

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2020

Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit

Registered Charity - Number **1145630**

Circuit number **05/18**

Ministers

Rev S Levett
Rev R Wilson
Rev L Singh

Circuit Stewards

Mr L Last
Mr I Athey
Mrs M Brown
Mrs S Watson (Appointed 9th February 2021)

Circuit Treasurer

Mr J Wyatt

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31st August 2020**

Legal framework and organisation

Full Name: Bromsgrove & Redditch Methodist Circuit ("the Circuit")

The Circuit has pastoral oversight of 10 Churches in Bromsgrove and Redditch. It exists to support the Christian Mission of those Churches.

Charity Registration Number: 1145630

Date of registration: 26th January 2012

Communication address: Circuit Office Ecumenical Centre 6 Evesham Walk Redditch B97 4EX

The members of the Bromsgrove & Redditch Methodist Circuit Meeting are the Charity's Trustees.

Membership of that Meeting consists of Circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

A full list of Trustees is shown as Appendix A to this report. Trustees are appointed by the existing Trustees. They include ex-officio office holders and representatives of the 10 churches.

Circuit Ministers and Stewards are shown on the front page.

Circuit Lay Worker: Mrs Sally Meredith

Administrators: Mrs Carol Baker (retired 5th April 2021)

Mrs Christine Chambers (retired 31st March 2021)

The principal officer overseeing the financial management and accounting for the Circuit

Mr John Wyatt

Independent examiner: Ormerod Rutter

The Oakley, Kidderminster Road

Droitwich WR9 9AY

Banks a) Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

b) Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

c) HSBC

Financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2020

Income

Income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid to the Circuit by its 10 Churches.

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant that for a large part of the year the 10 Churches have not been open for Worship nor other meetings. Despite this the incomes of the churches have been maintained close to their pre-Covid levels.

The 10 Churches have all been able to continue paying their assessments to the Circuit at the agreed amounts. The financial state of the Churches has been closely monitored by the Circuit throughout the year and to date.

Rental income relates to the rental of two manses temporarily occupied by 3rd parties. They will revert to Manses as required.

When a Church ceases as a place of worship the Circuit becomes the managing trustee of that Church.

Expenditure

Stipend expenditure has increased in line with Methodist Conference approval.

The largest grant this year was £9,000 to assist with re-furbishment at The Bridge Church.

The District Assessment and Levy is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

There was significant expenditure on two Manses this year incurred to maintain and enhance the values of those Manses.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2020 the net current assets less liabilities were £407,985. The decrease compared with last year was largely accounted for by major refurbishment of Manses.

In addition there was the cost of a new web site and removal expenses for Ministers relocating. These costs will not be repeated for a number of years.

Plans for the year ending 31st August 2021

These have been prepared on the basis that there will be 3 full time ordained staff and the layworker listed in the legal framework paragraph above. There are as yet no replacements for the two administrators who retired in March and April 2021.

The administration work is being undertaken by volunteers from among the Trustees until the vacant posts are filled.

No Church will be asked to increase its assessment payments to the Circuit due to the uncertainty created by the Covid-19 pandemic. Until unrestricted movement returns it is difficult to assess the impact of the pandemic upon the Churches. Donations to the Churches have remained buoyant during the pandemic.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102.

Aims and organisation of the Circuit:

The Circuit's aim is to assist and oversee 10 Churches and to act as a resource provider for the Methodist Church within an area around Birmingham, Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and always have been, the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any organisation within The Methodist Church structure;
- 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 to or ancillary to The Methodist Church

The Circuit attempts to achieve its aims by:

- a) Organising and resourcing regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and to non-members alike.
- b) Teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- c) Resourcing pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- d) Leading religious assemblies in schools.
- e) Promoting Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- f) Providing Chaplaincy services to local institutions.

Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st August 2020 - continued

Public benefit

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. In particular the Circuit's aims are inclusive of the public as a whole and the aims also benefit all those of the Christian faith and beliefs. During the year the Circuit has been instrumental in assisting its 10 Churches to maintain buildings and outreach which encourage Christian Worship.

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"). Day to day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting.

Trustee training

Guidance published by The Methodist Connexion to support the running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet, 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is available to all new Trustees.

Related parties

The Circuit is within the Birmingham District of The Methodist Church. The District is accountable to Methodist Conference. The following Methodist Churches are within the Circuit: Alcester, Bromsgrove, Catshill, Crabbs Cross, Emmanuel Redditch, Lickey End, St Andrew's Church Hill, Studley, The Bridge at Headless Cross and Rowney Green Alvechurch. Emmanuel Redditch, The Bridge at Headless Cross and Rowney Green are Local Ecumenical Partnerships with other Christian denominations.

Risk management

Major risks are identified and recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded. Income and Expenditure is monitored 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.
- the careful selection and training of 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.
- the response, without delay, to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed and cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- seeking to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- seeking to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- seeking 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

The Circuit has committed itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the Circuit and in the Churches.

The Circuit has committed itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

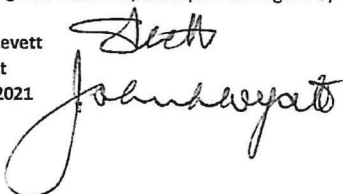
Reserves policy

The reserves policy of the trustees is to hold no more than 6 months normal expenditure after taking account of potential and promised support of the 10 churches in mission including property maintenance

Approval of the Trustees' Report.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the report was approved by Trustees via the internet. Approval having been received, the report was signed by Trustees:

Rev Stephen Levett
Mr John Wyatt
on 24th June 2021



Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2019
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies						-	-
Income from monetary investments		50	2,504	63	23	2,640	3,115
Income from investment properties		22,200				22,200	21,920
Assessments on churches		190,518				190,518	208,640
Blackwell Hall transferred to Circuit		424,558	0			424,558	-
Grants received						0	-
Other charitable income		3,031		2,322		5,353	12,127
Total income		640,357	2,504	2,385	23	645,269	245,802
Expenditure							
Grants and donations		2,807	9,000			11,807	5,614
Salaries, national insurance and pension	4	145,179				145,179	166,884
Employees travel and expenses	2	7,441				7,441	16,339
Property maintenance		37,190				37,190	47,489
District assessment & levy		40,840	16,061			56,901	61,023
Depreciation		0				0	-
Circuit office expenses		1,700				1,700	8,070
Other outgoings		4,567	662	3,452	2	8,683	16,252
Total expenditure		239,724	25,723	3,452	2	268,901	321,671
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				1	(20)	(19)	0
Net income/(expenditure)		400,633	(23,219)	(1,066)	1	376,349	(75,869)
Transfers between funds		48,471	(48,400)	(50)	(21)	0	0
Other gains						0	22
Net movement in funds		449,104	(71,619)	(1,116)	(20)	376,349	(75,847)
Total funds brought forward		1,358,823	433,749	8,745	1,156	1,802,473	1,878,320
Total funds carried forward		1,807,927	362,130	7,629	1,136	2,178,822	1,802,473

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

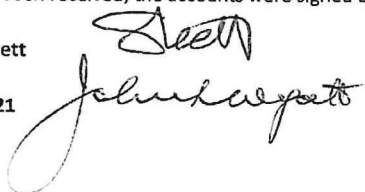
	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total £	2019 £
Fixed Assets							
Manses & equipment	6	890,000				890,000	890,000
Investment properties	7	879,558				879,558	455,000
Investments	8			147	1,131	1,278	1,298
Total fixed assets		1,769,558	0	147	1,131	1,770,836	1,346,298
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	35,730				35,730	15,840
Loans by the Circuit to churches	10		94,537			94,537	102,938
Deposits with TMCP			267,593	7,242	5	274,840	338,057
Deposits with CFB		9,180				9,180	6,974
Deposits with HSBC		9,779		240		10,019	9,444
Total current assets		54,689	362,130	7,482	5	424,306	473,253
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	11	16,319				16,319	17,078
Total current liabilities		16,319	0	0	0	16,319	17,078
Net current assets		38,370	362,130	7,482	5	407,987	456,175
Total assets less current liabilities		1,807,927	362,130	7,629	1,136	2,178,822	1,802,473
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,807,927				1,807,927	1,358,823
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			362,130			362,130	433,749
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,170,057	1,792,572
Restricted Funds				7,629		7,629	8,745
Endowment Funds					1,136	1,136	1,156
Total Funds		1,807,927	362,130	7,629	1,136	2,178,822	1,802,473

Approval of the accounts

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the accounts were approved by Trustees via the internet.

Approval having been received, the accounts were signed by Trustees:

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on 24th June 2021



Notes to the financial statements

1 Accounting policies

Charity Information

Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit of the Methodist Church is a trust which is registered with the Charity Commission in England and Wales. The registered office is:- Circuit Office, Ecumenical Centre, 6 Evesham Walk, Redditch B97 4EX.

Accounting convention

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the Circuit's governing document and "Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)" (effective 1 January 2019). The Circuit is a trust as defined by FRS 102.

The Circuit has taken advantage of the provisions in the SORP for charities applying FRS 102 Update Bulletin 1 not to prepare a Statement of Cash Flows.

The financial statements are prepared in sterling, which is the functional currency of the Circuit. Monetary amounts in these financial statements are rounded to the nearest £.

Going concern

At the time of approving the financial statements, the Trustees have a reasonable expectation that the Circuit has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. Thus the Trustees continue to adopt the going concern basis of accounting in preparing the financial statements.

Funds

The funds held constitute: 1. General Fund which is unrestricted and is held for any purpose of the Circuit. 2. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 3. Restricted funds which are held for a specified purposes. 4. Endowment funds which are also held for specified purposes. Details of Restricted and Endowment Funds are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

Income

Income is included in the SOFA when the Circuit becomes entitled to it, the Trustees are reasonably certain they will receive it; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, which results in the payment of the expense being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expense to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least £500. Tangible fixed assets other than buildings are written off over their useful economic lives.

Freehold Property, being Ministers' residences or Manses, is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £295,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings on the freehold properties because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings to be not less than their deemed value. The properties have been reviewed for impairment. For details see note 6.

Investment properties

The addition to Investment properties during the year is the transfer of the Trusteeship of Blackwell Church Hall from Lickey End Church to the Circuit. This property is included at its insured value.

Other investment properties are shown at fair value. No depreciation is provided on investment properties as the trustees consider the current residual value to be not less than their insured or fair value. For details see note 7.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

Debtors and Prepayments

This is mainly in respect of Ministers' Stipends paid in advance plus various other smaller prepayments.

Creditors

Creditors include sundry expenses accrued, and the 1st quarter of next year's assessment received in advance.

Financial instruments

The Circuit has elected to apply the provisions of Section 11 'Basic Financial Instruments' and Section 12 'Other Financial Instruments Issues' of FRS 102 to all of its financial instruments. Financial instruments are recognised in the Circuit's balance sheet when the Circuit becomes party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

Financial assets and liabilities are offset, with the net amounts presented in the financial statements, when there is a legally enforceable right to set off the recognised amounts and there is an intention to settle on a net basis or to realise the asset and settle the liability

Basic financial assets

Basic financial assets, which include debtors and cash and bank balances, are initially measured at transaction price including transaction costs and are subsequently carried at amortised cost using the effective interest method unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the transaction is measured at the present value of the future receipts discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial assets classified as receivable within one year are not amortised.

Impairment of financial assets

Financial assets, other than those held at fair value through income and expenditure, are assessed for indicators of impairment at each reporting date. Financial assets are impaired where there is objective evidence that, as a result of one or more events that occurred after the initial recognition of the financial asset, the estimated future cash flows have been affected.

If an asset is impaired, the impairment loss is the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the estimated cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. The impairment loss is recognised in net income/expenditure for the year.

If there is a decrease in the impairment loss arising from an event occurring after the impairment was recognised, the impairment is reversed. The reversal is such that the current carrying amount does not exceed what the carrying amount would have been, had the impairment not previously been recognised. The impairment reversal is recognised in net income/expenditure for the year.

Derecognition of financial assets

Financial assets are derecognised only when the contractual rights to the cash flows from the asset expire or are settled, or when the Circuit transfers the financial asset and substantially all the risks and rewards of ownership to another entity, or if some significant risks and rewards of ownership are retained but control of the asset has transferred to another party that is able to sell the asset in its entirety to an unrelated third party.

Basic financial liabilities

Basic financial liabilities, including creditors and bank loans are initially recognised at transaction price unless the arrangement constitutes a financing transaction, where the debt instrument is measured at the present value of the future payments discounted at a market rate of interest. Financial liabilities classified as payable within one year are not amortised.

Debt instruments are subsequently carried at amortised cost, using the effective interest rate method.

Trade creditors are obligations to pay for goods or services that have been acquired in the ordinary course of operations from suppliers. Amounts payable are classified as current liabilities if payment is due within one year or less. If not, they are presented as non-current liabilities. Trade creditors are recognised initially at transaction price and subsequently measured at amortised cost using the effective interest method.

Derecognition of financial liabilities

Financial liabilities are derecognised when the Circuit's contractual obligations expire or are discharged or cancelled.

Taxation

The Circuit is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Investments

Investments are stated at deemed market value.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

2 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to Trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit, excluding stipends which are included in note 6 below. However there were expenses of Trustees.

	2020	2019
Number of Trustees paid expenses	11	14
Total amount paid	£8,144	£17,456

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for telephone, travel and computing costs

3 Fees for examination of the financial statements

	2020	2019
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	£1,176	£1,104
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner.	NIL	NIL

4 Paid employees

	2020	2019
Staff Costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£115,762	£134,890
Employer's National Insurance costs	£8,835	£9,266
Pension costs	£20,581	£22,728
Total staff costs	£145,178	£166,884
Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:	5	6

5 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the year end there were no capital commitments (2019 - £5,000).
No contingent liabilities were identified.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

6 Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Manses	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost or valuation			
Balance brought forward	890,000	3,589	893,589
Additions			0
Revaluations			0
Disposals			0
Balance carried forward	890,000	3,589	893,589

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward		3,589	3,589
Charge for year			0
Revaluations			0
Disposals			0
Balance carried forward		3,589	3,589

Net book value

Brought forward	890,000	0	890,000
Balance carried forward	890,000	0	890,000

7 Investment assets

	Dwellings - previously Manses	Former Church Hall	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation				
Balance brought forward	455,000		0	455,000
Additions		424,558		424,558
Revaluations				0
Disposals				0
Balance carried forward	455,000	424,558	0	879,558

Net book value

Brought forward	455,000	0	0	455,000
Balance carried forward	455,000	424,558	0	879,558

During the year the local Managing Trustees of Lickey End Church requested the Managing Trustees of the Circuit to assume the management of a former Church Hall. This is included above at its insured value.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

8 Analysis of restricted and endowment funds

Restricted Funds

Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
L M Harbridge	3,996	34	8	-26	3,996	General Mission
E O Morris	210	2	0	-2	210	General Mission
Holyoakes	195	2	0	-2	195	Education & Youth Mission
Manse	2,841	24	6	-19	2,840	Manse costs
S & R Moore	146	3	0	-1	148	General Mission
Ladies Supper Group	1,174	2,279	3,226	0	227	Circuit Ladies Supper Group
MWIB	183	42	212	0	13	Support Connexional Funds
Totals	8,745	2,386	3,452	-50	7,629	

Represented by:	£
Cash	7,482
Investments	147
Totals	7,629

Endowment Funds

Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Morris & Hicks	171	0	0	-3	168	General Mission
Mrs L E Foster	373	1	1	-7	366	General Mission
Anon	612	2	1	-11	602	General Mission
Totals	1,156	3	2	-21	1,136	

Represented by:	£
Cash	5
Investments	1,131
Totals	1,136

9 Financial instruments

	2,020	2,019
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	35,730	15,840
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	16,319	17,078

10 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

Prepayments and accrued income	30,877	11,311
Other debtors	99,390	107,467
	130,267	118,778

11 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

Accruals and deferred income	14,238	14,637
Other creditors	2,081	2,441
	16,319	17,078

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	Endowment £	Total £
Fund balances at 31 August				
2020 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	1,769,558	147	1,131	1,770,836
Current assets less liabilities	400,499	7,482	5	407,986
Total Funds	2,170,057	7,629	1,136	2,178,822

13 Related Party Transactions

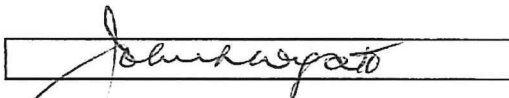
The Circuit is related to the 10 Churches in the Circuit and the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church in that the Circuit and all these bodies are under the ultimate control of the Methodist Connexion. During the year the Circuit received £190,518 (2019 £208,640) from the Churches and paid £56,901 (2019 £61,023) to the District. During the year the management of Blackwell Church Hall was passed to the Circuit from Lickey End Methodist Church. This is included in the accounts as a fixed tangible asset of £424,558.

Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 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



Name of Treasurer

John L Wyatt

Address

Flat 10 Westminster Court, 3 College Road, Bromsgrove. B60 2NE

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were approved by the Trustees via the internet and were signed on 24th June 2021.

Signature of the Superintendent



Signature of the Superintendent

Rev Stephen Levett

Date

24th June 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bromsgrove & Redditch Methodist Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Bromsgrove & Redditch Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the examiner, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act).

I report in respect of my examination of these accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act. In carrying out my examination I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

Your attention is drawn to the fact that the Circuit has prepared accounts in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) in preference to the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice issued on 1 April 2005 which is referred to in the extant regulations but has now been withdrawn.

I understand that this has been done in order for accounts to provide a true and fair view in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Practice effective for reporting periods beginning on or after 1 January 2015.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1 accounting records were not kept in respect of the Circuit as required by section 130 of the 2011 Act; or

2 the financial statements do not accord with those records; or

3 the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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 financial statements to be reached.



Barry Rutter

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Dated: 28/6/2021

Appendix A

Trustees who have served in office from 1st September 2019
until 24th June 2021

Circuit Staff

Rev Steve Levett
Rev Ruth Wilson
Rev Ian Ring
Rev Latika Singh

Supernumerary Ministers

Rev Alan Bidnell
Rev Barrie Cooke
Rev Trevor Lockwood
Rev Julia Pellett
Deacon Gwynn Bamford
Deacon Janet Thomas

Circuit Stewards

Sue Watson
Les Last
Ian Athey
Maureen Brown

Circuit Treasurer

John Wyatt

Local Preachers Secretaries

Linda Ashworth
Lyn Gennoe

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Lyn Andrews
Sheila Collins

Children's Lay Worker

James Knott

Synod representatives

Sally Meredith
Fiona White

Administrator

Christine Chambers

Representatives of Circuit Churches

Alcester

Christine Scott
Cheryl Hawkes
Alison McAdam

Bromsgrove

Sheila Sharman
Laura Hodges
Val Sargeant
Brenda Torbet
Terry Clarke

Catshill

Martin Tingle
David Morgan
Ian Jones

Crabbs Cross

Gill Kendrick
Rex Needles

Emmanuel

Keith Thomas
Lyn Renhard
Christine Allured

Lickey End

Beth Haden
David Perry
Simon Robert

Rowney Green

Andrew Dunkers
Pamela Petts
Kate Collett

St Andrews

Alan Boyce
Jean Underwood

Studley

Mary Last
Sue Popley
Ray Popley
Tom Roberts

The Bridge

Terry Bill
Matthew Bailey