

**Aim of the Charity: 'Growing and Serving in Christ'****Activities of the Charity:-**

We continue to pay particular attention to the Charity Commission's guidance on providing activities for the public benefit. Our churches are focal points in several villages and towns enabling us to serve these local communities. We can be of particular benefit to those seeking to discover and practise the Christian faith.

We provide Christian Worship across the geographical area covered by the charity.

- We promote and practise prayer, bible study and training.
- We actively encourage all ages to discover & grow in the Christian faith.
- We support the vulnerable and fight injustice at home & abroad.
- We maintain our buildings for our own and community use.
- We work ecumenically where appropriate.

**Our Achievements for public benefit this year:-**

- a. We have provided regular and varied Christian worship, open to all, in various different venues and have organised bible study groups, prayer groups and Christian café book clubs. Many of these have continued to run digitally since March 2020.
- b. We have run Christian programmes for toddlers, children and youth, and have linked with local schools through our ministers, volunteers and youth workers. Links with local schools and church run toddler groups have continued despite the pandemic, offering them classroom or home based activities and the materials to do these.
- c. Pre pandemic we held many regular and one off events on our premises to support the local community including coffee mornings, lunches, teas, concerts, film clubs, speakers, craft clubs, a wide variety of fellowship groups, toddler groups and after school clubs. These are all promoted to and attended by the wider public. During the pandemic weekly coffee mornings have continued online. Our dementia friendly café usually held once a month is on hold, but pastoral support has continued for those who usually attend.
- d. We give time and money to projects supporting the marginalised and fighting injustice eg: ecumenically through Christian Aid, and through Traidcraft etc. Many of our churches have become collection hubs for others in need including Food Banks, Christmas appeals for the Salvation Army, Seafarers and local Asylum projects.
- e. Pre pandemic, several of our church premises were rented by community groups such as U3A, Music Societies, Dance & Exercise groups. There is a community hub that operates out of the church in Hutton Rudby. It includes a café, computer hub and play area. Volunteers from the Hub provided vital support to those isolated in a rural area during the pandemic.
- f. We have a network of trained volunteers who visit those who are going through difficult times, and offer prayer support. This has continued throughout the year and been a valued support during a particularly difficult time.

**Declaration:** We confirm that no serious incidents occurred between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_ (Rev Andrew Robinson) Charity Chair  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs Katherine Atha) Stokesley Circuit Steward  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Mrs Alison Dumphy-Brook) Circuit Meeting Secretary

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **Stokesley Methodist Circuit**

Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Year Ended 31 August 2020

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**Stokesley Methodist Circuit**

**General Fund  
Receipts and Payments Account  
for the Year ended 31 August 2020**

	<u>2020</u>		<u>2019</u>
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Assessments	127,824		119,454
Bank interest	523		498
Circuit service	221		215
Rent of Manses & Chapel House	11,623		9,907
Sundry income	93		-
Donation – Leaving Gift	2,060		250
Action for Children - Collection	227		-
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	14,224		10,372
Income from endowments	16		25
Grant for Radio Leven	16,000		-
General Purposes Grant	2,000		-
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	160,587		130,349
<b>Payments</b>			
Stipends	68,010		67,992
Ministers expenses	1,702		3,127
Local Preachers expenses	39		154
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	(69,751)		(71,273)
Manse repairs	3,334		13,173
Council tax	5,083		4,684
Water	1,047		1,290
Insurance	1,734		1,418
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	(11,198)		(20,565)
Telephone	2,214		2,528
Books etc	357		189
Secretarial expenses	852		553
Quinquennial	310		125
Sundries	1,390		1,848
Website costs	412		412
Leaving gift	2,060		-
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	(7,595)		(5,655)
District Assessment	(32,584)		(31,180)
Youth Worker	(5,062)		(7,248)
Circuit Administrator	(7,675)		(3,935)
<b>Grants to Churches</b>			
Great Ayton	-		(15,705)
Hutton Rudby	(1,250)		(2,069)
Seamer	-		(1,344)
Donation – Action for Children	(277)		-
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	(1,477)		(19,118)
<b>Net Receipts (Payments) for the Year</b>	<hr/>		<hr/>
	25,245		(28,625)
Cash at Bank at 31 August 2019	156,607		185,232
<b>Cash at Bank at 31 August 2020</b>	<hr/> <hr/>		<hr/> <hr/>
	181,852		156,607

**Stokesley Methodist Circuit**  
**Circuit Model Trust Fund**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>		<b><u>2019</u></b>
	£	£	£
<b>Receipts</b>			
Dividends and interest	279		405
<b>Payments</b>			
Administration	33		33
District Levy	407		404
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	(440)		(437)
<b>Net Receipts/(Payments) for the Year</b>	<hr/>		<hr/>
	(161)		(32)
Bank Balance at 31 August 2019	3,682		3,714
<b>Bank Balance at 31 August 2020</b>	<hr/>		<hr/>
	3,521		3,682
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<b>Investments</b>			
At 31 August 2019	12,607		12,452
Increase/(Decrease) in Market Value during the year	(223)		155
<b>Market Value at 31 August 2020</b>	<hr/>		<hr/>
	12,384		12,607
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<b>Value of Circuit Model Trust</b>			
At 31 August 2019	16,289		16,166
Net Receipts	(161)		(32)
Increase/(Decrease) in Market Value	(223)		155
<b>At 31 August 2020</b>	<hr/>		<hr/>
	15,905		16,289
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**Stokesley Methodist Circuit**

**Endowment Funds**  
**for the Year Ended 31 August 2020**

	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
<b>Receipts</b>		
Dividends and interest	23	32
<b>Payments</b>		
Administration	3	3
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<b>Net Receipt for the Year</b>	<b>20</b>	29
Income to General Fund	16	25
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Bank Balance at 31 August 2019	609	605
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<b>Bank Balance at 31 August 2020</b>	<b>613</b>	609
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<b>Investments</b>		
At 31 August 2019	950	939
Increase/(Decrease) in Market Value during the year	(16)	11
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<b>Market Value at 31 August 2020</b>	<b>934</b>	950
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<b>Value of Endowments</b>		
At 31 August 2019	1,559	1,544
Net Receipts	4	4
Increase/(Decrease) in Market Value	(16)	11
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<b>At 31 August 2020</b>	<b>1,547</b>	1,559
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**Stokesley Methodist Circuit**

**Total Funds at 31 August 2020**

	<u>2020</u> £	<u>2019</u> £
<b>Bank Balances</b>		
General Fund (Note 1)	166,983	156,607
Circuit Model Trust Fund	3,521	3,682
Endowments	613	609
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<b>Investments</b>		
Circuit Model Trust Fund	12,384	12,607
Endowments	934	950
	<hr/> 13,318	<hr/> 13,557
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Manses & Chapel House at Insurance Valuation (see note 2)	1,110,000	1,100,000
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Connexional Funds to pay over	-	1,827
Feed the Hungry	1,131	550
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**NOTE: 1**      A grant of £16,000 was received towards Radio Leven's running costs. This is held on the General Fund at 31 August 2020.

**2**            Two of the Manses were occupied by Ministers. Chapel House and one Manse were let for the year.

**Stokesley Methodist Circuit**

	<b><u>2020</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
<b>Liabilities at 31 August 2020</b>		
Church assessments in advance	<b>14,720</b>	14,458
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<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>		
Stipends	<b>3,134</b>	5,865
Water to 31/03/21	<b>610</b>	750
Insurance to 25/12/20	<b>570</b>	470
	<b><u>4,314</u></b>	<b><u>7,085</u></b>
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**STOKESLEY CIRCUIT RESERVES POLICY & FINANCIAL REVIEW****Circuit Reserves Policy**

*This document includes all funds held by the Circuit Meeting as charity trustees.*

*Our Reserves Policy relates to our general (unrestricted) funds which are freely available to be used for any or all of the purposes of the Circuit.*

*Other funds are also included for the sake of clarity and openness and to show that the Circuit has a policy for the management of all of its money not simply those which are defined as reserves.*

**Aims**

Our aim is twofold:

(1) To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.

(2) To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all of the money coming into its care for the purposes of the charity.

**Three Step Process****(1) Circuit Financial Policy**

Essentially, it provides for -

- (a) The ministerial oversight and pastoral care of the six local churches in the Circuit.
- (b) The support of a ministry team of two presbyter ministers, Youth Work employees and Admin staff.
- (c) The maintenance of the three Circuit manses and Chapel House. (The third manse is currently being rented out.)

**(2) Financial Management**

The Circuit Assessment is reviewed annually and covers the costs of 1 (a) and (b) above and is based on offers from each church towards a share in the total cost.

We make provision for our property maintenance programme by designating a total of £10000 per annum to maintain each property. Due to the foresight of those looking after the manses this has proved sufficient in most years with occasional large projects requiring extra funding. Next year, with a change of minister, we have allocated £20000

**The Circuit Fund** (Unrestricted general fund)

Under Standing Orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers, the maintenance of the manses and the support of the District. The total cost for the last financial year was £133865. Our Reserves Policy is to aim to hold around six month's expenditure in hand, as recommended by the Charity Commission. (£70000 has been lodged with CFB for this purpose)

**Circuit Advance Fund** (Restricted Fund) (Balance at year end £12384). This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

**(3) Designated Funds**

The Charity Commission has agreed that it is appropriate for the trustees to set a policy for the management of the Circuit funds.

Monies received from the sale of three churches has been used as follows; £70000 for our reserves policy, £50000 for contingencies and £94723 for church projects which are now complete. £16000 is held for Radio Leven and £2000 for a General Purposes grant.

Malcolm Wilson  
March 2021