

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

for the year ended 31 August 2024

Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit

Registered Charity - Number **1145630**

Circuit number **05/18**

Ministers

Rev S Levett
Rev R Wilson
Rev L Singh
Rev P Powers (until 31/08/2024)

Circuit Stewards

Mrs S Watson
Mr I Athey (until 31/08/2024)
Mrs M Brown
Mrs P Rose (from 01/09/24)

Circuit Treasurer

Mr J Wyatt (until 15/01/2025)
Ms Lyn Gennoe (from 16/01/2025)

**Trustees' Annual Report
for the year ended 31st August 2024**

Legal framework and organisation

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

The Circuit has pastoral oversight of 10 Churches in Bromsgrove and Redditch. During the year a Forest Church was planted at Peck Wood in Alvechurch, a woodland owned by the Methodist Church. The Circuit's aim is to support the Christian Mission of these 11 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 11 churches.

Circuit Ministers and Stewards are shown on the front page.

Circuit Lay Workers: Mrs Sally Meredith
Mrs Anne Batchelor

Administrator: Mrs Lucy West

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

Mr John Wyatt (until 15/01/2025)

Ms Lyn Gennoe (from 16/01/2025)

Independent examiner Ormerod Rutter

The Oakley, Kidderminster Road
Droitwich WR9 9AY

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b) Trustees for Methodist Church purposes
c) HSBC

Financial statements for the year ended 31st August 2024

Income

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

Attendances at the 10 Churches in the Circuit have failed to recover to pre Covid-19 levels.

Despite this the incomes of the Churches have been maintained close to their pre Covid levels. The Churches have all continued to pay their assessments to the Circuit at the agreed amounts. The financial state of the Churches has been monitored by the Circuit throughout the year and to date.

Rental income relates to the rental of one manse temporarily occupied by a 3rd party and rental income from the hire of Blackwell Church Hall.

Expenditure

Stipend expenditure has increased in line with Methodist Conference approval.

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

There was significant expenditure on the Manses and other Circuit properties this year to maintain and enhance their values.

A grant of £34,000 together with a loan of the same amount was made to Alcester Church during the year.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets less liabilities were £249,505

this compares with last year's figure of £318,080

Plans for the year ending 31st August 2025

These have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full time and 1 half time ordained staff and the layworkers listed in the legal framework paragraph above.

It is apparent that one of the surplus manses will need to be sold to maintain an adequate level of cash reserves. This process is underway.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Circuit's financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2024 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 11 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:

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

The Circuit attempts to achieve its aims by:

- organising and resourcing regular public acts of worship open to members of the Church and to non-members alike.
- teaching Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
- resourcing pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- leading religious assemblies in schools.
- promoting Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- providing Chaplaincy services to local institutions.

**Trustees Annual Report
for the year ended 31st August 2024 - 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 their buildings and outreach which encourage Christian Worship. It has also supported the opening of a Forest Church.

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, Rowney Green and the Forest Church at

Peck Wood Alvechurch. Emmanuel Redditch, The Bridge 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

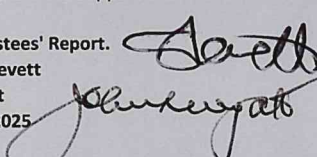
The reserves policy of the trustees is to hold no more than 6 months normal expenditure after taking account of potential and promised support of the 11 churches in mission including property maintenance.

Approval of the Trustees' Report.

Rev Stephen Levett

Mr John Wyatt

on 16th June 2025



Statement of Financial Activities ("SOFA") for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
Donations and legacies						0	
Income from monetary investments		315.23	9,451.34	387.81	36.52	10,190.90	5,974
Income from investment properties		19,200.00				19,200.00	30,152
Assessments on churches		170,381.85				170,381.85	174,816
Property sales		-				-	75,459
Other charitable income		39,674.36	30,000.00	1,630.57		71,304.93	6,117
Total income		229,571.44	39,451.34	2,018.38	36.52	271,077.68	292,517
Expenditure							
Grants and donations		-	34,000.00	1,925.05		35,925.05	2,518
Salaries, national insurance and pension	4	179,889.42				179,889.42	166,127
Employees travel and expenses	2	18,735.87				18,735.87	10,035
Property maintenance		35,568.76				35,568.76	36,579
District assessment & levy		45,708.00	6,519.26			52,227.26	46,656
Property sacle levy		-				-	11,092
Circuit office expenses		3,826.69				3,826.69	1,896
Other outgoings		12,943.20	514.10	19.49	2.93	13,479.72	13,090
Total expenditure		296,671.94	41,033.36	1,944.54	2.93	339,652.77	287,992
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments				5.58	92.97	98.55	- 62
Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
Net income/-expenditure		- 67,100.50	- 1,582.02	79.42	126.56	- 68,476.54	4,464
Transfers between funds		42,551.91	42,150.00	368.32	33.59	0.00	-
Other gains						-	-
Net movement in funds		- 24,548.59	- 43,732.02	288.90	92.97	- 68,476.54	4,464
Total funds brought forward		1,782,868.00	297,223.18	7,656.31	1,206.49	2,088,953.98	2,084,490
Total funds carried forward		1,758,319.41	253,491.16	7,367.41	1,299.46	2,020,477.44	2,088,954

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total	2023
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Manses & equipment	6	1,115,000.00				1,115,000.00	1,115,000
Investment properties	7	654,558.00				654,558.00	654,558
Investments	8			119.82	1,294.67	1,414.49	1,316
Total fixed assets		1,769,558.00	0.00	119.82	1,294.67	1,770,972.49	1,770,874
Current Assets							
Debtors and prepayments	10	3,560.29				3,560.29	13,977
Loans by the Circuit to churches	10		146,188.00			146,188.00	116,838
Deposits with TMCP			107,303.16	7,242.15	4.79	114,550.10	187,632
Deposits with CFB		975.45				975.45	6,880
Deposits with HSBC		6,748.09		5.44		6,753.53	14,996
Total current assets		11,283.83	253,491.16	7,247.59	4.79	272,027.37	340,323
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	11	22,522.42				22,522.42	22,243
Total current liabilities		22,522.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	22,522.42	22,243
Net current assets		-11,238.59	253,491.16	7,247.59	4.79	249,504.95	318,080
Total assets less current liabilities							
		1,758,319.41	253,491.16	7,367.41	1,299.46	2,020,477.44	2,088,954
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,758,319.41				1,758,319.41	1,782,868
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			253,491.16			253,491.16	297,223
Total Unrestricted Funds						2,011,810.57	2,080,091
Restricted Funds				7,367.41		7,367.41	7,656
Endowment Funds					1,299.46	1,299.46	1,206
Total Funds		1,758,319.41	253,491.16	7,367.41	1,299.46	2,020,477.44	2,088,954

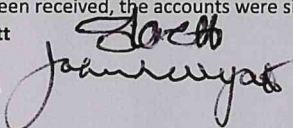
Approval of the accounts

Approval having been received, the accounts were signed by:

Rev Stephen Levett

Mr John Wyatt

on 16th June 2025



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:- Emmanuel Church Ecumenical Centre, 6 Evesham Walk, Kingfisher Shopping Centre. 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 1st 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 £375,000. 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

Other investment properties include Blackwell Church Hall - which is shown at insured value when it was transferred to the Circuit during the year to 31st August 2020.

The 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

In the General Fund these are in respect of buildings insurance premiums paid in advance. In the previous year, September 2023 Stipends were also paid in advance. In the Circuit Model Trust Fund the debtors are loans by the Circuit to the Churches.

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 taxation 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 4 below. However there were expenses of trustees.

	2024	2023
Number of Trustees paid expenses	8	10
Total amount paid	£11,779	£10,035

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

3 Fees for examination of the financial statements

	2024	2023
Independent examiner's fees for reporting on the financial statements	£1,440	£1,368
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner.	NIL	NIL

4 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

	2024	2023
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£144,107	£132,984
Employer's National Insurance costs	£11,382	£10,695
Pension costs	£24,401	£22,448
Total staff costs	£179,889	£166,127

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

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5 Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the year end there were no capital commitments
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	1,115,000	3,589	1,118,589
Balance carried forward	1,115,000	3,589	1,118,589
Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought forward	0	3,589	3,589
Balance carried forward	0	3,589	3,589
Net book value			
Brought forward	1,115,000	0	1,115,000
Balance carried forward	1,115,000	0	1,115,000

7 Investment assets

	Dwellings - previously Manses	Former Church Hall	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Total
	£		£	£
Cost or valuation				
Balance brought forward	230,000	424,558	0	654,558
Balance carried forward	230,000	424,558	0	654,558
Net book value				
Brought forward	230,000	424,558	0	654,558
Balance carried forward	230,000	424,558	0	654,558

Note: Subsequent to the year end another manse has become an investment property.

Notes to the financial statements - continued

8 Analysis of restricted and endowment funds

Restricted Funds

Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Investment Movements	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
L M Harbridge	3,995.79	211.27	11.39		-199.88	3,995.79	General Mission
E O Morris	210.00	11.11			-11.11	210.00	General Mission
Holyoakes	195.00	10.31			-10.31	195.00	Education & Youth Mission
Manses	2,841.36	150.23	8.10		-142.13	2,841.36	Manse costs
S & R Moore	114.24	4.89		5.58	-4.89	119.82	General Mission
MWIB	299.92	1,630.57	1,925.05			5.44	Support Connexional Funds
Totals	7,656.31	2,018.38	1,944.54	5.58	-368.32	7,367.41	

Represented by:	£
Cash	7,247.59
Investments	119.82
Totals	7,367.41

Endowment Funds

Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Outgoing Resources	Investment Movements	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Morris & Hicks	178.60	5.44		13.62	-5.44	192.22	General Mission
Mrs L E Foster	389.33	11.80	1.11	29.95	-10.69	419.28	General Mission
Anon	638.56	19.28	1.82	49.40	-17.46	687.96	General Mission
Totals	1,206.49	36.52	2.93	92.97	-33.59	1,299.46	

Represented by:	£
Cash	4.79
Investments	1,294.67
Totals	1,299.46

9 Financial instruments

	2024	2023
	£	£
Carrying amount of financial assets		
Debt instruments measured at amortised cost	3,560.29	13,976.61
Carrying amount of financial liabilities		
Measured at amortised cost	3,560.29	13,976.61

10 Debtors

Amounts falling due within one year:

Prepayments and accrued Income	3,560.29	13,976.61
Other debtors	146,188.00	116,838.00
	149,748.29	130,814.61

11 Creditors

Amounts falling due within one year:

Accruals and deferred Income	13,410.37	19,835.86
Other creditors	9,112.05	2,406.85
	22,522.42	22,242.71

12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted	Restricted	Endowment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Fund balances at 31 August 2024 are represented by:				
Tangible assets	1,769,558.00	119.82	1,294.67	1,770,972.49
Current assets less liabilities	242,252.57	7,247.59	4.79	249,504.95
Total Funds	2,011,810.57	7,367.41	1,299.46	2,020,477.44

13 Related Party Transactions

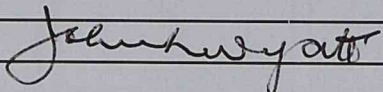
The Circuit is related to the 10 Churches in the Circuit and the Birmingham District of the Methodist Church in that the Circuit and all these bodies are under the ultimate control of the Methodist Connexion. During the year the Circuit received £170,382 (2023 £174,816) from the Churches. The Circuit paid £52,227 (2023 £46,556) to the District and £nil (2023 £11,092) to the Methodist Connexion.

Bromsgrove & Redditch Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I retired as a Trustee and Treasurer on xx January. However, as the financial activities of the Circuit were under my control throughout the year ended 31st August 2024, I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

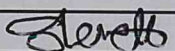
Address

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

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were approved by the Trustees at a meeting on ~~xx~~¹⁶th June 2025 and were signed on the same day.

Signature of Superintendent



Name of Superintendent

Rev Stephen Levett

Date

16th June 2025

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 2024

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees, 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

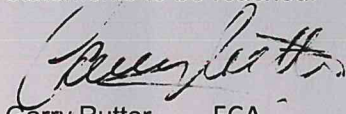
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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.



Garry Rutter FCA

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales

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Worcestershire

Dated: 26/06/2025

Appendix A

**Trustees who have served in office from 1st September 2023
until 16th June 2025**

Circuit Staff

Rev Anne Smith **
Rev Steve Levett
Rev Ruth Wilson
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
Pam Rose *

Circuit Treasurer

John Wyatt **
Lyn Gennoe *

Local Preachers Secretaries

Linda Ashworth **
Lyn Gennoe **
Sarah Leeson *

Circuit Safeguarding Officers

Lyn Andrews **
Sheila Collins **
Sue Pinfield *

Lay Workers

James Knott **
Anne Batchelor *
Sally Meredith *

Synod representatives

Sheila Collins **
Sally Meredith
Fiona White **

Administrator

Christine Chambers **
Lucy West *

Representatives of Circuit Churches

Alcester
Christine Scott **
Cheryl Hawkes **
Alison McAdam
Elizabeth Folkes *

Bromsgrove

Sheila Sharman
Laura Hodges
Margaret Adams **
Val Sargeant **
Miriam Prosser **
Anne Eager **
Brenda Torbet **
Terry Clarke
Alison Thurston *

Catshill

Martin Tingle
David Morgan **
Ian Jones **
Jessica Knott *
Lindsay Penistone *

Crabbs Cross

Pam Rose
Gill Kendrick
Rex Needles **

Emmanuel

Keith Thomas
Lyn Renhard **
Christine Allured
Fiona White **
Sarah Leeson *
Pearl Swanborough *

Lickey End

Beth Haden **
David Perry
Simon Robert **
Gladys Hatton *

Rowney Green

Andrew Dunkers
Pamela Petts **
Kate Collett **

St Andrews

Alan Boyce **
Jean Underwood **
John Hardy *
Maureen Foxall *

Studley

Mary Last
Sue Popley
Ray Popley
Tom Roberts **
Les Last *

The Bridge

Terry Bill
Matthew Bailey **
Roger Ling *
Sue Pinfield *

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* appointed during the period