

## 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

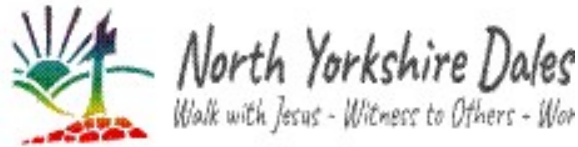
\*(Marsett a class of Gayle with a building and Bainbridge a class of Gayle without a building who meet at Sycamore Hall)

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:**

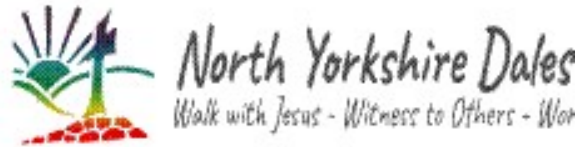
The budgeted expenditure at the beginning of the year was £143,514.00. Actual expenditure was £136,678, ie 95% of the budget was spent.

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:**

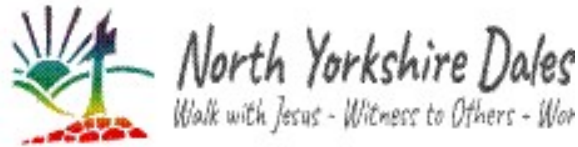
Active Circuit Ministers:

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:**

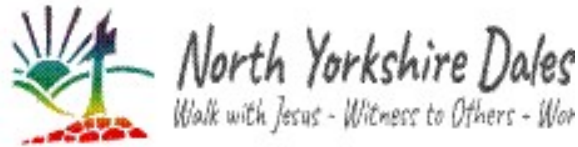
Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

**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:**

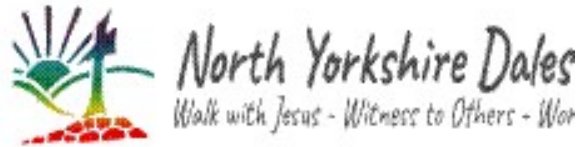
#### Ministry

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

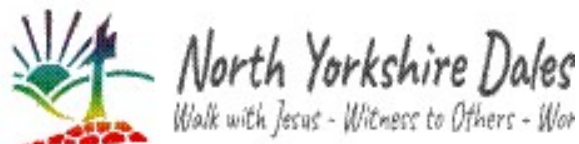
*King's Club:* Building on the post Covid model, King's club has now morphed into a differently focussed Ecumenical Circuit initiative. This year saw the Revered Gillian Lunn, Curate at Leyburn and Bellerby take over the coordinator role, and lead a team of volunteers from across the Circuit and the 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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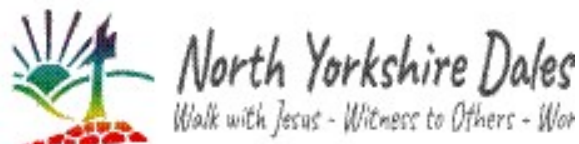
3.	<b>Endowment</b> Funds held	"	£ 5,738
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#### 4. **Reserves policy for General Funds**

**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

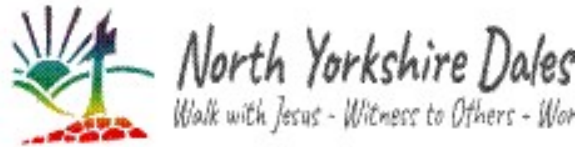
Circuit Meeting Secretary: Mrs Julie Greenslade

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

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242 )

Ministers:

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
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
a2	Assessment/Share		93,556			<b>93,556</b>	100,010
a3	Capital receipts			415,573		<b>415,573</b>	495,016
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,946	17,362	642	<b>24,950</b>	2,287
a5	Grants		42,546			<b>42,546</b>	8,727
a6	Other receipts		33,851		2,704	<b>36,555</b>	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							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		81,656			<b>81,656</b>	78,310
b3	Manse Costs		11,916			<b>11,916</b>	12,962
b4	Administration etc		17,370	1,187		<b>18,557</b>	16,561
b5	District Assessment		24,684			<b>24,684</b>	27,360
b6	Grants & donations		19,270			<b>19,270</b>	42,856
b7	Empty properties		4,920			<b>4,920</b>	13,139
b8	Other payments		13,202	127,834		<b>141,036</b>	117,046
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>173,018</b>	<b>129,021</b>		<b>302,039 (b9)</b>	<b>308,234</b>

SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a7-b9)	<b>3,881</b>	<b>303,914</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>311,141</b>	<b>330,815</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		220,929	414,367	16,487	651,783 (c6)	320,968
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	<b>224,810</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>	(c3+c4)	<b>224,810</b>	<b>718,281</b>	<b>19,833</b>	<b>962,923 (c8)</b>	<b>651,783 (c6)</b>

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

## 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 2023 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	2,290	1,999	291		2,937	3,228
e2 JC 24/7	300	225	75		310	385
e3 Hawes Burial Ground	2,078	3,469	(1,391)		9,517	8,126
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,668	5,693	(1,025)		12,764 (e11)	11,739 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	613,180 (a8)	302,039 (b9)	311,141	(1) (c7)	651,783 (c6)	962,923 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	617,848	307,732	310,116	(1)	664,547 (x)	974,662 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	6,910	10,458
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	214,019	214,351
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	414,367	718,280
f6 Other funds	16,487	19,834
f7 SUB TOTAL	651,783 (c6)	962,923 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	12,764 (e11)	11,739 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	664,547 (x)	974,662 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	28,826.39	5737.83
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,108,410	1,655,818
g3 Other Assets		
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Name of Circuit ..... No.....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer ..... K.J. Brightman ..... Date 14-12-23 .....  
Name and address of treasurer KATHERINE BRIGHTMAN (on behalf of the Finance Team)  
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### Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... M Reed .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting REV M REED Date 23/1/24

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

NORTH YORKSHIRE DALES ..... Circuit

Charity Number 1143259

### Responsibilities and basis of report

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Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to .... As the Circuit's trustees, you are  
responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act  
2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act  
and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity  
Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit 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:

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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

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

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242 )

Ministers:

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
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
a2	Assessment/Share		93,556			<b>93,556</b>	100,010
a3	Capital receipts			415,573		<b>415,573</b>	495,016
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,946	17,362	642	<b>24,950</b>	2,287
a5	Grants		42,546			<b>42,546</b>	8,727
a6	Other receipts		33,851		2,704	<b>36,555</b>	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							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		81,656			<b>81,656</b>	78,310
b3	Manse Costs		11,916			<b>11,916</b>	12,962
b4	Administration etc		17,370	1,187		<b>18,557</b>	16,561
b5	District Assessment		24,684			<b>24,684</b>	27,360
b6	Grants & donations		19,270			<b>19,270</b>	42,856
b7	Empty properties		4,920			<b>4,920</b>	13,139
b8	Other payments		13,202	127,834		<b>141,036</b>	117,046
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>173,018</b>	<b>129,021</b>		<b>302,039 (b9)</b>	<b>308,234</b>

SECTION C							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a7-b9)	<b>3,881</b>	<b>303,914</b>	<b>3,346</b>	<b>311,141</b>	<b>330,815</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		220,929	414,367	16,487	651,783 (c6)	320,968
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	<b>224,810</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>	(c3+c4)	<b>224,810</b>	<b>718,281</b>	<b>19,833</b>	<b>962,923 (c8)</b>	<b>651,783 (c6)</b>

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

## 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 2023 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	2,290	1,999	291		2,937	3,228
e2 JC 24/7	300	225	75		310	385
e3 Hawes Burial Ground	2,078	3,469	(1,391)		9,517	8,126
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,668	5,693	(1,025)		12,764 (e11)	11,739 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	613,180 (a8)	302,039 (b9)	311,141	(1) (c7)	651,783 (c6)	962,923 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	617,848	307,732	310,116	(1)	664,547 (x)	974,662 (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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	6,910	10,458
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	214,019	214,351
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	414,367	718,280
f6 Other funds	16,487	19,834
f7 SUB TOTAL	651,783 (c6)	962,923 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	12,764 (e11)	11,739 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	664,547 (x)	974,662 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	28,826.39	5737.83
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