,287
a5	Grants	42,546			42,546	8,727
a6	Other receipts	33,851		2,704	36,555	33,009
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>176,899</b>	<b>432,935</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>613,180 (a8)</b>	<b>639,049</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	81,656			81,656	78,310
b3	Manse Costs	11,916			11,916	12,962
b4	Administration etc	17,370	1,187		18,557	16,561
b5	District Assessment	24,684			24,684	27,360
b6	Grants & donations	19,270			19,270	42,856
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Name of Circuit ..... No.....

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Signature of treasurer ..... *K.J. Brightman* ..... Date *14-12-23* .....

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Charity Number *1143259* .....

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Name of Circuit North Yorkshire Dales No 13/19

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Yorkshire Dales	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2023

Darlington	District	Circuit no	13/19
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1143259
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(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:

Reverend Melanie Reed (Superintendent)
Reverend Julia Reid

Circuit Stewards:

Graham Di Duca
Angie Bailey
Michelle Stonley

Treasurer:

Katherine Brightman (Finance Team Member)
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a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	93,556			93,556	100,010
a3	Capital receipts		415,573		415,573	495,016
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	6,946	17,362	642	24,950	2,287
a5	Grants	42,546			42,546	8,727
a6	Other receipts	33,851		2,704	36,555	33,009
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>176,899</b>	<b>432,935</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>613,180 (a8)</b>	<b>639,049</b>

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b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	81,656			81,656	78,310
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b4	Administration etc	17,370	1,187		18,557	16,561
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England & Wales - Charity number 1143259

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# Accounts

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## NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT

### Trustees Annual Reports and Accounts Year ended: 31 August 2023.

#### Introduction:

Formed in September 2010, NYDC is part of the Darlington Methodist District, within the Methodist Church of Great Britain; and encompasses 11 worshipping congregations, 10 chapels and 9 church councils with a total membership of 282. This is made up of the following:

<u>Melmerby</u>	16	members	<u>Richmond</u>	115	members
<u>*Gayle/Marsett/Bainbridge</u>	29	members	<u>Scorton</u>	19	members
<u>West Burton</u>	13	members	<u>Brompton-on-Swale</u>	13	members
<u>Leyburn</u>	48	members	<u>Gunnerside</u>	16	members
			<u>Hunton</u>	13	members

\*(Marsett a class of Gayle with a building and Bainbridge a class of Gayle without a building who meet at Sycamore Hall)

The Circuit is set in some 375 square miles of the beautiful countryside of Swaledale and Wensleydale: not forgetting Coverdale, Bishopdale, Raydale and Arkengarthdale.

The Superintendent is Rev Melanie Reed. Her colleagues are Rev Julia Reid, Rachel Pinkney (finished in post on 30.6.23), the Schools and Families Worker, and Julie Greenslade, the Circuit Administrative Assistant. New colleague from 4.9.23 is Wendy Bunting, the Circuit Methodist Primary Schools Chaplain (see below).

The 11 worshipping congregations differ in size and location and some offer activities several days per week, others are less busy. There are regular Circuit Services throughout the year when communities are encouraged to meet together at one church, or location within the circuit and further details can be found on our website [www.nydalesmeth.org.uk](http://www.nydalesmeth.org.uk)

The Circuit has pastoral responsibility for the Methodist Schools in Gunnerside and Richmond and from 4.9.23 has formed a partnership with the Darlington and Teesdale Circuit whereby the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit has appointed a Lay Methodist Primary Schools Chaplain to serve across the 3 Methodist Schools of Gunnerside, Richmond and Melsonby.



## **Aims and Organisation:**

### **Mission Statement**

#### ***Our mission...***

is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity,  
so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales, and beyond,  
may encounter the love of God.

#### ***Our aim...***

*to walk with Jesus,  
to witness to others,  
to worship the Lord.*

#### ***Our vision...***

is for a God-led, Spirit-filled church  
serving and ministering  
to individuals, families and the community.

The Circuit encourages and supports chapel communities to build each other up, in their local area group, encouraging growth of Christian discipleship, ministry and mission; through shared Bible studies and prayer groups, mutual witness and worship to the wider communities in which they are placed, through sharing special services, local celebrations and events and outreach projects. The principal purpose being to:

- ^ Create opportunities to regularly share in fellowship in their locality, and across the wider Circuit.
- ^ Be encouraged to serve, witness & care for the local communities in which they live & work.
- ^ Develop strong pastoral links with fellow Methodists across the community in their local area, as well as in the wider Circuit, in order to create a larger supportive community from several smaller fellowships.

### **Brief financial review of the year:**

The budgeted expenditure at the beginning of the year was £143,514.00. Actual expenditure was £136,678, ie 95% of the budget was spent.

Several cost centres were underspent, including travel costs for ministers, the administrative assistant, quinquennials and burial grounds costs.

The budgeted income was £143,514.00. Actual income fell short of actual budget expenditure, ie 95% received. Income from chapel assessments remained, as agreed, at the amount set for 2019/20.

Income from rented properties was reduced due to one being sold, and costly repairs and maintenance expended on the remaining one. Conversely, interest on capital was greatly increased due to a high balance in the Circuit MTF following chapel sales, and high interest rates. The budget shortfall was funded from the Sewell's Trust sale of Wesley Cottage, the proceeds of which were transferred to the Circuit in 2021.

Stipend expenditure has increased in each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Almost 25K of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other Circuit expenditure includes ongoing maintenance and insurance of empty chapel buildings.



The lay appointment of a Circuit Schools and Families worker (initially 30 hrs/wk, reduced to 20 hrs/wk in October 2020) was made in September 2017, which is budgeted and paid for through a district grant and Circuit Model Trust Funds (MTF). The contract terminated in June 2023. Funds remaining from the project are to be transferred to the new Chaplaincy post due to begin in September 2023. A contribution from the District has been received towards funding the post.

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 the nett assets of the Circuit were as follows:

General Account: £224,809 of which £88,352 (remainder of sale transfer of Wesley Cottage) to be used to fund Circuit mission, including budget deficit. £71,319 is ring-fenced for other projects.

Circuit MTF: £718,280.

Plans for the coming year 2023 / 2024:

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain two full time ordained staff with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases, and a part-time self-employed administrator whose hourly rate increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Average Weekly Earnings Index recommendations, and always above the recommended Living Wage rates. Where possible, other costs have been kept to a minimum. The CLT have agreed that chapel assessments will remain at the 2019/20 level due to loss of income throughout the pandemic, with the budget shortfall to be made up from Circuit reserves.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

**The Full name of Charity:** The North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit

**Registered Charity Number:** 1143259

**Date of Registration:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Main communication address:** Dove Cottage, Moor Road, Leyburn, N Yorks. DL8 5DH

The members of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

**Circuit Ministers and Officers:**

Active Circuit Ministers:

Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

Rev Julia Reid

Circuit Lay Workers:

Mrs Rachel Pinkney (finished in post 30.6.23)



Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Angie Bailey

Mr Graham Di Duca

Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite (resigned 4.10.22)

Mrs Michelle Stonley

Administrator:

Mrs Julie Greenslade

*(Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report)*

**Structure, Governance and Management:**

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Management of the Circuit is the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting who meet four times per year. Day to day management is exercised through the Circuit Leadership team on behalf of the Circuit Meeting along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee.

The Circuit is part of the Darlington District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

**Risk Management:**

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

**Safeguarding:**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care



- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

### **Aims and organisations:**

The charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area of the North Yorkshire Dales for The Methodist Church.

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 the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

### **Achievements and performance:**

#### Ministry

Regular services are held in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, the local residential home where many of the members are Christian. These services are open to all residents of all Christian denominations or none. Methodist-led services are regularly held in the Anglican church of St Margaret's, Hawes and the ecumenical relationships with both St Margaret's in Hawes and St Matthew's in Leyburn mean that Anglican and Methodist Congregations regularly come together for Sunday and mid-week worship in each other's buildings as well as outdoors. Ecumenical working across the entire Circuit brings a wealth of shared opportunities and a mutual delight in being able to worship and work together regularly.

As a Circuit we continue to challenge ourselves by declaring that our Mission is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity, so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales and beyond may encounter the love of God. Whilst acknowledging that membership figures continue to indicate that this is a real challenge, there are small signs of growth at both Scorton and Melmerby within the last 12 months, whilst Leyburn is experiencing continual sustained numbers each Sunday.

We remember our promise to maintain the life of worship and service that the children among us may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The work of the Schools and Families worker has been a key part of this mission and outreach, and the hope this year is that this work will be taken forward with a different focus by the newly appointed Schools Chaplain who begins in post on 4.9.23.

The Circuit continues the process of exploring its "Vision and strategy for the Future", recognising that resources both financial and personnel are key. There is a concerted effort to ascertain what we can do well. A lot of work over the last 4 years has been done on freeing up resources through the sales of redundant property to provide a healthy reserve recognising that there is an ongoing budget deficit to be met alongside having sufficient monies to enable outreach and mission projects. Carlton



Chapel was due to cease to worship and close at the end of August 2022 but had been granted a further year by the Circuit Trustees to explore whether it was possible to grow the membership to 12 and increase the financial income, sadly this was not the case, and the Chapel held its final worship service on 20.8.23. Permission was given by the District Synod on 22.4.23 for Carlton Chapel to cease to worship, close, and for the building to be sold.

The Circuit is host to two Methodist Primary Schools, one each at Richmond and Gunnerside. The school at Gunnerside is currently in Federated Governance with the slightly larger primary school at Reeth. There are three Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Richmond Methodist school and up until the end of the summer term 2023, Rev Julia Reid was the Chaplain. There are two Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Reeth and Gunnerside School, and due to a lack of suitable volunteers, one of those is now held by the Superintendent, and up until the end of the summer term 2023 Rev Melanie Reed also held the role of Chaplain. From the new Autumn Term 2023 the Circuit Ministers will no longer provide chaplaincy to these schools because the Circuit has appointed a Lay School Chaplain for 30 hours per week, however it is likely that Circuit Ministers will still be involved with the mission to these schools.

Both schools have continued to have regular Christian based assemblies provided through the Circuit. During term time some occasional services have been held in Gunnerside chapel with both pupils and parents in attendance. Time is spent with all year groups at Reeth and Gunnerside which enables the children to lead their own whole school assemblies during the school year. At Richmond school there has been new successful initiatives like Messy Church and the school also visits Richmond Chapel for special events. At the end of the school year, the Circuit provides Year 6 pupils in both Methodist schools with Youth Bibles, as the children leave to move up to a Senior School.

#### Outreach work

*King's Club:* Building on the post Covid model, King's club has now morphed into a differently focussed Ecumenical Circuit initiative. This year saw the Revered Gillian Lunn, Curate at Leyburn and Bellerby take over the coordinator role, and lead a team of volunteers from across the Circuit and the parish of Leyburn and Bellerby to deliver a family focussed 2 session, 2 centre activity afternoon on the theme of 'I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord' Jeremiah 29:11. 100 free family activity bags were put together and families were invited, through various means of advertising, to one of two King's Club sessions based at Leyburn Methodist Church Hall and West Burton Village Hall. These sessions ran from 12noon to 3pm providing activities, games, refreshments, and the gift of an activity bag containing bulbs to plant, gifts, books, chocolate etc. The sessions once again attracted both holiday makers and locals. Children were accompanied by parents, grandparents, and childminders.

*Individual chapels* – Bible studies, fellowships, choirs, harvest concerts, sing-a-longs, cream teas, coffee mornings, plant sales, Messy church, Coronation events etc have all taken place this year. Safe spaces have been a significant part of the outreach of the Circuit during this past year with Richmond specifically opening its doors mid-week to a number of vulnerable and needy individuals.

#### Property:

*Chapels:* At the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> August 2023) there were 10 chapels in use in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit:

Brompton on Swale; Gayle; Gunnerside; Hunton; Leyburn; Marsett; Melmerby; Richmond; Scorton; and West Burton and whilst the responsibility for the maintenance of these properties lies with the trustees of each church, the Circuit is responsible for arranging quinquennial inspections.

Satisfactory independent inspections were undertaken of Carlton, Gayle, Melmerby, West Burton chapels and the Richmond Manse, during the year with individual reports presented to the Church Property Stewards and the Circuit Property Committee.

This year the Circuit has successfully completed on the sales of Aysgarth and Ravensworth Chapels. Aysgarth was sold for community use and Ravensworth was sold at Auction.

*Manses:* At the start of the year the Circuit had four manses, two of which were occupied by Ministers of the Circuit. The former manse in Leyburn (St Matthew's Terrace) was marketed for sale and the former manse at Catterick Garrison continues to be let to tenants. The sale of St Matthews Terrace Manse completed on 27.3.23 leaving a total of 3 manses in the Circuit. All legally required annual checks are carried out at all manses. All manses are in good condition.

#### Burial Grounds

There are burial grounds at Hawes, Low Row, Hurst, Arkengarthdale, and an additional within the grounds of Gunnerside Chapel. All grounds are well maintained and the required topple testing has been carried out and all unstable headstones have been re-fixed and made safe.

#### **Financial review:**

The Reserves Policy for the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure in the General account. 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, funding of planned activities in the event of the closure of a church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment requirement from the individual churches.

The Circuit does hold sufficient working capital in its General account to enable the monthly payment of stipends and work-related expenses for the two full-time presbyters and its contribution to the District. The money made available for the Catterick Garrison project is now ring-fenced within the General account, under the Circuit Schools and Families funding.

1.	<b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2023	£224,809	MTF= £718,280
2.	<b>Restricted</b> Funds held	"	£19,834
3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held	"	£ 5,738

#### 4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

**An amount of the general funds - £71,319 is held as designated funds, having been taken from the Circuit MTF for specific purposes. £48,760 of the £88,352 remaining from the sale of Wesley Cottage is earmarked for making up the 2023/2024 budget shortfall, with the remaining £39,592 to be used to fund Circuit mission and the Circuit budget deficit in future years.**

**The budget for 2022/23 was £143,514 and that for 2023/24 is £150,634, therefore the reserves held equate to 75% of budget expenditure, which is above the recommended 50%**

**The Circuit Leadership Team welcomes applications for the remaining monies which further the Mission Vision of the Circuit.**

The Circuit Finance Team consisting of Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite and Mrs Michelle Stonley, has acted as the principal body overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner – Mrs Sue Brunskill

Investment Bankers:- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

HSBC info etc – Current Account: HSBC, 23 Market Place, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4QQ

**Section G – Other information:**

None

**Section G – Declaration:**

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>M Reed</i>	<i>GR Di Duca</i>
<i>Full name(s)</i>	Rev Melanie Reed	Mr Graham Di Duca
<i>Position e.g. Chair, Secretary,</i>	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Steward

Date: 28<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Appendix A

Chair of District: Rev Richard Andrew (Darlington)

Circuit Superintendent: Rev Melanie Reed

Circuit Minister: Rev Julia Reid

Rev Kathleen Bowe (Supernumerary)

Deacon Elizabeth Timmins (Supernumerary)

Rev David Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Phil Clarke (Supernumerary)

Circuit Finance Team: Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite,  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

Circuit Meeting Secretary: Mrs Julie Greenslade

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Local Preacher's Secretary: Mrs Christine Lamb (resigned 15.2.23)  
Local Preachers' Rep: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
Circuit Evangelism Enabler: Rachel Martin  
Connexional Funds Treasurer: Mrs Angie Bailey  
Education and Youth Secretary: *vacancy*  
Youth Reps: *vacancy*  
World Missions Secretary: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
World Missions Treasurer: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
MWIB Secretary/ Treasurer: *Superintendent is contact person*  
JMA Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Janet Pringle  
Schools & Families Worker: Mrs Rachel Pinkney (finished in post 30.6.23)  
Health & Safety Advisor: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Mission in Britain Secretary: *Vacancy*  
Action for Children Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Julie Pledge  
Methodist Homes Sec/Treasurer: delegated out to each individual chapel  
District Policy Committee Rep: Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)  
Representatives to Synod: Angie Bailey, Jos Huddleston, Pauline Beckett  
District Ecumenical Officer: Rev P Clarke  
Circuit Evangelism Enabler: Rachel Martin

#### Church Representatives

*Brompton on Swale*: Mr Arthur Wheeler; Mrs Katherine Brightman; Mrs Christine Lamb  
*Gayle*: Mrs Janet Fagg, Mrs Mary Sowerby, Miss Heather Sowerby  
*Gunnarside*: Mrs Eleanor Cherry; Mrs Jackie McCartney  
*Hunton*: Mrs Helen Hughes; Mr Peter Latham  
*Leyburn*: Mr Jonathan Sparey; Mrs Elizabeth Sparey, Mrs Wendy Grannan, Mrs Marjorie Iveson  
*Melmerby*: Mrs Margaret Simpson; Mrs Janet Harker, Mrs Mary Gill  
*Richmond*: Mrs Janet Pringle, Mrs Janet Leahy, Mrs Eunice Page  
*Scorton*: Mrs Barbara Robinson; Mrs Tricia Kirby; Mr Eric Kirby  
*West Burton*: Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite, Mrs Pauline Beckett

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a5	Grants	42,546			42,546	8,727
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a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>176,899</b>	<b>432,935</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>613,180 (a8)</b>	<b>639,049</b>

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b3	Manse Costs	11,916			11,916	12,962
b4	Administration etc	17,370	1,187		18,557	16,561
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b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>173,018</b>	<b>129,021</b>		<b>302,039 (b9)</b>	<b>308,234</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	220,929	414,367	16,487	651,783 (c6)	320,968
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>224,810 (c1+c2)</b>	<b>718,281</b>	<b>19,833</b>	<b>962,924</b>	<b>651,783</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(1) (c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>224,810 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>718,281</b>	<b>19,833</b>	<b>962,923 (c8)</b>	<b>651,783 (c6)</b>

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e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,668	5,693	(1,025)		12,764 (e11)	11,739 (e12)
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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	617,848	307,732	310,116	(1)	664,547 (x)	974,662 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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## SECTION F

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

## CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

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	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit North Yorkshire Dales No 13/19

**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 S Brunskill

Name of independent examiner SUSAN BRUNSKILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner —

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 11 MALTBY COURT DARLINGTON

Post Code DL1 4DZ

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Name of Circuit North Yorkshire Dales No 13/19

**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 S Brunskill

Name of independent examiner SUSAN BRUNSKILL

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner —

Name of firm (where appropriate) —

Address 11 MALTBY COURT DARLINGTON

Post Code DL1 4DZ

Date 3-DEC-2023

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**NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1143259

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# Accounts

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## ORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT

### Trustees Annual Reports and Accounts Year ended: 31 August 2021.

#### Introduction:

Formed in September 2010, NYDC is part of the Darlington Methodist District, within the Methodist Church of Great Britain; and encompasses 12 worshipping congregations, 11\* chapels and 10\*\* church councils with a total membership of 286. This is made up of the following:

<u>Melmerby</u>	12	members	<u>Richmond</u>	114	members
<u>Carlton</u>	6	members	<u>Scorton</u>	13	members
<u>West Burton</u>	15	members	<u>Brompton-on-Swale</u>	18	members
<u>Leyburn</u>	47	members	<u>Gunnerside</u>	15	members
<u>Gayle/Marsett/Bainbridge</u>	34	members	<u>Hunton</u>	12	members

(Marsett a class of Gayle with a building and Bainbridge a class of Gayle without a building who meet at Sycamore Hall)

\*Harmby chapel voted to cease to meet and close on 22nd August 2021.

\*\*Marsett voted to become a class of Gayle on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021.

The Circuit is set in some 375 square miles of the beautiful countryside of Swaledale and Wensleydale: not forgetting Coverdale, Bishopdale, Raydale and Arkengarthdale.

The Superintendent is Rev Melanie Reed. Her colleagues are Rev Julia Reid, Rachel Pinkney, the Schools and Families Worker, and Julie Greenslade, the Circuit Administrative Assistant.

The 12 worshipping congregations differ in size and location and some offer activities every day of the week, others are less busy. There are regular Circuit Services throughout the year when communities are encouraged to meet together at one church, or location within the circuit and further details can be found on our website [www.nydalesmeth.org.uk](http://www.nydalesmeth.org.uk)

Ongoing Covid restrictions have continued to impact on the activities within the Circuit with a gradual, albeit, stop-start, return to regular worship under constantly reviewed risk assessments over the past year. The Circuit has continued to make use of technology ensuring that there has been an uninterrupted schedule of Sunday reflections available on its YouTube channel as well as using Zoom for face-to-face worship and committee meetings where appropriate. By the end of August 2021, all worshipping congregations were able to access face-to-face worship with the exemption of Bainbridge at Sycamore Hall, where restrictions remained in place.

The Circuit also has pastoral responsibility for the Methodist Schools in Reeth and Gunnerside and Richmond.



## **Aims and Organisation:**

### **Mission Statement**

#### ***Our mission...***

is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity,  
so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales, and beyond,  
may encounter the love of God.

#### ***Our aim...***

*to walk with Jesus,  
to witness to others,  
to worship the Lord.*

#### ***Our vision...***

is for a God-led, Spirit-filled church  
serving and ministering  
to individuals, families and the community.

The Circuit encourages and supports chapel communities to build each other up, in their local area group, encouraging growth of Christian discipleship, ministry and mission; through shared Bible studies and prayer groups, mutual witness and worship to the wider communities in which they are placed, through sharing special services, local celebrations and events and outreach projects. The principal purpose being to:

- ^ Create opportunities to regularly share in fellowship in their locality, and across the wider Circuit.
- ^ Be encouraged to serve, witness & care for the local communities in which they live & work.
- ^ Develop strong pastoral links with fellow Methodists across the community in their local area, as well as in the wider Circuit, in order to create a larger supportive community from several smaller fellowships.

### **Brief financial review of the year:**

The budgeted expenditure at the beginning of the year was £133,843.00. Actual expenditure was £128,985, ie 96% of the budget was spent.

Several cost centres were underspent, including travel costs for ministers, local and visiting preachers and the administrative assistant. Conversely, postage expenses increased proportionately. An additional cost was incurred due to the decision to carry out legionella testing at each chapel in the Circuit.

The budgeted income was £133,843.00. Actual income fell short, ie 93% received. Income from chapel assessments was much lower due to a further chapel closure and an agreed assessment break for another chapel. Income from the two rented properties was reduced due costly repairs and maintenance. The budget shortfall was funded from the Sewell's Trust sale of Wesley Cottage, the proceeds of which have been transferred to the Circuit.

Stipend expenditure has increased in each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Over 29K of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other Circuit expenditure includes ongoing maintenance and insurance of empty chapel buildings.



The lay appointment of a Circuit Schools and Families worker (20 Hours a week) was made in September 2017, which is budgeted and paid for through a district grant and Circuit Model Trust Funds (MTF).

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 the nett assets of the Circuit were as follows:

General Account: £253,536 of which £162,861 (sale transfer of Wesley Cottage) to be used to fund Circuit mission, including budget deficit. £50,066 is ring-fenced for other projects.

Circuit MTF: £52,819.

Plans for the coming year 2021 / 2022

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain two full time ordained staff with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases, and a part-time self-employed administrator whose hourly rate increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Average Weekly Earnings Index recommendations, and always above the recommended Living Wage rates. Where possible, other costs have been kept to a minimum. The CLT have agreed that chapel assessments will remain at the 2019/20 level due to loss of income throughout the pandemic, with the budget shortfall to be made up from Circuit reserves.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

**The Full name of Charity:** The North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit

**Registered Charity Number:** 1143259

**Date of Registration:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Main communication address:** Dove Cottage, Moor Road, Leyburn, N Yorks. DL8 5DH

The members of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

**Circuit Ministers and Officers:**

Active Circuit Ministers:

Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

Rev Julia Reid

Circuit Lay Workers:

Mrs Rachel Pinkney

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Angie Bailey



Mr Graham Di Duca  
Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

Administrator:  
Mrs Julie Greenslade

*(Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report)*

### **Structure, Governance and Management:**

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Management of the Circuit is the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting who meet four times per year. Day to day management is exercised through the Circuit Leadership team on behalf of the Circuit Meeting along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee.

The Circuit is part of the Darlington District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

### **Risk Management:**

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

### **Safeguarding:**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust



- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

### **Aims and organisations:**

The charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area of the North Yorkshire Dales for The Methodist Church.

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 the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

### **Achievements and performance:**

#### Ministry

Outside of Covid, regular services are held in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, the local residential home where many of the members are Christian. These services are open to all residents of all Christian denominations or none. Methodist-led services are regularly held in the Anglican churches of St Margaret's, Hawes and St Oswald's, Askrigg.

During the year the Circuit accepted a request to cease to worship and close from Harmby chapel, with their final service held on 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2021.

As a Circuit we continue to challenge ourselves by declaring that our Mission is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity, so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales and beyond may encounter the love of God. Reducing membership figures indicate that this is a real challenge. We remember our promise to maintain the life of worship and service that the children among us may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The work of the Schools and Families worker is a key part of this mission and outreach. The Circuit has continued a process of exploring its "Vision for the Future" of the Circuit, attempting to imagine what the Circuit may look like in five to ten years and so determining what is to be done now to prepare for that future. As a part of that process, and in accordance with the Methodist Conference report 'Reaffirming Our Calling: Oversight and Trusteeship' (2020), the Circuit continues to actively review its structure. Paragraph. 2.1 of the report states – *'The following recommendations are brought in response to the concerns which are often expressed about the lack of volunteers willing and able to take on trusteeship and other roles essential to the functioning of churches and Circuits, alongside the growth in the tasks required of them. The focus for this work has been therefore to remove duplication of effort, alleviate anxiety about the future (particularly in smaller churches) and provide a way forward that enables churches and Circuits to concentrate on their missional task.'* Part of this process has seen Marsett become a class of Gayle, forming one church council, as well as Brompton-on-Swale and Scorton working closer together with the possibility of becoming one church council in the future. The Methodist Conference 2021 voted that the minimum number that constitutes a church be raised to 12 posing some questions and requiring future action.



The Circuit is host to two Methodist Primary Schools, one each at Richmond and Gunnerside. The school at Gunnerside is currently in Federated Governance with the slightly larger primary school at Reeth. There are three Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Richmond Methodist school and Rev Julia Reid is the Chaplain. There are two Circuit appointed Governors on the governing body of Reeth and Gunnerside School and Rev Melanie Reed holds the role of Chaplain.

Both schools have continued to have regular Christian based assemblies provided through the Circuit, which have largely been weekly recorded acts of collective worship, with face-to-face sessions as the restrictions have allowed. During term time some occasional services have been held in Gunnerside chapel with both pupils and parents in attendance. Time is spent with all year groups at Reeth and Gunnerside which enables the children to lead their own whole school assemblies during the school year. At Richmond school there have been attempts at new initiatives like Messy Church which although hampered by Covid are still an aim. At the end of the school year, the Circuit provides Year 6 pupils in both Methodist schools with Youth Bibles, as the children leave to move up to a Senior School. As noted much of this work has needed to be carried out remotely.

#### Outreach work

*King's Club:* Due to the Covid restrictions this week-long, face-to-face, Christian themed holiday club, usually run during the first week of August, whereby children aged 11+ are bussed from across the Dales to the central locations of Low Mill Outdoor Centre and Askrigg School, could not happen in the usual format. Instead, building on last year's initiative, free family activity boxes were put together and posted out to families who had not chosen to opt out. 70 boxes around the theme of 'God's world' were put together containing things like a kit to make a nest box and seed bomb, a family game to play, Fairtrade goodies etc. Feedback was good.

*Individual chapels* – Covid has meant that outreach initiatives have been significantly disrupted. Although some fellowship groups and Bible studies did continue online.

#### Property:

*Chapels:* At the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> August 2021) there were 11 chapels in use in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit:

Brompton on Swale; Carlton in Coverdale; Gayle; Gunnerside; Hunton; Leyburn; Marsett; Melmerby; Richmond; Scorton; and West Burton and whilst the responsibility for the maintenance of these properties lies with the trustees of each church, the Circuit is responsible for arranging quinquennial inspections. Satisfactory independent inspections were undertaken of two chapels during the year, Hunton, and Scorton, with individual reports presented to the Church Property Stewards and the Circuit Property Committee.

This year there has been a total of 6 empty chapels in the Circuit, Barden, Bainbridge, Ravensworth, Aysgarth, Harmby and Middleham, all the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting through an appointed Circuit Property Committee. By the end of August 2021, all except Harmby (only closing Aug 21), were being actively marketed for sale with offers being received and accepted for Bainbridge, Middleham, Ravensworth and Barden. Aysgarth, being in the North Yorkshire Dales National Park was required to be advertised for a period of 6 months for Community Use. All sales will be completed as soon as possible to ensure much needed funds come into the Circuit.

*Manses:* At the start of the year the Circuit had four manses, two of which were occupied by Ministers of the Circuit. The former manse in Leyburn and the former manse at Catterick Garrison are let to tenants through the same agent. The annual gas safety checks were completed on manses where required. All manses are in good condition. The Circuit had previously had responsibility for a small domestic property, Wesley Cottage, on behalf of The Sewell's Trust, a registered charity, which was rented out on a commercial basis. During the year this property was



sold and The Sewell's Trust given approval to start the process of being wound with all assets being transferred to the Circuit.

**Burial Grounds**

There are burial grounds at Hawes, Low Row, Hurst, Arkengarthdale and an additional within the grounds of Gunnerside Chapel. All grounds are well maintained.

**Financial review:**

The Reserves Policy for the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure in the General account. 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, funding of planned activities in the event of the closure of a church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment requirement from the individual churches.

The Circuit does hold sufficient working capital in its General account to enable the monthly payment of stipends and work-related expenses for the two full-time presbyters and its contribution to the District. The money made available for the Catterick Garrison project is now ring-fenced within the General account, under the Circuit Schools and Families funding.

1.	<b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2021	£253,536	MTF= £52,819
2.	<b>Restricted</b> Funds held	"	£14,613
3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held	"	£ 28,961

4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

**An amount of the general funds - £50,066 is held as ring-fenced funds, having been taken from the Circuit MTF for specific purposes. The transfer of £162,861 from the Sewell's Trust following the sale of Wesley Cottage has boosted the general funds and will be used to fund Circuit mission, the Circuit budget deficit and other Circuit expenditure previously drawn from the Circuit MTF.**

**The budget for 2020/21 was £133,843 and that for 2021/22 is £139,365, therefore the reserves held remain above the minimum 50% expenditure suggested by the Charities Commission as adequate.**

**The Circuit Leadership Team welcomes applications for the remaining monies which further the Mission Vision of the Circuit.**



The Circuit Finance Team consisting of Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite and Mrs Michelle Stonley, has acted as the principal body overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner – Mrs Sue Brunskill

Investment Bankers:- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

HSBC info etc – Current Account: HSBC, 23 Market Place, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4QQ

### Section G – Other information:

None

### Section G – Declaration:

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>M Reed</i>	<i>GR Di Duca</i>
<i>Full name(s)</i>	Rev Melanie Reed	Mr Graham Di Duca
<i>Position e.g. Chair, Secretary,</i>	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Steward

Date: ... 2022.

### Appendix A

Chair of District: Rev Richard Andrew (Darlington)

Circuit Superintendent: Rev Melanie Reed

Circuit Minister: Rev Julia Reid

Rev Jennifer Edmondson (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Bowe (Supernumerary)

Deacon Elizabeth Timmins (Supernumerary)

Rev David Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Phil Clarke (Supernumerary)

Circuit Finance Team: Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite,  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

Circuit Meeting Secretary: Mrs Julie Greenslade

Circuit Administrative Assistant: Mrs Julie Greenslade

Circuit Steward: Mrs Angie Bailey

Circuit Steward: Mr Graham Di Duca



Circuit Steward: Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite  
Circuit Steward: Mrs Michelle Stonley

Local Preacher's Secretary: Mrs Christine Lamb  
Local Preachers' Rep: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
Evangelism Task Group Co-ordinator: *Vacancy*  
Connexional Funds Treasurer: Mrs Angie Bailey  
Education and Youth Secretary: *vacancy*  
Youth Reps: *vacancy*  
World Missions Secretary: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
World Missions Treasurer: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
MWIB Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Julia Coe  
JMA Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Janet Pringle  
Schools & Families Worker: Mrs Rachel Pinkney  
Health & Safety Advisor: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Mission in Britain Secretary: Mrs Eunice Page  
Action for Children Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Julie Pledge  
Methodist Homes Sec/Treasurer: Mrs Ann Wight  
District Policy Committee Rep: Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

#### Church Representatives

*Brompton on Swale*: Mrs Kate Peebles; Mrs Katherine Brightman; Mrs Angela Redhead  
*Carlton*: Mr Howard Thomas; Mr Trevor Smith  
*Gayle*: Mr Allen Dinsdale; Mr Ian Woolley  
*Gunnerside*: Mrs Eleanor Cherry; Mrs Jackie McCartney  
*Hunton*: Mrs Beverley Mace; Mrs Helen Hughes; Mr Peter Latham  
*Leyburn*: Mr Jonathan Sparey; Mrs Elizabeth Sparey, Mrs Wendy Grannan, Mrs Marjorie Iveson  
*Marsett*: Mrs Jane Sowerby; Mrs Heather Sowerby, Mrs Mary Sowerby  
*Melmerby*: Mrs Margaret Simpson; Mrs Janet Harker  
*Richmond*: Mr Martin Ash; Mrs Sheila Pedley; Mrs Margaret Andrews, Mrs Joan Jackson  
*Scorton*: Mrs Angela Heywood; Mrs Barbara Robinson; Mrs Tricia Kirby  
*West Burton*: Mr Rowland Dent; Mr Peter Haythornthwaite

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	99,468			99,468	104,278
a3	Capital receipts					32,859
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	122	301	72	495	5,137
a5	Grants	25,956			25,956	67,044
a6	Other receipts	217,398	1,225	3,458	222,081	61,021
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>342,944</b>	<b>1,526</b>	<b>3,530</b>	<b>348,000 (a8)</b>	<b>270,339</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	75,299			75,299	75,544
b3	Manse Costs	11,833		2,709	14,542	36,091
b4	Administration etc	14,649	246		14,895	13,860
b5	District Assessment	29,112	2,438		31,550	33,835
b6	Grants & donations	16,796	35,853		52,649	74,033
b7		16,564	5,573		22,137	17,103
b8	Other payments	7,866		41,814	49,680	25,665
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>172,119</b>	<b>44,110</b>	<b>44,523</b>	<b>260,752 (b9)</b>	<b>276,131</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>170,825 (a7-b9)</b>	<b>(42,584)</b>	<b>(40,993)</b>	<b>87,248</b>	<b>(5,792)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	82,711	95,403	55,607	233,721 (c6)	239,514
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>253,536 (c1+c2)</b>	<b>52,819</b>	<b>14,614</b>	<b>320,969</b>	<b>233,722</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(1)	(1) (c7)	(1)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>253,536 (c3+c4)</b>	<b>52,819</b>	<b>14,613</b>	<b>320,968 (c8)</b>	<b>233,721 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>						
<b>(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)</b>						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				nil	nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				nil	885
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				nil	885
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				nil	nil

## 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 King's Club	2,054	2,770	(716)	1	2,840	2,125
e2 JC 24/7					300	300
e3 Hawes Burial Ground	3,542	5,690	(2,148)		14,290	12,142
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,595	8,460	(2,864)	1	17,430 (e11)	14,567 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	348,000 (a8)	260,752 (b9)	87,248	(1) (c7)	233,721 (c6)	320,968 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	353,595	289,212	84,384		251,151 (x)	335,535 (y)
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

## 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	9,226	7,082
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	73,485	246,454
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	95,403	52,819
f6 Other funds	55,607	14,613
f7 SUB TOTAL	233,721 (c6)	320,968 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	17,430 (e11)	14,567 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	251,151 (x)	335,535 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	29,751.39	28,961.00
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	4,252,174	5,003,593
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 ..... K. J. Brightman ..... Date 31.10.21

Name and address of treasurer KATHERINE BRIGHTMAN (on behalf of the Finance Team)

10 2 FORCETT CLOSE, EAST LANTON, RICHMOND, Post Code DL11 7RH.  
N. YORKSHIRE

### 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 9/12/21

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... [Signature] .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV MELANIE REED Date 4/1/22

### Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES ..... Circuit

Charity Number 1143259

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES 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').

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- 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 ..... *S Brunskill* .....

Name of independent examiner ..... *SUSAN BRUNSKILL* .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... *N/A* .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ..... *11 MALTBY COURT* .....

..... *DARLINGTON* ..... Post Code *DL1 4DZ*

Date ..... *4-DEC-2021* .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

**NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT**

England & Wales - Charity number 1143259

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# Accounts

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## **NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES METHODIST CIRCUIT**

### **Trustees Annual Reports and Accounts Year ended: 31 August 2020.**

#### **Introduction:**

Formed in September 2010, NYDC is part of the Darlington Methodist District, within the Methodist Church of Great Britain; and encompasses 12\* active churches and chapels: - Brompton on Swale, Carlton in Coverdale, Gayle, Gunnerside, Harmby, Hunton, Leyburn, Marsett, Melmerby, Richmond, Scorton and West Burton, set in some 375 square miles of the beautiful countryside of Swaledale and Wensleydale; not forgetting Coverdale, Bishopdale, Raydale and Arkengarthdale.

The Superintendent is Rev Melanie Reed. Her colleagues are Rev Les Nevin (due to be replaced by Rev Julia Reid on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020), Rachel Pinkney, the Schools and Families Worker, and Julie Greenslade, the Circuit Administrative Assistant.

\*Barden chapel voted to cease to meet and close on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2020.

The 12 churches differ in size and location and some offer activities every day of the week, others are less busy. There are regular Circuit Services throughout the year when communities are encouraged to meet together at one church, or location within the circuit and further details can be found on our website [www.nydalesmeth.org.uk](http://www.nydalesmeth.org.uk)

From 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2020, activities within the Circuit were severely impacted by the Coronavirus and the Covid restrictions. As required all church buildings closed and all face-to-face activities ceased. The Circuit continued with an online presence, keeping in regular contact via the Circuit website, YouTube channel, telephone and regular mailings. When restrictions were eased during the summer months, a small number of churches, having completed a full risk assessment, opened for private prayer, but no face-to-face services were conducted up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020.

The Circuit also has pastoral responsibility for the Methodist Schools in Reeth and Gunnerside and Richmond.

#### **Aims and Organisation:**

##### **Mission Statement**

##### ***Our mission...***

is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity,  
so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales, and beyond,  
may encounter the love of God.

##### ***Our aim...***

*to walk with Jesus,  
to witness to others,  
to worship the Lord.*

##### ***Our vision...***

is for a God-led, Spirit-filled church  
serving and ministering  
to individuals, families and the community.



The Circuit encourages and supports chapel communities to build each other up, in their local area group, encouraging growth of Christian discipleship, ministry and mission; through shared Bible studies and prayer groups, mutual witness and worship to the wider communities in which they are placed, through sharing special services, local celebrations and events and outreach projects. The principal purpose being to:

- ^ Create opportunities to regularly share in fellowship in their locality, and across the wider Circuit.
- ^ Be encouraged to serve, witness & care for the local communities in which they live & work.
- ^ Develop strong pastoral links with fellow Methodists across the community in their local area, as well as in the wider Circuit, in order to create a larger supportive community from several smaller fellowships.

### **Brief financial review of the year:**

The budgeted expenditure at the beginning of the year was £134,803.00. Actual expenditure was £131,108, ie 97% of the budget was spent.

Several cost centres were underspent, including travel costs for ministers, local and visiting preachers and the administrative assistant. Conversely, postage expenses increased proportionately. Extensive renovations were carried out to the Richmond manse prior to the relocation of ministers in August 2020. These were funded by income from the Sewells Trust and rent from Wesley Cottage.

The budgeted income was £134,803.00. Actual income fell short, ie 88% received. Income from chapel assessments was much lower due to chapel closures and reduced income as a result of coronavirus restrictions. Anticipated rental income from the Bainbridge Affordable Housing project did not materialise.

Stipend expenditure has increased in each financial year in line with conference approved increases. Over 29K of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other Circuit expenditure includes ongoing maintenance and insurance of empty chapel buildings.

The lay appointment of a Circuit Schools and Families worker (30 hours per week) was made in September 2017, which is budgeted and paid for through a district grant and Circuit Model Trust Funds (MTF).

As at 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 the nett assets of the Circuit were £82,711 in the general account, of which £37,132 is ring-fenced, and balances in Circuit MTF held as £95,403 (over 40K of this is already committed to various projects).

### **Plans for the coming year 2020 / 2021**

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there remain two full time ordained staff with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases, and a part-time self-employed administrator whose hourly rate increases in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI) and the Average Weekly Earnings Index recommendations, and always above the recommended Living Wage rates. Where possible, other costs have been kept to a minimum. The CLT have agreed that chapel



assessments will remain at the 2019/20 level due to loss of income throughout the pandemic, with the budget shortfall to be made up from Circuit reserves.

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year end 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

**The Full name of Charity:** The North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit

**Registered Charity Number:** 1143259

**Date of Registration:** 5<sup>th</sup> August 2011

**Main communication address:** Dove Cottage, Moor Road, Leyburn, N Yorks. DL8 5DH

The members of the North Yorkshire Dales Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Circuit office holders, Ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

**Circuit Ministers and Officers:**

Active Circuit Ministers:

Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

Rev Les Nevin (Circuit Presbyter) – due to be replaced by Rev Julia Reid from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.

Circuit Lay Workers:

Mrs Rachel Pinkney

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Angie Bailey

Mr Graham Di Duca

Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite

Mrs Michelle Stonley

Mr Les Cutter

Mrs Eunice Page

Administrator:

Mrs Julie Greenslade

*(Full membership is shown as Appendix A to this report)*

**Structure, Governance and Management:**

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Management of the Circuit is the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting who meet four times per year. Day to day management is exercised through the Circuit Leadership team on behalf of the Circuit Meeting along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee.



The Circuit is part of the Darlington District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

**Risk Management:**

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

**Safeguarding:**

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

**Aims and organisations:**

The charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area of the North Yorkshire Dales for The Methodist Church.

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 the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.



## **Achievements and performance:**

### Ministry

Regular services are held in Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge, the local residential home where many of the members are Christian. These services are open to all residents of all Christian denominations or none. Methodist-led services are regularly held in the Anglican churches of St Margaret's Hawes and St Oswald's, Askrigg.

During the year the Circuit accepted a request to cease to worship and close from Barden chapel, and due to the Covid restrictions their final service was deemed to have happened before the Lockdown.

As a Circuit we continue to challenge ourselves by declaring that our Mission is to grow the church, both in quality and quantity, so that all the people of the North Yorkshire Dales and beyond may encounter the love of God. We remember our promise to maintain the life of worship and service that the children among us may grow in grace and in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord. The Circuit has continued a process of exploring its "Vision for the Future" of the Circuit, attempting to imagine what the Circuit may look like in five years' time and so determining what is to be done now to prepare for that future. As a part of that process, and in accordance with the Methodist Conference report 'Reaffirming Our Calling: Oversight and Trusteeship' (2020), the Circuit is actively reviewing its structure. Paragraph. 2.1 of the report states – *'The following recommendations are brought in response to the concerns which are often expressed about the lack of volunteers willing and able to take on trusteeship and other roles essential to the functioning of churches and Circuits, alongside the growth in the tasks required of them. The focus for this work has been therefore to remove duplication of effort, alleviate anxiety about the future (particularly in smaller churches) and provide a way forward that enables churches and Circuits to concentrate on their missional task.'*

The Circuit is host to two Methodist Primary Schools, one each at Richmond and Gunnerside. The school at Gunnerside is currently in Federated Governance with the slightly larger primary school at Reeth. Rev Les Nevin\*\* is on the governing body of both Methodist schools and is Chaplain to Richmond School and Rev Melanie Reed holds the role of Chaplain to Reeth and Gunnerside School. \*\*To be replaced as Governor at Richmond School by Rev Kathleen Wood, and as Chaplain at Richmond School by Rev Julia Reid. To be replaced as Governor at Reeth and Gunnerside by Mrs Pauline Beckett.

Both schools have regular Christian based assemblies led by the two presbyters, the Schools and Families worker and volunteers from the Circuit churches. During term time occasional services are held in Gunnerside chapel with both pupils and parents in attendance. Time is spent with all year groups at Reeth and Gunnerside which enables the children to lead their own whole school assemblies during the school year. At the end of the school year, the Circuit provides Year 6 pupils in both Methodist schools with Youth Bibles, as the children leave to move up to a Senior School. Since March 2020 much of this work has needed to be carried out remotely through recorded assemblies and collective worship.

### Outreach work

*King's Club:* Due to the Covid restrictions this week-long, face-to-face, Christian themed holiday club, usually run during the first week of August, whereby children aged 11+ are bussed from across the Dales to the central locations of Low Mill Outdoor Centre and Askrigg School, could not happen in the usual format. Instead, activity boxes for the entire week were put together and posted out to families who had signed up their children, with each day's themed activities having online links



including stories and activity instruction videos. This was safely and securely risk assessed and overseen by a small team. A smaller number of children and young people engaged with the holiday club in this format, approximately 25, 50% less than those who attend the face-to-face.

*Individual chapels* - There are various outreach initiatives running in the individual chapels for children and adults of all ages, these include Knit and Natter, Mid-week Fellowship, Lunch Club, Beer and Bible and numerous initiatives from the Schools and Families Worker.

#### Property:

*Chapels:* At the end of the year (31<sup>st</sup> August 2020) there were 12 chapels in use in the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit:

Brompton on Swale; Carlton in Coverdale; Gayle; Gunnerside; Harmby; Hunton; Leyburn; Marsett; Melmerby; Richmond; Scorton; and West Burton and whilst the responsibility for the maintenance of these properties lies with the trustees of each church, the Circuit is responsible for arranging quinquennial inspections. Satisfactory independent inspections were undertaken of three chapels during the year, Harmby, Gunnerside and Richmond, with individual reports presented to the Church Property Stewards and the Circuit Property Committee.

This year there has been a total of 6 empty chapels in the Circuit, Barden, Bainbridge, Ravensworth, Aysgarth, Reeth and Middleham, all the responsibility of the Circuit Meeting through an appointed Circuit Property Committee. The sale of Reeth was completed on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2019 and the sale of Ravensworth continues to make progress. Bainbridge chapel: - with the Circuit having previously made the decision to pursue a conversion project to low-cost, local occupancy accommodation, and worked tirelessly with both North Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, Richmondshire District Council and TMCP (Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes), this has proved complex to the conclusion that it is not possible to pursue this project successfully. Therefore, the Circuit Meeting has taken the reluctant decision to sell Bainbridge chapel alongside Barden, Ravensworth, Aysgarth, and Middleham. The aim is to sell these 5 chapels as quickly as possible in order to reduce the administrative and financial burden upon the Circuit.

*Manses:* At the start of the year the Circuit had four manses, two of which were occupied by Ministers of the Circuit. The former manse in Leyburn and the former manse at Catterick Garrison are let to tenants through the same agent. The annual gas safety checks were completed on manses where required. All manses are in good condition. Extensive refurbishment was carried out on the Richmond manse for the changeover of Ministers in August. Quinquennials have been carried out on the former manse at Catterick Garrison and the new Leyburn manse. The Circuit also has the responsibility for a small domestic property, Wesley Cottage, on behalf of The Sewell's Trust, a registered charity, which is currently rented out on a commercial basis. It is hoped that this property can soon be sold with the aim that The Sewell's Trust will be wound up and all proceeds transferred to the Circuit, subject to approval.

#### Burial Grounds

There are burial grounds at Hawes, Low Row, Hurst, Arkengarthdale and Low Row, and an additional within the grounds of Gunnerside Chapel. All grounds are well maintained.

#### **Financial review:**

The Reserves Policy for the North Yorkshire Dales Circuit is to hold a sum equivalent to 6 months average expenditure in the General account. 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, funding of planned activities in the event of the closure of a church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment requirement from the individual churches.

The Circuit does hold sufficient working capital in its General account to enable the monthly payment of stipends and work-related expenses for the two full-time presbyters and its contribution to the



District. The money made available for the Catterick Garrison project is now ring-fenced within the General account, under the Circuit Schools and Families funding.

1.	<b>General</b> Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2020	£82,711	MTF= £95,403
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2.	<b>Restricted</b> Funds held	“	£55,607
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3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held	“	£ 29,751
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4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

**An amount of the general funds - £37,132 is held as ring-fenced funds, having been taken from the Circuit MTF for specific purposes. Thus the amount available for general expenditure is £45,579.**

**The budget for 2019/20 was £134,803 and that for 2020/21 is £133,843, therefore the reserves held are below the minimum 50% expenditure suggested by the Charities Commission as adequate.**

***With a proposal to take £1,690 from the Model Trust Fund in September 2020 to cover the expenditure on the empty chapels from September 2019 – August 2020 + a transfer of £7,625 to fund roof repairs to 3 St Matthews Terrace, this will bring the general funds balance up to £54,894, ie 41% of the 2020/21 budget. In order to bring the general reserves to 50% it is therefore proposed to transfer a further £12,046 from the Model Trust Fund.***

**Model Trust Fund**

**At 01 Sep 2020 £40,593 was committed as follows:**

Funds to cover the shortfall in the Circuit Reserves	12,046
Youth Fund - top-up to £2,000 (2019/20) (CM -Jun 15)	487
Wensleydale Show Tent 2021	500
Roof repairs to 3 St Matthew's Terrace	7,625
One Opportunity Youth Project	550
School & Families Worker 2021/22	15,695
Empty chapel expenditure Sep 2019-Aug 2020	1690
Youth Fund (max top-up for 2020/21)	2,000

**The Circuit Leadership Team welcomes applications for the remaining monies which further the Mission Vision of the Circuit.**



The Circuit Finance Team consisting of Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite and Mrs Michelle Stonley, has acted as the principal body overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Circuit during the year.

Independent examiner – Mrs Sue Brunskill

Investment Bankers:- Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church  
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

HSBC info etc – Current Account: HSBC, 23 Market Place, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 4QQ

### Section G – Other information:

None

### Section G – Declaration:

The Trustees declare that they have approved this Trustees' Report.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees:

<i>Signature(s)</i>	<i>M Reed</i>	<i>GR Di Duca</i>
<i>Full name(s)</i>	Rev Melanie Reed	Mr Graham Di Duca
<i>Position e.g. Chair, Secretary,</i>	Chair (Superintendent Minister)	Circuit Steward

Date: ... 2021.

### Appendix A

Chair of District: Rev Richard Andrew (Darlington)

Circuit Superintendent: Rev Melanie Reed

Circuit Minister: Rev Les Nevin (to be replaced by Rev Julia Reid from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020)

Rev Jennifer Edmondson (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Bowe (Supernumerary)

Deacon Elizabeth Timmins (Supernumerary)

Rev David Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Kathleen Wood (Supernumerary)

Rev Phil Clarke (Supernumerary)

Circuit Finance Team: Mrs Katherine Brightman, Mrs Angie Bailey, Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite,  
Mrs Michelle Stonley

Circuit Meeting Secretary: Mrs Jacqui Walker

Circuit Administrative Assistant: Mrs Julie Greenslade

Circuit Steward: Mrs Angie Bailey

Circuit Steward: Mr Graham Di Duca



Circuit Steward: Mrs Elizabeth Haythornthwaite  
Circuit Steward: Mrs Michelle Stonley  
Circuit Steward: Mr Les Cutter  
Circuit Steward: Mrs Eunice Page

Local Preacher's Secretary: Mrs Christine Lamb  
Local Preachers' Rep: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
Evangelism Task Group Co-ordinator: Mr Kevin Pellatt  
Connexional Funds Treasurer: Mrs Angie Bailey  
Education and Youth Secretary: *vacancy*  
Youth Reps: *vacancy*  
World Missions Secretary: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
World Missions Treasurer: Mrs Ruth Poultney  
MWIB Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Julia Coe  
JMA Secretary/ Treasurer: Mrs Janet Pringle  
Schools & Families Worker: Mrs Rachel Pinkney  
Health & Safety Advisor: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Safeguarding Officer: Mrs Julie Greenslade  
Mission in Britain Secretary: Mrs Eunice Page  
Action for Children Secretary/Treasurer: Mrs Julie Pledge  
Methodist Homes Sec/Treasurer: Mrs Ann Wight  
District Policy Committee Rep: Rev Melanie Reed (Superintendent)

#### Church Representatives

*Brompton on Swale*: Mrs Kate Peebles; Mrs Katherine Brightman; Mrs Angela Redhead  
*Carlton*: Mr Howard Thomas; Mr Trevor Smith  
*Gayle*: Mr Allen Dinsdale; Mr Ian Woolley  
*Gunnerside*: Mrs Eleanor Cherry; Mrs Jackie McCartney  
*Harmby*: Mr George Tunstall; Mrs Barbara Thexton; Mrs Barbara Wilmington  
*Hunton*: Mrs Beverley Mace; Mrs Helen Hughes  
*Leyburn*: Mr Jonathan Sparey; Mrs Elizabeth Sparey, Mrs Wendy Grannan, Mrs Marjorie Iveson  
*Marsett*: Mrs Jane Sowerby; Mrs Heather Sowerby, Mrs Mary Sowerby  
*Melmerby*: Mrs Margaret Simpson; Mrs Janet Harker  
*Richmond*: Mr Martin Ash; Mr Les Cutter, Mrs Sheila Pedley;  
Mrs Margaret Andrews, Mrs Joan Jackson  
*Scorton*: Mrs Angela Heywood; Mrs Barbara Robinson; Mrs Tricia Kirby  
*West Burton*: Mrs Heather Caplin, Mr Rowland Dent; Mr Nelson Caplin

THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

North Yorkshire Dales	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 AUGUST 2020

Darlington	District	Circuit no	13/19
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1143259
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If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(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 exempted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242 )

Ministers:

Reverend Melanie Reed (Superintendent)
Reverend Leslie Nevin

Circuit Stewards:

Graham Di Duca
Liz Haythornthwaite
Les Cutter
Angie Bailey
Michelle Stanley

Treasurer:

Katherine Brightman (finance team member)
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## 20 ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

North Yorkshire Dales

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Modul Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	104,278			104,278	102,482
a3	Capital receipts		32,850		32,850	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	533	1,035	3,509	5,137	2,222
a5	Grants	27,044		40,000	67,044	50,190
a6	Other receipts/incl those not income	81,021			61,021	38,842
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>192,875</b>	<b>33,884</b>	<b>43,569</b>	<b>270,339 (a8)</b>	<b>193,736</b>

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Modul Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS	£	£	£	£	£
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	75,544			75,544	74,344
b3	Manse Costs	23,851		12,240	36,091	13,853
b4	Administration etc	13,475	385		13,860	13,638
b5	District Assessment/MTF District Levy	29,704	4,131		33,835	35,717
b6	Grants & donations	22,107	51,926		74,033	67,309
b7	Empty Properties	9,418	5,981	1,704	17,103	45,910
b8	Other payments/MTF to Connexion	19,093	6,572		25,665	8,840
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>193,192</b>	<b>68,995</b>	<b>13,944</b>	<b>276,131 (b9)</b>	<b>259,411</b>

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Modul Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1	(a7-b9)	(316)	(35,101)	29,625	(5,792)	(65,675)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	83,027	130,504	25,983	239,514 (c6)	305,188
c3	Sub total	82,711	95,403	55,608	233,722	239,513
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(1)	(1) (c7)	1
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>82,711</b>	<b>95,403</b>	<b>55,607</b>	<b>233,721 (c8)</b>	<b>239,514 (c8)</b>

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Modul Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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				nil	nil
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				885	1,180
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				885	1,180
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>				nil	nil

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

## SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Methodist 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 table of the Circuit. Figures income exceeds the Annuals threshold of £250,000 than 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 King's C of C	931	410	511	11	2,318	2,840
e2 JC 24/7	7	32	(25)		325	300
e3 Herxes Burial Ground	1,941	3,179	(1,237)		15,527	14,290
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Subtotal of Internal Organisations funds	2,079	3,620	(751)	11	19,170 (e11)	17,430 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	270,359 (a6)	378,151 (b6)	(5,792)	(1) (c7)	239,514 (c6)	233,721 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	272,218	378,781	(6,543)	10	257,684 (x)	251,151 (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 2020

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
11 Cash in hand		
12 Bank Current Account	3,971	9,226
13 Bank Deposit Account		73,465
14 Central Finance Board	73,055	
15 Trusts for Methodist Church Purposes	130,501	55,423
16 Other funds/stocks, Attributable Housing CFT accounts	25,963	55,507
17 SUB TOTAL	239,514 (c6)	233,721 (c8)
18 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (c12)	19,170 (e11)	17,430 (e12)
19 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	257,684 (x)	251,151 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	31 September 2019	31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	65,108	29,751.381
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance vol.1)	4,123,343	4,252,174
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

14 include any Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 include any CFB Funds held at Trusts for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of INCP trust accounts this is included in line 15)

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 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 ..... *K.I. Brightman* ..... Date *10.11.20* .....  
 Name and address of treasurer ... *KATHERINE BRIGHTMAN* ... *(on behalf of the Finance Team)*  
*10.2 FORCETT CLOSE, EAST LAYTON, RICHMOND,* Post Code *DL11 7RH*  
*N. YORKSHIRE*

### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the Circuit meeting held on *10.12.20*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *M Reed* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting .... Rev Melanie Reed

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES

Charity Number .. 1143259

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ... NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 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

**NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES CIRCUIT - 13/19**

Notes on figures provided in the BFA for August 2021

**Section A**

<b>a2</b>	<b>None</b>			
<b>a3</b>	Capital Receipts - taking into account Corporation Tax payments Sale of Beth Chapel - £26,287 This is a one off receipt and should not be thought of as an annual item, and not included for cashflow purposes			
<b>a4</b>	None			
<b>a5</b>	Grants <u>Unrestricted funds</u> Children's Education Grant 1,010 Real. Into Current acct Dale District Council for Kings Gate 2,000 Real. Into CFB Dale District Grant for Schools & Families worker 2019/20 4,860 Real. Into CFB MFL Grant for Schools & Families worker 2020/21 14,437 Real. Into CFB MTF Top-up Grant for Great Hall church 307 Real. Into CFB			
		<u>27,044</u>		
	<u>Restricted Funds</u> - Grant from Methodist Insurance for building into bank account 40,000 real. into current acct. see note of			
	Rowe Trust Dividends 8,920 real. into CFB see note of			
	Grants to others 2,073 real. into CFB see note of			
		<u>46,440</u>		
<b>a6</b>	Other receipts - unrestricted			

			<b>Current account</b>
	Income from rental properties	19,014	
	Income from circuit burial grounds	350	
	Circuit services, donations, money from closed churches	4,200	
	Refunds on empty churches	5,073	
	Other refunds & transfers	549	
	Payments from donors real. into bank account	5,760	
	MPHF/TB/CL/CLC	148	
		<u>36,850</u>	
			<b>CFB</b>
	MTF payment for closed churches	6,681	
	MTF payment for Circuit funds top-up	12,178	
	Payment from Dewales restricted fund for mobile requirement	3,200	
	Income from Apprentice Levy	91	
		<u>21,150</u>	
			<u>41,000</u>

<b>a7</b>				
<b>Section B</b>		<b>Current acct.</b>	<b>CFB</b>	
<b>b2</b>	Unrestricted Presbytery: Stipends, all pension, operations levy Provisional funds Any provision/visiting provision & expenses		71,180	
		4,182		
		222		
		<u>4,394</u>	71,180	75,574
<b>b3</b>	Welfare costs Council Tax Water Electricity Repairs & maintenance	0,167 253 1,077 16,444		
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<u>23,257</u>	£172,640 from restricted fund	

<b>b4</b>	Admin Morse phone broadband DAA costs Circuit Plans/Christie Consumables	1,364 0+27 1,765 2,021		
		<u>13,672</u>		

**b5** £29,704 not included in gross income for financial purposes

<b>b6</b>	Grants & donations Schools & Families Worker - employment costs Friends & Families Worker - food & project costs Donation to Kings Gate (Bible reading time) Youth work and Christian Education Grant fee		<b>Current acct.</b>	<b>CFB</b>
				10,000
		793		
		91		
		1,066		
		<u>2,154</u>		29,137

<b>b7</b>	Grants to Circuit Top-up Youth Fund		817	
	Schools & Families Worker 2015/20	14,497		
	Provisional church financial reserves	12,132		
		<u>26,629</u>		

Grants to churches



Sep-20

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Date

4 - Dec - 2020

Post Code

DL14DZ

Address

11 MATBY COURT

Name of firm (where appropriate)

DARLINGTON

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

N/A

Name of independent examiner

SUSAN T BRUNSKILL

Signature of independent examiner

S Brunskill

sheet date.

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

reached.

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.

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

in, any material respect:

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

Independent Examiner's Statement