

CHRISTCHURCH AND WIMBORNE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1148455

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-08-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF -(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the circuit and non-members alike, and of sacred spaces for prayer and contemplation; Overseeing the teaching of Christianity through sermons, groups, pastoral work, religious assemblies in schools and encouraging, within the circuit's churches, the provision of youth clubs, senior citizen's clubs etc with a Christian ethos.

Classification

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

Geography

- Dorset
- Hampshire
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£369,793	£513,162	-	-
2024-08-31	£508,691	£541,063	£3,223,142	9
2023-08-31	£328,560	£405,234	-	-
2022-08-31	£775,553	£430,124	£3,065,061	8
2021-08-31	£337,222	£383,956	-	-

Trustees

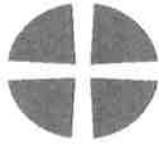
Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Andrew Robert Pottage	Chair	2023-09-01
ALAN JOHN BOYCE		2012-09-11
BRENDA DOROTHY GAULER		2012-09-11
BRIAN JOHN SHEARING		2012-09-12
Brian Marshall Skelley		2017-07-22
CAROLINE MAY WATERMAN		2012-09-12
Christine Margery Thompson		2023-02-21
Christine Scott Lusher		2023-09-07
Christopher Paul Mercer		2018-01-29
DEACON GLENDA SUSAN SIDDING		2012-09-12
DR HOWARD BERESFORD PIPER		2012-09-12
Diana May Middleditch		2019-06-11
ELIZABETH WARD		2012-09-12
George David Kendall		2023-04-30
Hannah Jane Mathew		2024-09-16
Hilary Elizabeth Beckingham		2024-11-13
JOYCE WILD		2018-02-20
Janice Lorraine Pettigrew		2022-11-27
John Robert Cornish		2020-10-07
John Vincent Morgan		2020-01-26
Kathleen May Phillips		2023-03-26
Kathryn Maureen March		2024-03-14
Keith Joy		2022-09-26
Kenneth William Sidding		2017-02-07
Louisa Mary Hiscock		2022-09-01
Malcolm George Laird		2024-06-10
Morgan John Antell		2017-07-31

Name	Role	Appointed
Naomi Patrick		2023-09-01
Peter Robert Aston		2021-04-05
ROBERT CHARLES WHITE		2016-06-01
Rev DAVID ROBERT ELLIS		2016-09-01
Rev Keith Chisholm BECKINGHAM		2024-08-28
Rev Mark John Kimber		2023-09-01
Rev Nicholas Peter Wood		2021-08-16
Rev Peter Kenneth McNeill		2023-09-01
Rev ROBERT DAVID LAIDLER		2012-09-11
Rev ROGER ERNEST GISBORNE		2012-09-11
Rev Susan Joan Baker		2025-08-17
Roderick Jack Armstrong		2025-08-19
Rodney George Frampton		2023-09-07
Rodney Oliver Betts		2012-07-27
Shirley Angela Hewitt		2022-08-02
Susan Harris		2021-02-01
Susan Jane Livesey		2019-08-22
Trevor Bruce Knight		2019-09-01
Winifred George		2020-03-05

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**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2025

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

Southampton District

District Circuit No 26/10

Ministers

Reve Andrew Pottage
Rev Nick Wood
Rev Mike Shrubsole
Rev Deborah Cornish
Rev Peter McNeill
Rev Dr Mark Kimber
Rev Sue Baker-Maher

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Joyce Wild
Mr Peter Aston
Miss Shirley Hewitt
Mr Rodney Betts
Mrs Chris Lusher
Mrs K Archibald

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Rodney Betts

Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Southampton District 26/10

Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2025

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) adopted September 1932 and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit is a registered charity 1148455. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under Charity law to prepare separate accounts.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing Trustees are appointed in accordance with SO 510 of The Constitution and Discipline of The Methodist Church
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of churches and trustees is shown in Appendix A
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 59.Barton Drive, Barton on Sea New Milton BH25 7JH
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Knight Goodhead Limited, 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford SO53 5DA
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are: - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Road, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ and The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.
- 1.9 Current Staff 2024-25

Superintendent Minister Rev Andrew Pottage

Ministers Rev Nick Wood
 Rev Mike Shrubsole until 25.06.25

Part time Ministers
Rev Mark Kimber Rev Peter McNeill Rev Deborah Cornish

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Lay Staff	
Administrator	Mr Robert White
Lay Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Joyce Wild
Children & Families Worker	Mrs Jackie Burgess
Admin Assistant for Highcliffe and Milford	Mrs Marie Wayne

- We continue to received valuable support from our supernumerary ministers
- The Lay Workers in Ringwood, and Blandford are providing valuable support to their sections. Admin Assistant support for Highcliffe and Milford The
- Circuit Administrator provides valuable support to the Superintendent and the circuit.
- The Circuit continues to benefit from the work of local preachers and worship leaders.

2. Structure governance and management

- 2.1 The Circuit is governed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church; its organisation is structured around the circuit meeting that meets at least twice a year.
- 2.2 The circuit meeting is supported by regular meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to conduct day-to-day business and considers matters to be brought to the circuit meeting. The CLT consists of all active ordained ministers and the circuit stewards and circuit administrator.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers meeting is held quarterly to consider the worship life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers, and worship leaders
- 2.4 The Circuit Meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed 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

- 3.2 The Circuit's principle objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith and to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The circuit provides staff. Preachers, education, and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship. Spiritual development and pastoral care both to church members and the wider community.
- 3.4 The circuit agrees property and financial policies that help churches focus on their core business: building the kingdom of God through transformed lives as Disciples of Christ.

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- 3.5 The Circuit promotes the 2 pillars of Methodism social holiness, by encouraging its members to make disciples and to work for social justice.
- 3.6 The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Mission Strategy and Statement

The Circuit is currently working on developing a Circuit Mission Strategy which will be presented to the June Circuit Meeting. As part of this process, our previous Mission Statement has been overhauled, and each Church is considering a number of important questions which have to be submitted to the Circuit Leadership Team by the 31st March to be considered and help form part of the Strategy going forwards.

The questions each Church are considering are as follows:

- Do you have a mission plan?
- How do you disciple your members?
- How do you outreach into your community?
- Do you currently partner with any churches (Methodist or otherwise) or are there any churches you would like to partner with?
- How could we improve communication across the circuit?

The CLT is then have another away day to consider the responses and how they form part of the Mission Strategy.

5. Achievements and performance and future

The Circuit Meeting continues to discern along with the CLT where the Holy Spirit might be leading the Circuit. To this end, each Circuit Meeting we look at a key aspect of our work and consider the impact of this and how it might be improved for the future. At our June Circuit Meeting we considered how our Mission Statement could be renewed. At the December Meeting of our Worship Leaders and Local Preachers Meeting we looked at how worship could be improved across the Circuit. All these responses plus previous ones from 2024 will be drawn into our 'Circuit Mission Strategy' document which once presented and agreed will become the handbook for the modus operandi of the Circuit going forwards.

Churches

- Whilst some churches have struggled to find office holders they are managing to fulfil their mission in their locality
- The sort of activities that churches are involved in include weekly Bible studies, Prayer Meetings, Worship for you, God Space, Breakfast Clubs Lego Club, Environmental Club, Children's Holiday Club, Holtwood Mission Band, Lunch Clubs, Methodist Women in Britain, Mother and Toddlers Groups, Pre School, House Groups, Walking Groups

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Property

- Witchampton – has been sold with completion in September 2025
- Bransgore – Goes to Auction in September 2025
- Horton Heath – Trusteeship situation has not been resolved and our legal team are taking this to court.

5.1 All church premises well maintained, Quinquennial Inspections are up to date

5.2 The circuit manses are all well maintained. The Ringwood manse has undergone major internal alterations.

6. Financial Review

6.1 At 31st August 2025 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £128,976 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund

6.2 At 31st August 2025 the Circuit held the following unrestricted funds

	£
• General Fund	128,867
• Manse Property Fund	109
• Model Trust Fund	211,455
• Witchampton Fund	7,711
• Bransgore Fund	26,064
• Horton Heath Fund	567
• TOTAL	374,773

6.3 The Circuit also owns Freehold Property valued by the trustees at £2,705,000.

7. Grants Policy

Normal property grants 30% of cost up to a maximum of £15,000. Grants above that level are subject to special consideration by the Circuit Meeting.

Mission and Outreach project grants churches are expected to meet at least 50% of the cost.

8. Risk Management

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and are 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.

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9. Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training has been fully implemented across the circuit

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.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits 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.

10. Reserves Policy

- 10.1 The Circuit's objectives and activities are to facilitate sharing of resources amongst the local churches to empower them to function as effective, witness, mission, and caring centres.
- 10.2 To do this the Circuit
 - Provides ministerial oversight for the 13 churches within the Circuit.
 - Employs a team of lay employees to support the activities of the Circuit.
 - Maintains a portfolio of manses across the circuit to provide residential accommodation for ministers. Surplus accommodation is tenanted to generate income for investment in the manse portfolio.
- 10.3 The activities are funded by assessments on the churches in the Circuit which are reviewed annually.
- 10.4 In setting its budget for the year the Circuit Meeting considers the projected impact of changes in staffing levels.
- 10.5 The current level of general reserves and property fund reserves are currently £128,976 giving the circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year including the maintenance of manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property funds of £94,468 being 3 months expenditure.
- 10.7 Model Trust Fund at £211,455 is held as a reserve to cover major personnel and property expense.
- 10.8 The Witchampton, Bransgore and Horton Heath Funds meet the ongoing expenses pending the sale of the properties

Signed on behalf of the Trustees.....



Date.....

12/03/26

Rev Andrew Pottage - Chair of Trustees.....



**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2024/5 £	Total 2023/4 £
Income and Endowments							
1	4	11,358				11,358	11,539
2	5	6,598	14,735	-		21,333	14,147
3						-	-
5		278,076				278,076	272,532
5						-	157,009
6				25,000		25,000	
7	6	-			5,355	5,355	5,029
8		296,032	14,735	25,000	5,355	341,122	460,256
9	7	548	-	28,123		28,671	48,435
10		296,580	14,735	53,123	5,355	369,793	508,691
Expenditure							
11		200	6,100			6,300	500
12	8	160,179			5,355	165,534	165,113
13	10	-	46,975	145,165		192,140	112,755
14	9	16,365				16,365	15,393
15		58,104				58,104	47,520
16		11,004				11,004	8,400
17		31,917				31,917	31,200
18						-	147,398
19			17,139			17,139	4,752
21	11	2,935				2,935	2,529
22	12	9,609	2,071	45		11,725	5,503
23		290,313	72,285	145,210	5,355	513,162	541,063
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		6,267	(57,550)	(92,087)	-	(143,369)	(32,372)
24						-	
25						-	270,000
26		6,267	(57,550)	(92,087)	-	(143,369)	237,628
27		(14,265)	(76,176)	90,441		-	
28						-	
29		(7,998)	(133,726)	(1,645)	-	(143,369)	237,628
30		136,865	345,181	2,741,096		3,223,142	2,985,514
31		128,867	211,455	2,739,451	-	3,079,773	3,223,142

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2025 2024

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations
Balance carried forward

658	
7,945	8,837
8,603	8,179
-	658

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
Comparative Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024

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Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023/24 £
Income and Endowments					
1 Donations & Legacies	11,539				11,539
2 Income from monetary investments	8,126	6,021	-		14,147
3 Income from investment properties					-
4 Assessments	272,532				272,532
5 Capital Receipts	3,514	153,495			157,009
6 Grants received					-
7 Other charitable activities	-			5,029	5,029
8 Total from charitable activities	295,711	159,516	-	5,029	460,256
9 Other income	3,325	18,000	27,110		48,435
10 Total Income and endowments	299,036	177,516	27,110	5,029	508,691
Expenditure					
11 Grants and donations		500			500
12 Salaries and associated costs	160,084			5,029	165,113
13 Property maintenance	-		112,755		112,755
14 Telephone & Travel	15,393				15,393
15 Connexional assessment	47,520				47,520
16 District Assessment	8,400				8,400
17 URC Ministry & Mission	31,200				31,200
18 Connexional Levy		147,398			147,398
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund		4,752			4,752
20 Depreciation					-
21 Office expenses	2,529				2,529
22 Other outgoings	5,090	413			5,503
23 Total charitable expenditure	270,216	153,063	112,755	5,029	541,063
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses	28,820	24,453	(85,645)	-	(32,372)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments					-
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties			270,000		270,000
26 Net income/(expenditure)	28,820	24,453	184,355	-	237,628
27 Transfers between funds		175,700	(175,700)		-
28 Other gains/(losses)					-
29 Net movement in funds	28,820	200,153	6,655	-	237,628
30 Total funds brought forward	108,045	145,028	2,732,441		2,985,514
31 Total funds carried forward	136,865	345,181	2,741,096	-	3,223,142

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations
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Balance carried forward

2024

8,837
8,179
658

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2025 £	Totals 2024 £
Fixed Assets						
Manses	15			1,425,000	1,425,000	1,425,000
Other Properties				480,000	480,000	480,000
Investment Properties				800,000	800,000	800,000
Total fixed assets		-	-	2,705,000	2,705,000	2,705,000
Current Assets						
Debtors		15,955		31,990	47,945	38,170
Investments with TMCP			211,455		211,455	345,181
Central Finance Board Deposits		129,397		2,461	131,858	141,231
Cash at Bank and in hand		8,252			8,252	18,391
Total current assets	17	153,604	211,455	34,451	399,510	542,973
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		24,737			24,737	24,831
Total current liabilities	18	24,737	-	-	24,737	24,831
Net current assets/liabilities		128,867	211,455	34,451	374,773	518,142
Total assets less current liabilities		128,867	211,455	2,739,451	3,079,773	3,223,142
Total Funds						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		128,867			128,867	136,865
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			211,455		211,455	345,181
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,739,451	2,739,451	2,741,096
Total Funds		128,867	211,455	2,739,451	3,079,773	3,223,142

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Lastly there are restricted funds which are funds that have to be used for the specific purpose for which they were given. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available to the Circuit at 31st August 2019 the trustees believe the Circuit is a going concern

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable we will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises and the outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not, committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold manses are shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £740,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than their market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The freehold churches which are now circuit assets have been given a current valuation by the trustees based on professional advice. All properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist Ministers are not employees of the Church. For simplicity when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body. The Connexion accounts the MMPS a pension scheme and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a Pension Scheme.

The Circuit uses NEST scheme for lay employees Contributions 6% for both employer and employee.

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for the year ended 31 August 2025**

Notes to the accounts (continued)

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
4. Donations and legacies						
Donations	11,358				11,358	11,539
Total	11,358	-	-	-	11,358	11,539

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
5. Investments						
Central Finance Board	6,598				6,598	7,835
TMCP	-	14,735			14,735	6,312
Total	6,598	14,735	-	-	21,333	14,147

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
6. Charitable activities - other						
Contributions from Churches to support Lay Workers				5,355	5,355	5,029
Total	-	-	-	5,355	5,355	5,029

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
7. Other Income						
Other income	36		841		877	670
Pension Fund refund					-	18,000
Fordingbridge URC	332		463		795	3,740
Insurance Claim					-	-
Bookkeeping	180				180	180
Blandford Manse Rent			13,589		13,589	12,705
Highcliffe Manse Rent			13,230		13,230	13,140
Total	548	-	28,123	-	28,671	48,435

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
8 Salaries & Associated Costs						
Stipends	106,506				106,506	99,802
Lay Salaries	27,450			5,355	32,805	37,943
National Insurance	10,476				10,476	7,816
Pension	14,477				14,477	18,254
Apprenticeship Levy	774				774	754
Other Staff Costs	496				496	544
Total	160,179	-	-	5,355	165,534	165,113

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 9 9

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Totals	2024 Totals
9 Telephone & Travel						
Telephone & Broadband	4,599				4,599	4,431
Travel	11,766				11,766	10,962
Total	16,365	-	-	-	16,365	15,393

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for the year ended 31 August 2025

Notes to the accounts (continued)

10 Property Maintenance	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Council Tax			13,644		13,644	14,711
Water Rates			2,033		2,033	2,180
Electricity			1,618		1,618	1,692
Insurance			14,705		14,705	13,986
Repairs & Maintenance		46,976	54,787		101,763	46,109
Professional Fees			50,109		50,109	28,184
Quinquennials			8,268		8,268	5,893
	-	46,976	145,165	-	192,140	112,755

11 Expenditure	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Stationery & Print	1,866				1,866	1,744
Postages	94				94	85
Equipment	313				313	-
Website & Plan	662				662	700
	2,935	-	-	-	2,935	2,529

12 Other Expenditure	General	Circuit Model Trust	Designated	Restricted	2025	2024
	Unrestricted	Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Use of Premises	125				125	96
Hospitality	63				63	35
Books	233				233	220
Relocation allowance	579				579	-
Removal Expenses	3,180				3,180	-
Preaching & Travel	1,290				1,290	1,690
Training	130				130	183
Sundry Expenses	1,274		45		1,319	212
Administration Fee		1,122			1,122	413
Other Resources	340				340	624
Bank Charges	60	949			1,009	60
Independent Examination	1,300				1,300	1,000
Computers in Ministry	1,035				1,035	970
Total	9,609	2,071	45	-	11,725	5,503

13 Payment to Trustees	2025		2024	
	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
Trustees remuneration				
Ministers				
Rev N Wood	31,020	6,204	31,020	6,204
Rev A Pottage	34,122	6,204	34,116	6,204
Rev P McNeill	15,010		15,510	-
Rev D Cornish	15,010		15,510	-
Rev M Kimber	9,180	1,836	10,344	2,069
Lay Staff				
Mr R White	7,890		7,514	-
Mrs J Wild	7,038		6,702	-
Mrs M Wayne	7498			

No one receives a salary/stipend in excess of £60,000

	2025	2024
	£	£
Travel Expenses	11,766	10,963
Administration and other expenses	2,272	2,442

Number of trustees who were paid expenses 14 17

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Notes to the accounts (continued)

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

The circuit has six manses. 4 are occupied by ministers and two are let. Plus 2 closed churches

	Manses £	Investment Properties	Churches	Total
Balance brought forward	1,425,000	800,000	480,000	2,705,000
Additions				
Revaluations (+/-)				-
Disposals (-)				-
Expenditure				
Balance carried forward	<u>1,425,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>2,705,000</u>

16 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund were held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. During the year the circuit disposed of those investments

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference.

Analysis of investment movements

	2025	2024
Investments held in common investment funds, Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange Other investments		
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year		64,786
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		(64,786)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation		
Carrying (market) value at end of year		<u>-</u>

**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2025**

Notes to the accounts (continued)

17. Analysis of current assets

	2025	2024
Debtors and prepayments		£
Pre paid stipends	15,197	10,783
Prepayment re professional fees	31,990	25,873
Gift Aid	758	758
Other debtors	-	756
Total debtors and prepayments	<u>47,945</u>	<u>38,170</u>

Analysis of cash at bank

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd	8,252	18,391
Bank balance held in CFB	131,853	141,231
Bank balance held in TMCP	<u>211,454</u>	<u>345,181</u>
Total Cash and Bank	<u>351,559</u>	<u>504,803</u>

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accruals	1,250	1,658
Deferred Income	<u>23,487</u>	<u>23,173</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>24,737</u>	<u>24,831</u>

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

None

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Notes to the accounts (continued)

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	136,865	311,315	290,313	(29,000)	128,867	General
Property Fund	2,964	52,283	87,562	32,424	109	Manses/ other property
Model Trust Fund	345,181		72,285	(61,441)	211,455	Ministry & Mission
Witchampton Fund	8,081		4,509	4,139	7,711	Pending Sale
Bransgore Fund	19,677	841	4,644	10,190	26,064	Pending sale
Horton Heath Fund	5,374		48,494	43,687	567	Pending sale
Property Reserve	2,705,000				2,705,000	Freeholds
Total Unrestricted Funds	3,223,142	364,439	507,807	-	3,079,773	
Restricted Funds						
Support Costs	-	5,355	5,355	-	-	Contribution to Lay salaries

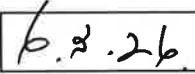
21 For information only - Money received for External Organisations

	2025 £	2024 £
World Mission	1,041	1,050
Mission in Britain	835	712
Methodist Ministers Housing		325
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	325	625
Property Fund	75	475
All We Can	165	446
Action for Children		15
MWiB Easter Offering	2,322	2,530
MWiB General	33	188
MWiB Project	2,754	1,236
MHA	146	785
LWPT	250	450
Total	7,945	8,837

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of Treasurer 

Date 

Name and address of treasurer Rodney Betts

5 Rothesay Lodge Stuart Road Highcliffe BH23 5FP

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Circuit Meeting held on 12.3.26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting A.R. POTTAGE Date 12.3.26

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit**

Charity Number 1148455

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025. As the Church'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 Church'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts 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 accounts to be reached.

Name Signature Relevant Professional qualification or body Name of firm Address Date

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit Circuit

Appendix A

MINISTERS

Andrew Pottage
Sue Baker-Maher from 17.08.25
Michael Shrubsole until 10.08.25
Deborah Cornish until 10.08.25
Nick Wood
Mark Kimber
Peter McNeill

Supernumerary Ministers

Keith Beckingham
David Ellis
Roger Gisborne
Barbara Jeffries
David Laidler
Janice Morgan until 11.01.25
Glenda Sidding
Tom Stuckey until 16.07.25

Lay Workers

Robert White
Joyce Wild

Circuit Stewards

Peter Aston
Rodney Betts
Shirley Hewitt
Kathy Archibald from 01.09.24
Joyce Wild
Christine Lusher
Christopher Slade until 01.09.24

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Robert White

Manse Steward

Rodney Frampton

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Brian Skelly
Winifred George
Hilary Beckingham from 13.11.24

Safe Guarding Officer

Pauline Sunderland until 16.04.25

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Barton on Sea

Geoff Havers
Margaret Havers
Michael Stopher until 18.11.24
Elizabeth Ward
Rodney Betts from 18.11.24

Blandford

John Cornish

Brockenhurst

Carolyn Waterman
Janice Pettigrew

Colehill

Brenda Gauler

Crowe Hill

Naomi Patrick
Christopher Slade until 01.09.24
Hannah Matthews from 16.09.24

Highcliffe

Kenneth Sidding
Diana Middleditch
Malcolm Laird

Holtwood

Keith Joy
Jane Livesey
Susan Harris

Milford on Sea

Alan Boyce

Mudford Lane Christchurch

Howard Piper
John Morgan

Trinity Ringwood

Kate Phillips
Trevor Knight
Pauline Sunderland until 16.04.25

Verwood

David Kusel
Anne McAleer
Christopher Mercer
Louisa Hiscock
Kathy Archibald

Wimborne

David Morgan
David Kendall
Christine Thompson

Woodlands

Brian Shearing
Morgan Antell

CHRISTCHURCH AND WIMBORNE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1148455

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2024

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

Southampton District District Circuit No 26/10

Ministers

Rev Andrew Pottage
Rev Nick Wood
Rev <i>Mike</i> Shrubsole
Rev Deborah Cornish
Rev Peter McNeill
Rev Dr Mark Kimber

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Joyce Wild
Dr Chris Slade
Mr Peter Aston
Miss Shirley Hewitt
Mr Rodney Betts
Mrs Chris Lusher

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Rodney Betts

Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Southampton District 26/10

Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) adopted September 1932 and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit is a registered charity 1148455. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under Charity law to prepare separate accounts.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing Trustees are appointed in accordance with SO 510 of The Constitution and Discipline of The Methodist Church
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of churches and trustees is shown in Appendix A
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 59 Barton Drive, Barton on Sea New Milton BH25 7JH
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Knight Goodhead Limited, 7 Bournemouth Road, Chandler's Ford, SO53 5DA
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are: - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Road, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ and The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.
- 1.9 Current Staff 2023/24

Superintendent Minister Rev Andrew Pottage

Ministers

Rev Nick Wood
Rev Mike Shrubsole
Rev Deborah Cornish

Rev Peter McNeill
Rev Mark Kimber

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024 (continued)**

Lay Staff

Administrator

Mr Robert White

Lay Pastoral Worker

Mrs Louise Shrubsole until 31.05.2024

Lay Pastoral Assistant

Mrs Joyce Wild

Children & Families Worker

Mrs Jackie Burgess

Admin Assistant for Highcliffe and
Milford

Mrs Marie Wayne

2. Structure governance and management

- 2.1 The Circuit is governed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church; its organisation is structured around the circuit meeting that meets at least twice a year.
- 2.2 The circuit meeting is supported by regular meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to conduct day-to-day business and considers matters to be brought to the circuit meeting. The CLT consists of all active ordained ministers and the circuit stewards and circuit administrator.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers meeting is held quarterly to consider the worship life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers, and worship leaders
- 2.4 The Circuit Meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed 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

- 3.2 The Circuit's principle objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith and to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The circuit provides staff. Preachers, education, and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship. Spiritual development and pastoral care both to church members and the wider community.
- 3.4 The circuit agrees property and financial policies that help churches focus on their core business: building the kingdom of God through transformed lives as Disciples of Christ.
- 3.5 The Circuit promotes the 2 pillars of Methodism social holiness, by encouraging its members to make disciples and to work for social justice.
- 3.6 The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024 (continued)**

4. Mission Statement

In 2018 the circuit adopted a new Mission Statement

The Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit is committed to living out a Generous life as followers of Jesus Christ

Generous,

- with our message
- with our love
- with our resources

We seek to be generous with our message.

- We believe that the message of the good news of Jesus Christ is for all people.
- We will be intentional in seeking out ways to share the message of the good news of Jesus Christ, taking advantage of every opportunity.
- We will have confidence in sharing the good news, both within the church and the wider contexts we are in.
- We will seek to collaborate with others, both ecumenically and across the circuit.
- Therefore, we will aim to live out the gospel message.

5. Achievements and performance and future

Staffing

From September 2023 we had full ministerial staff cover

- We continue to receive valuable support from our supernumary ministers
- The Lay Workers in Ringwood, and Blandford are providing valuable support to their sections. Admin Assistant support for Highcliffe and Milford churches.
- The Circuit Administrator provides valuable support to the Superintendent and the circuit.
- The Circuit continues to benefit from the work of local preachers and worship leaders.
- A full review of the circuit was undertaken in early 2022 to plan staffing for the future. From September 2023 the Superintendent was stationed in the Barton section and will also mean some changes in pastoral oversight in the circuit.
- A full Circuit review had been planned in 2024 but this has been delayed until 2025

Churches

- Whilst some churches have struggled to find office holders they are managing to fulfil their mission in their locality
- The sort of activities that churches are involved in include weekly Bible studies, Prayer Meetings, Worship for you, God Space, Breakfast Clubs, Lego Club, Environmental Club, Childrens Holiday Club, Holtwood Mission Band, Lunch Clubs, Methodist Women in Britain, Mother and Toddlers Groups, Pre School, House Groups, Walking Groups.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024 (continued)**

Property

- Witchampton – unfortunately this property remains unsold but we continue working with the original purchaser which may well be at a much reduced price
- Bransgore – The original sale fell through due in the main to a Southern Electric easement, which has been resolved and Savill's will resume marketing
- Horton Heath – Trusteeship situation has not been resolved and our legal advisors may well have to take the matter to court.

5.1 All church premises well maintained, Quinquennial Inspections are up to date

5.2 The circuit manses are all well maintained. The Barton Manse has undergone major refurbishment and Verwood Manse has new windows and doors. The Bransgore Manse has been sold.

6. Financial Review

6.1 At 31st August 2024 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £169,997 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund

6.2 At 31st August 2024 the Circuit held the following unrestricted funds

	£
• General Fund	136,865
• Manse Property Fund	2,964
• Model Trust Fund	345,181
• Witchampton Fund	8,081
• Bransgore Fund	19,677
• Horton Heath Fund	5,374
• TOTAL	518,142

6.3 The Circuit also owns Freehold Property valued by the trustees at £2,705,000.

7. Grants Policy

Normal property grants 10% of cost up to a maximum of £10,000. Grants above that level are subject to special consideration by the Circuit Meeting.

Mission and Outreach project grants churches are expected to meet at least 50% of the cost.

8. Risk Management

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and are 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.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2024 (continued)**

9. Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training has been fully implemented across the circuit

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.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits 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.

10. Reserves Policy

10.1 The Circuit's objectives and activities are to facilitate sharing of resources amongst the local churches to empower them to function as effective, witness, mission, and caring centres.

10.2 To do this the Circuit

- Provides ministerial oversight for the 13 churches within the Circuit.
- Employs a team of lay employees to support the activities of the Circuit.
- Maintains a portfolio of manses across the circuit to provide residential accommodation for ministers. Surplus accommodation is tenanted to generate income for investment in the manse portfolio.

10.3 The activities are funded by assessments on the churches in the Circuit which are reviewed annually.

10.4 In setting its budget for the year the Circuit Meeting considers the projected impact of changes in staffing levels.


10.5 The current level of general reserves and property fund reserves are currently £139,828 giving the circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year including the maintenance of manses.

10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property funds of £102,000 being 3 months expenditure.

10.7 Model Trust Fund at £345,181 is held as a reserve to cover major personnel and property expense.

10.8 The Witchampton, Bransgore and Horton Heath Funds meet the ongoing expenses pending the sale of the properties

Signed on behalf of the Trustees..........Date 13.3.25

Rev Andrew Pottage - Chair of Trustees.....

**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2023/4 £	Total 2022/23 £
Income and Endowments							
1 Donations and legacies	4	11,539				11,539	6,497
2 Income from monetary investments	5	8,126	6,021			14,147	10,339
3 Income from investment properties						-	-
5 Assessments		272,532				272,532	277,548
5 Capital Receipts		3,514	153,495			157,009	-
6 Grants received						-	-
7 Other charitable activities	6				5,029	5,029	2,385
8 Total from charitable activities		295,711	159,516	-	5,029	460,256	296,769
9 Other income	7	3,325	18,000	27,110		48,435	31,791
10 Total income and endowments		299,036	177,516	27,110	5,029	508,691	328,560
Expenditure							
11 Grants and donations			500			500	2,370
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	160,084			5,029	165,113	136,136
13 Property maintenance	10	-		112,755		112,755	127,517
14 Telephone & Travel	9	15,393				15,393	13,918
15 Connexional assessment		47,520				47,520	51,888
16 District Assessment		8,400				8,400	11,256
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200				31,200	31,200
18 Connexional Levy			147,398			147,398	-
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			4,752			4,752	8,256
21 Office expenses	11	2,529				2,529	2,715
22 Other outgoings	12	5,090	413			5,503	19,978
23 Total charitable expenditure		270,216	153,063	112,755	5,029	541,063	405,234
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		28,820	24,453	(85,645)	-	(32,372)	(76,674)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						-	(2,873)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties				270,000		270,000	-
26 Net income/(expenditure)		28,820	24,453	184,355	-	237,628	(79,547)
27 Transfers between funds			175,700	(175,700)		-	-
28 Other gains/(losses)						-	-
29 Net movement in funds		28,820	200,153	8,655	-	237,628	(79,547)
30 Total funds brought forward		108,045	145,028	2,732,441		2,985,514	3,065,061
31 Total funds carried forward		136,865	345,181	2,741,096	-	3,223,142	2,985,514

For Information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2024 2023

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Balance carried forward

8,837	7,698
8,179	7,698
658	-

**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
Comparative Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022/23 £
Income and Endowments						
1 Donations & Legacies	4	6,497				6,497
2 Income from monetary investments	5	8,515	1,769	55		10,339
3 Income from investment properties						-
4 Assessments		277,548				277,548
5 Capital Receipts						-
6 Grants received						-
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004			381	2,385
8 Total from charitable activities		294,564	1,769	55	381	296,769
9 Other income	7	3,304		28,487		31,791
10 Total income and endowments		297,868	1,769	28,542	381	328,560
Expenditure						
11 Grants and donations		2,370				2,370
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	135,755			381	136,136
13 Property maintenance	10	2,160		125,357		127,517
14 Telephone & Travel	9	13,918				13,918
15 Connexional assessment		51,888				51,888
16 District Assessment		11,256				11,256
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200				31,200
18 Connexional Levy						-
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			8,256			8,256
20 Depreciation						-
21 Office expenses	11	2,715				2,715
22 Other outgoings	12	19,365	613			19,978
23 Total charitable expenditure		270,627	8,869	125,357	381	405,234
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		27,241	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(76,874)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(2,873)				(2,873)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-
26 Net income/(expenditure)		24,368	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(79,547)
27 Transfers between funds		(28,456)	(63,000)	91,456		-
28 Other gains/(losses)						-
29 Net movement in funds		(4,088)	(70,100)	(5,359)	-	(79,547)
30 Total funds brought forward		112,133	215,128	2,737,800		3,065,061
31 Total funds carried forward		108,045	145,028	2,732,441	-	2,985,514

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2023

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations
Balance carried forward

	7,698
-	7,698
	-

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2024 £	Totals 2023 £
Fixed Assets						
Manses	15			2,225,000	2,225,000	2,230,000
Other Properties				480,000	480,000	480,000
Investments	16				-	64,786
Total fixed assets		-	-	2,705,000	2,705,000	2,774,786
Current Assets						
Debtors		12,297		25,873	38,170	11,354
Investments with TMCP			345,181		345,181	145,028
Central Finance Board Deposits		131,008		10,223	141,231	67,371
Cash at Bank and in hand		18,391			18,391	10,586
Total current assets	17	161,696	345,181	36,096	542,973	234,339
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		24,831			24,831	23,611
Total current liabilities	18	24,831	-	-	24,831	23,611
Net current assets/liabilities		136,865	345,181	36,096	518,142	210,728
Total assets less current liabilities		136,865	345,181	2,741,096	3,223,142	2,985,514
General Fund (Unrestricted)		136,865			136,865	108,045
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			345,181		345,181	145,028
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,741,096	2,741,096	2,732,441
Total Funds		136,865	345,181	2,741,096	3,223,142	2,985,514

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Lastly there are restricted funds which are funds that have to be used for the specific purpose for which they were given. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available to the Circuit at 31st August 2019 the trustees believe the Circuit is a going concern

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable we will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises and the outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not, committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold manses are shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £740,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than their market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The freehold churches which are now circuit assets have been given a current valuation by the trustees based on professional advice. All properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist Ministers are not employees of the Church. For simplicity when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body. The Connexion accounts the MMPS a pension scheme and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a Pension Scheme.

The Circuit uses NEST scheme for lay employees Contributions 6% for both employer and employee

**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2024**

Notes to the accounts (continued)

4. Donations and legacies	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024	2023
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds		
Donations	11,539				11,539	6,497
Total	11,539	-	-	-	11,539	6,497

5. Investments	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024	Totals	2023 Totals
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds			
Central Finance Board	7,835				7,835	6,703	
TMCP	291	6,021			6,312	3,636	
Total	8,126	6,021	-	-	14,147	10,339	

6. Charitable activities - other	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024	Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds			
Contributions from Churches to support Lay Workers				5,029	5,029	2,385	
Total	-	-	-	5,029	5,029	2,385	

7. Other Income	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds		
Other income	670				670	156
Pension Fund refund		18,000			18,000	-
Fordingbridge URC	2,475		1,265		3,740	4,256
Insurance Claim					-	2,214
Bookkeeping	180				180	180
Blandford Manse Rent			12,705		12,705	12,445
Highcliffe Manse Rent			13,140		13,140	12,540
Total	3,325	18,000	27,110	-	48,435	31,791

8 Salaries & Associated Costs	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds		
Stipends	99,802				99,802	75,623
Lay Salaries	32,914			5,029	37,943	32,624
National Insurance	7,816				7,816	7,469
Pension	18,254				18,254	19,316
Apprenticeship Levy	754				754	606
Other Staff Costs	544				544	498
Total	160,084	-	-	5,029	165,113	136,136

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 8 9

9 Telephone & Travel	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Trust Fund Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Funds		
Telephone & Broadband	4,431				4,431	4,587
Travel	10,962				10,962	9,331
Total	15,393	-	-	-	15,393	13,918

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
10 Property Maintenance						
Council Tax			14,711		14,711	12,407
Water Rates			2,180		2,180	1,846
Electricity			1,692		1,692	1,010
Insurance			13,986		13,986	12,450
Repairs & Maintenance			46,109		46,109	76,462
Professional Fees			28,184		28,184	17,493
Quinquennials			5,893		5,893	5,849
	-	-	112,755	-	112,755	127,517

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024	2023
11 Expenditure						
Stationery & Print	1,744				1,744	1,830
Postages	85				85	88
Equipment					-	84
Website & Plan	700				700	713
	2,529	-	-	-	2,529	2,715

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
12 Other Expenditure						
Use of Premises	96				96	845
Hospitality	35				35	26
Books	220				220	208
Relocation allowance					-	1,200
Removal Expenses					-	9,780
Preaching & Travel	1,690				1,690	3,859
Training	183				183	766
Sundry Expenses	212				212	876
Administration Fee		413			413	613
Other Resources	624				624	297
Bank Charges	60				60	60
Independent Examination	1,000				1,000	920
Computers in Ministry	970				970	528
Total	5,090	413	-	-	5,503	19,978

13 Payment to Trustees
Trustees remuneration
Ministers

	2024		2023	
	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
Rev P Crispin	-	-	29,624	7,243
Rev N Wood	31,020	6,204	26,928	7,243
Rev A Pottage	34,116	6,204	-	-
Rev P Dixon	-	-	17,952	4,829
Rev P McNeill	15,510	-	-	-
Rev D Cornish	15,510	-	-	-
Rev M Kimber	10,344	2,069	-	-

Lay Staff

	2024	2023
Mr R White	7,514	6,871
Mrs J Wild	6,702	6,051

No one receives a salary/stipend in excess of £60,000

	2024	2023
Travel Expenses	10,963	9,332
Administration and other expenses	2,442	1,301

Number of trustees who were paid expenses 17 12

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2024

Notes to the accounts (continued)

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

The circuit has six manses. 4 are occupied by ministers and two are let. Plus 2 closed churches

	Manses £	Investment Properties	Churches	Total
Balance brought forward	1,700,000	530,000	480,000	2,710,000
Additions				
Revaluations (+/-)		270,000		270,000
Disposals (-)	(275,000)			(275,000)
Expenditure				
Balance carried forward	<u>1,425,000</u>	<u>800,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>2,705,000</u>

16 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund were held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. During the year the circuit disposed of those investments

TMCP is the legal owner and Custodian Trustee of all Methodist Model Trust property, including Legacies, Endowments and Accumulated Funds. Trust property is held for and on behalf of local Managing Trustees who are responsible for the day to day management of trust property. TMCP ensure that, through providing guidance and acting under their direction, the Managing Trustees comply with charity law and Methodist law and polity as determined by the Methodist Conference

Analysis of investment movements

	2024	2023
Investments held in common investment funds, Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange Other investments		64,786
Total	<u>-</u>	<u>64,786</u>
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	64,786	67,659
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value	(64,786)	(2,873)
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation		
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>-</u>	<u>64,786</u>

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

17. Analysis of current assets

	2024	2023
Debtors and prepayments		£
Pre paid stipends	10,783	10,777
Prepayment re professional fees	25,873	-
Gift Aid	758	577
Other debtors	756	-
Total debtors and prepayments	38,170	11,354

Analysis of cash at bank

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd	18,391	10,586
Bank balance held in CFB	141,231	67,371
Bank balance held in TMCP	345,181	145,028
Total Cash and Bank	504,803	222,985

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Accruals	1,658	900
Deferred Income	23,173	22,711
Total Current Liabilities	24,831	23,611

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

None

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
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Notes to the accounts (continued)

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
General	108,045	299,036	270,216		136,865	General
Property Fund	12,364	27,110	76,310	39,800	2,964	Manses/ other property
Model Trust Fund	145,028	177,516	153,063	175,700	345,181	Ministry & Mission
Witchampton Fund	197		4,616	12,500	8,081	Pending Sale
Bransgore Fund	9,744		4,067	14,000	19,677	Pending sale
Horton Heath Fund	136		27,762	33,000	5,374	Pending sale
Property Reserve	2,710,000	270,000		(275,000)	2,705,000	Freeholds
Total Unrestricted Funds	2,985,514	773,662	536,034	-	3,223,142	
Restricted Funds						
Support Costs		5,029	5,029			- Contribution to Lay salaries

21 Donations to External organisations

	2024 £	2023 £
World Mission	1,050	1,206
Mission in Britain	712	493
Methodist Ministers Housing	325	175
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	625	525
Property Fund	475	335
All We Can	446	-
Action for Children	15	-
MWiB Easter Offering	2,530	2,492
MWiB General	188	137
MWiB Project	1,236	1,460
MHA	785	575
LWPT	450	300
Total	8,837	7,698

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of Treasurer R. Betts

Date 5.3.25

Name and address of treasurer Rodney Betts

5 Rothesay Lodge Stuart Road Highcliffe BH23 5FP

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Circuit Meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting A.R. Pottage

Name of the Chair of the meeting A.R. POTTAGE Date 13.3.25

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit**

Charity Number 1148455

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024. As the Church'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 Church'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination

- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Name of firm

Address

Date

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit Circuit

Appendix A

MINISTERS

Andrew Pottage from 01.09.23
Michael Shrubsole
Deborah Cornish from 01.09.23
Nick Wood
Mark Kimber from 01.09.23
Peter McNeill from 01.09.23

Supernumerary Ministers

Keith Beckingham from 29.08.24
David Ellis
Roger Gisborne
Barbara Jeffries
David Laidler
Janice Morgan until 01.11.24
Glenda Sidding
Tom Stuckey

Lay Workers

Robert White
Joyce Wild

Circuit Stewards

Peter Aston
Rodney Betts
Shirley Hewitt
Christopher Slade until 01.09.23
Joyce Wild
Christine Lusher from 07.09.23

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Robert White

Manse Steward

Rodney Frampton from 07.09.23

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Elizabeth Ward
Brian Skelly
Winifred George
Hilary Beckingham from 13.11.24

Safe Guarding Officer

Pauline Sunderland

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Barton on Sea

Geoff Havers
Margaret Havers
Michael Stopher
Elizabeth Ward

Blandford

John Cornish

Brockenhurst

Carolyn Waterman
Janice Pettigrew

Colehill

Brenda Gauler

Crowe Hill

Naomi Patrick from 01.09.23
Christopher Slade until 01.09.24
Hannah Matthews from 16.09.24

Highcliffe

Christine Stuckey until 10.06.24
Kenneth Sidding
Diana Middleditch
Malcolm Laird from 10.06.24

Holtwood

Keith Jones
Jane Livesey
Susan Harris

Milford on Sea

Alan Boyce

Mudford Lane Christchurch

Howard Piper
John Morgan

Trinity Ringwood

Kate Phillips
Trevor Knight
Pauline Sunderland

Verwood

David Kusel until 19.03.24
Anne McAleer until 19.03.24
Christopher Mercer
Louisa Hiscock
Kathy Archibald from 19.03.24

Wimborne

David Morgan
David Kendall
Christine Thompson

Woodlands

Brian Shearing
Morgan Antell

CHRISTCHURCH AND WIMBORNE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1148455

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31 August 2023

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

Southampton District District Circuit No 26/10

Ministers

Rev Pauline Crispin
Rev Nick Wood
Rev Phillip Dixon until 20.03.23
Rev Mike Shrubsole

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Joyce Wild
Dr Chris Slade
Mr Peter Aston
Miss Shirley Hewitt
Mr Rodney Betts

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Rodney Betts

Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Southampton District 26/10

Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2023.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) adopted September 1932 and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit is a registered charity 1148455. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under Charity law to prepare separate accounts.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing Trustees are appointed in accordance with SO 510 of The Constitution and Discipline of The Methodist Church
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of churches and trustees is shown in Appendix A
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 29 Lacy Drive, Wimborne BH21 1AY until 31st August 2023.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Knight Goodhead Limited, Chandler's Ford
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are: - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Road, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ, The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE and The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.
- 1.9 Current Staff 2022/23

Superintendent Minister Rev Pauline Crispin (until 31st August 2023)
Rev Andrew Pottage (from 1st September 2023)

Ministers Rev Phillip Dixon (resigned 20th March 2023)
Rev Mike Shrubsole
Rev Nick Wood

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2023 (continued)**

Lay Staff	
Administrator	Mr Robert White
Lay Pastoral Worker	Mrs Louise Shrubsole
Lay Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Joyce Wild
Children & Families Worker	Mrs Jackie Burgess
Admin Assistant for Highcliffe and Milford	Mrs Maries Wayne from 1 st August 2023

2. Structure governance and management

- 2.1 The Circuit is governed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church; its organisation is structured around the circuit meeting that meets at least twice a year.
- 2.2 The circuit meeting is supported by regular meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to conduct day-to-day business and considers matters to be brought to the circuit meeting. The CLT consists of all active ordained ministers and the circuit stewards and circuit administrator.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers meeting is held quarterly to consider the worship life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers, and worship leaders
- 2.4 The Circuit Meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed 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

- 3.2 The Circuit's principle objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith and to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The circuit provides staff. Preachers, education, and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship. Spiritual development and pastoral care both to church members and the wider community.
- 3.4 The circuit agrees property and financial policies that help churches focus on their core business: building the kingdom of God through transformed lives as Disciples of Christ.
- 3.5 The Circuit promotes the 2 pillars of Methodism social holiness, by encouraging its members to make disciples and to work for social justice.
- 3.6 The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2023 (continued)**

4. Mission Statement

In 2018 the circuit adopted a new Mission Statement

The Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit is committed to living out a Generous life as followers of Jesus Christ .

Generous,

- with our message
- with our love
- with our resources

We seek to be generous with our message.

- We believe that the message of the good news of Jesus Christ is for all people.
- We will be intentional in seeking out ways to share the message of the good news of Jesus Christ, taking advantage of every opportunity.
- We will have confidence in sharing the good news, both within the church and the wider contexts we are in.
- We will seek to collaborate with others, both ecumenically and across the circuit.
- Therefore, we will aim to live out the gospel message.

5. Achievements and performance and future

Staffing

The shortage of staff during the last twelve months have placed a considerable burden on ministers and lay staff. We give grateful thanks to a number of supernumeraries who have taken on extra duties to ensure the work of the circuit and its churches continue their mission

- The Rev Phillip Dixon resigned in April 2023
- The Rev Pauline Crispin left the circuit on 31st August 2023
- From September 2023 the following staff will be joining the circuit:-
- The Rev Andrew Pottage Circuit Superintendent.
- The Rev Deborah Cornish, Rev Peter McNeill and Rev Dr Mark Kimber join the circuit all on a part time basis
- The Lay Workers in Ringwood, and Blandford are providing valuable support to their sections. Admin Assistant support for Highcliffe and Milford churches. The Circuit Administrator provides valuable support to the Superintendent and the circuit.
- The Circuit continues to benefit from the work of local preachers and worship leaders. ..
- A full review of the circuit was undertaken in early 2022 to plan staffing for the future. From September 2023 the Superintendent will be stationed in the Barton section and will also mean some changes in pastoral oversight in the circuit.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
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Churches

- This year we have seen all churches returning to normal churches services and some are also continuing recording and live streaming services. Congregation level are nearly back to pre Covid levels
- The sort of activities that churches are involved in include weekly Bible studies, Prayer Meetings, Worship for you, God Space, Breakfast Clubs Lego Club, Environmental Club, Childrens Holiday Club, Holtwood Mission Band, Lunch Clubs, , Methodist Women in Britain Mother and Toddlers Groups, Pre School, ,House Groups, Walking Groups

Property

- Witchampton – we have accepted an offer of £230K but this is dependent on the buyer selling another property
- Bransgore – A conditional offer of £600K subject to planning has been accepted it is anticipated that contacts will be exchanged October 2023
- Horton Heath – We are caring for the property pending sale. The question of trusteeship is still in the hands of our solicitors

5.1 All church premises well maintained, Quinquennial Inspections are up to date

5.2 The circuit manses are all well maintained. The Barton Manse has undergone major refurbishment and Verwood Manse has new windows and doors. The Bransgore Manse is now empty pending a decision regarding its future.

6. Financial Review

6.1 At 31st August 2023 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £118,122 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund

6.2 At 31st August 2023 the Circuit held the following unrestricted funds

	£
• General Fund	108,045
• Manse Property Fund	12,364
• Model Trust Fund	145,028
• Witchampton Fund	197
• Bransgore Fund	9,744
• Horton Heath Fund	136
• TOTAL	275,514

6.3 The Circuit also owns Freehold Property valued by the trustees at £2,710,000.

7. Grants Policy

Normal property grants 10% of cost up to a maximum of £10,000. Grants above that level are subject to special consideration by the Circuit Meeting.

Mission and Outreach project grants churches are expected to meet at least 50% of the cost.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
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8. Risk Management

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and are 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.

9. Safeguarding

Safeguarding Training has been fully implemented across the circuit

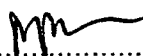
Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore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

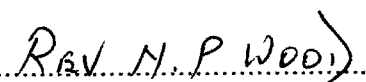
The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits 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.

10. Reserves Policy

- 10.1 The Circuit's objectives and activities are to facilitate sharing of resources amongst the local churches to empower them to function as effective, witness, mission, and caring centres.
- 10.2 To do this the Circuit
 - Provides ministerial oversight for the 13 churches within the Circuit.
 - Employs a team of lay employees to support the activities of the Circuit.
 - Maintains a portfolio of manses across the circuit to provide residential accommodation for ministers. Surplus accommodation is tenanted to generate income for investment in the manse portfolio.
- 10.3 The activities are funded by assessments on the churches in the Circuit which are reviewed annually.
- 10.4 In setting its budget for the year the Circuit Meeting considers the projected impact of changes in staffing levels.
- 10.5 The current level of general reserves and property fund reserves are currently £120,409 giving the circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year including the maintenance of manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property funds of £100,000 being 3 months expenditure.
- 10.7 Model Trust Fund at £145,028 is held as a reserve to cover major personnel and property expense.
- 10.8 The Witchampton, Bransgore and Horton Heath Funds meet the ongoing expenses pending the sale of the properties

Signed on behalf of the Trustees..........Date 14.3.24

Name..........

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st August 2023**

26/10

Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2021/22 £
Income and Endowments						
1	6,497				6,497	20,090
2	8,515	1,769	55		10,339	2,882
3					-	
4	277,548				277,548	293,316
5					-	400,000
6					-	
7	2,004			381	2,385	2,004
8	294,564	1,769	55	381	296,769	718,292
9	3,304		28,487		31,791	57,261
10	297,868	1,769	28,542	381	328,560	775,553
Expenditure						
11	2,370				2,370	18,400
12	135,755			381	136,136	172,698
13	2,160		125,357		127,517	87,231
14	13,918				13,918	15,558
15	51,888				51,888	53,280
16	11,256				11,256	10,140
17	31,200				31,200	31,200
18					-	
19		8,256			8,256	10,662
21	2,715				2,715	3,763
22	19,365	613	-		19,978	27,184
23	270,627	8,869	125,357	381	405,234	430,124
Net Income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses						
	27,241	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(76,674)	345,429
24	(2,873)				(2,873)	(4,535)
25						
26	24,368	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(79,547)	340,894
27	(28,456)	(83,000)	91,456		-	
28					-	
29	(4,088)	(70,100)	(5,359)	-	(79,547)	340,894
30	112,133	215,128	2,737,800	-	3,065,061	2,724,167
31	108,045	145,028	2,732,441	-	2,985,514	3,085,061

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2023 **2022**

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations **Note 21**
Balance carried forward

	7,698	5,829
	7,698	5,829
	-	-

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Comparative Statement Of Financial Activities
for the year ended 31st August 2022**

26/10

	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2021/22 £
Income and Endowments						
1 Donations & Legacies	4	90			20,000	20,090
2 Income from monetary investments	5	2,159	701	22		2,882
3 Income from investment properties for the year ended 31 August 2023		293,316				293,316
5 Capital Receipts				400,000		400,000
6 Grants received						-
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004				2,004
8 Total from charitable activities		297,569	701	400,022	20,000	718,292
9 Other income	7	3,215		54,046		57,261
10 Total income and endowments		300,784	701	454,068	20,000	775,553
Expenditure						
11 Grants and donations		400	18,000			18,400
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	172,698				172,698
13 Property maintenance	10			87,231		87,231
14 Telephone & Travel	9	15,556				15,556
15 Connexional assessment		53,280				53,280
16 District Assessment		10,140				10,140
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200				31,200
18 Connexional Levy						-
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			10,662			10,662
20 Depreciation						-
21 Office expenses	11	3,763				3,763
22 Other outgoings	12	6,443	738	13	20,000	27,194
23 Total charitable expenditure		293,480	29,400	87,244	20,000	430,124
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		7,304	(28,699)	366,824	-	345,429
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(4,535)				(4,535)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
26 Net income/(expenditure) Magaret Havers		2,769	(28,699)	366,824	-	340,894
27 Transfers between funds		(31,100)	(15,000)	46,100	-	-
28 Other gains/(losses)						
29 Net movement in funds		(28,331)	(43,699)	412,924	-	340,894
30 Total funds brought forward		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	-	2,724,167
31 Total funds carried forward	20	112,133	215,128	2,737,800	-	3,065,061

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2022

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

5,829

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations **Note 21**

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Balance carried forward

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses and Equipment	15			2,230,000	2,230,000	2,230,000
Other Properties				480,000	480,000	480,000
Investments	16	64,786			64,786	67,659
Total fixed assets		64,786		2,710,000	2,774,786	2,777,659
Current Assets						
Debtors		11,354			11,354	10,538
Investments with TMCP			145,028		145,028	219,818
Central Finance Board Deposits		44,930		22,441	67,371	74,174
Cash at Bank and in hand		10,586			10,586	6,868
Total current assets	17	66,870	145,028	22,441	234,339	311,398
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		23,611			23,611	23,996
Total current liabilities	18	23,611	-	-	23,611	23,996
Net current assets/liabilities		43,259	145,028	22,441	210,728	287,402
Total assets less current liabilities		108,045	145,028	2,732,441	2,985,514	3,065,061
General Fund (Unrestricted)		108,045			108,045	112,133
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			145,028		145,028	215,128
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,732,441	2,732,441	2,737,800
Total Funds	20	108,045	145,028	2,732,441	2,985,514	3,065,061

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



R. O. BETTS

14.3.24

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2023**

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Lastly there are restricted funds which are funds that have to be used for the specific purpose for which they were given. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available to the Circuit at 31st August 2019 the trustees believe the Circuit is a going concern

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable we will they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises and the outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not, committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold manses are shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £740,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than their market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The freehold churches which are now circuit assets have been given a current valuation by the trustees based on professional advice. All properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist Ministers are not employees of the Church. For simplicity when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body The Connexion accounts the MMPS a pension scheme and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a Pension Scheme.

The Circuit uses NEST scheme for lay employees Contributions 6% for both employer and employee

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31st August 2023

Notes to the accounts (continued)

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
4. Donations and legacies	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Donations	6,497				6,497	90
Legacies					-	20,000
Total	6,497	-	-	-	6,497	20,090

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
5. Investment Income	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Totals	Totals
Central Finance Board	6,703				6,703	285
TMCP	1,812	1,769	55		3,636	2,597
Total	8,515	1,769	55	-	10,339	2,882

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
6. Charitable activities - other	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Contributions from Churches to support Lay Workers	2,004			381	2,385	2,004
Total	2,004	-	-	381	2,385	2,004

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
7. Other Income	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Other income	13		143		156	331
Fordingbridge URC	3,111		1,145		4,256	4,141
Insurance Claim			2,214		2,214	5,603
Bookkeeping	180				180	180
Brangore Funds					-	17,586
Horton Heath Funds					-	5,261
Blandford Manse Rent			12,445		12,445	12,219
Highcliffe Manse Rent			12,540		12,540	11,940
Total	3,304	-	28,487	-	31,791	57,261

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
8 Salaries & Associated Costs	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Stipends	75,623				75,623	105,878
Lay Salaries	32,243			381	32,624	27,628
National Insurance	7,469				7,469	10,214
Pension	19,316				19,316	27,787
Apprenticeship Levy	606				606	711
Other Staff Costs	498				498	480
Total	135,755	-	-	381	136,136	172,698

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

7 8

	Circuit Model		Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	General	Trust	Funds			
9 Telephone & Travel	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Funds	Total	Total
Telephone & Broadband	4,587				4,587	4,460
Travel	9,331				9,331	11,096
Total	13,918	-	-	-	13,918	15,556

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31st August 2023

Notes to the accounts (continued)

10 Property Maintenance	Circuit Model Designated				2023 Total	2022 Total
	General Unrestricted	Trust Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds		
Council Tax			12,407		12,407	13,859
Water Rates			1,846		1,846	1,613
Electricity			1,010		1,010	608
Insurance			12,450		12,450	10,844
Repairs & Maintenance			76,462		76,462	45,818
Professional Fees	2,160		15,333		17,493	9,052
Quinquennials			5,849		5,849	5,437
	2,160	-	125,357	-	127,517	87,231

11 Expenditure	Circuit Model Designated				2023	2022
	General Unrestricted	Trust Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds		
Stationery & Print	1,830				1,830	1,706
Postages	88				88	350
Equipment	84				84	1,039
Website & Plan	713				713	668
	2,715	-	-	-	2,715	3,763

12 Other Expenditure	Circuit Model Designated				2023	2022
	General Unrestricted	Trust Unrestricted	Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	Total	Total
Use of Premises	845				845	85
Hospitality	26				26	436
Books	208				208	411
Relocation allowance	1,200				1,200	592
Removal Expenses	9,780				9,780	
Preaching & Travel	3,859				3,859	2,090
Training	766				766	798
Sundry Expenses	876				876	33
Administration Fee		613			613	751
Legacy to churches					-	20,000
Other Resources	297				297	521
Bank Charges	60				60	95
Independent Examination	920				920	688
Computers in Ministry	528				528	684
Total	19,365	613	-	-	19,978	27,194

13 Payment to Trustees

Trustees remuneration	2023		2022	
	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
Ministers				
Rev P Crispin	29,621	7,243	28,086	6,947
Rev N Wood	26,928	7,244	25,824	6,947
Rev M Keenan			25,824	6,947
Rev P Dixon	17,952	4,829	25,824	6,947
P McNeill	1,122			

14 Lay Staff

Mr R White	6,871	6,454	6,728
Mrs J Willd	6,051	5,487	5,487

No one receives a salary/stipend in excess of £60,000

	2023	2022
	£	
Travel Expenses	9,332	11,096
Administration and other expenses	1,301	2,675
	£	
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	12	10

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31st August 2023

Notes to the accounts (continued)

15 Tangible Fixed Assets

The circuit has seven manses. 5 are occupied by ministers and two are let. Plus 2 closed churches

	Manses	Churches	Total
	£		
Balance brought forward	2,230,000	480,000	2,710,000
Additions			
Revaluations (+/-)			
Disposals (-)			
Expenditure			
Balance carried forward	<u>2,230,000</u>	<u>480,000</u>	<u>2,710,000</u>

16 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

Analysis of investment movements

	This year	Previous year
Investments held in common investment funds, Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange Other investments	64,786	67,659
Total	<u>64,786</u>	<u>67,659</u>
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	67,659	72,195
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	<u>(2,873)</u>	<u>(4,536)</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u>64,786</u>	<u>67,659</u>

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31st August 2023

Notes to the accounts (continued)

17. Analysis of current assets

	2023	2022
Debtors and prepayments	£	£
Pre paid Stipends	10,777	9,472
Accrued income	-	1,066
Gift aid	577	-
Total debtors and prepayments	<u>11,354</u>	<u>10,538</u>

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd	10,586	6,868
Bank balance held in CFB	67,371	74,174
Bank balance held in TMCP	<u>145,028</u>	<u>219,818</u>
Total Cash and Bank	<u>222,985</u>	<u>300,860</u>

Expenditure

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors


Accruals	900	700
Deferred Income	<u>22,711</u>	<u>23,296</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>23,611</u>	<u>23,996</u>

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

None

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

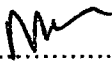
Signature of Treasurer  Date 14.3.24

Name and address of treasurerRodney Betts

5 Rothesay Lodge Stuart Road Highcliffe BH23 5FP

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Circuit Meeting held on 14.3.24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. N.P. WOOD Date 14.3.24

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit
for the year ended 31st August 2023

Notes to the accounts (continued)

20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Totals 2023						
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Unrestricted Fund General						
General	112,133	297,868	273,500	(28,456)	108,045	General
	<u>112,133</u>	<u>297,868</u>	<u>273,500</u>	<u>(28,456)</u>	<u>108,045</u>	
Unrestricted Circuit Model Trust						
Model Trust Fund	215,128	1,769	8,869	(63,000)	145,028	Ministry & Mission
	<u>215,128</u>	<u>1,769</u>	<u>8,869</u>	<u>(63,000)</u>	<u>145,028</u>	
Unrestricted Designated Funds						
Property	7,460	28,345	104,442	81,001	12,364	Manses/ other property
Shorey Fund	4,690	55		(4,745)	-	Circuit Development
Witchampton Fund	24		6,827	7,000	197	Pending Sale
Bransgore Fund	13,037	142	3,435		9,744	Pending Sale
Horton Heath Fund	2,589		10,653	8,200	136	Pending Sale
Property Reserve	2,710,000				2,710,000	Freeholds
	<u>2,737,800</u>	<u>28,542</u>	<u>125,357</u>	<u>91,456</u>	<u>2,732,441</u>	
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u><u>3,065,061</u></u>	<u><u>328,179</u></u>	<u><u>407,726</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>2,985,514</u></u>	
Restricted Funds						
Support Costs	-	381	381	-	-	Contribution to Lay salaries
Total Restricted Funds	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>381</u></u>	<u><u>381</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	

Expenditure

21 Donations to External organisations

	2023	2022
	£	£
World Mission	1,206	1,077
Mission in Britain	493	582
Methodist Ministers Housing	175	150
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	525	700
Property Fund	335	690
All We Can		188
Action for Children		13
MWiB Easter Offering	2,492	1,609
MWiB General	137	85
MWiB Project	1,460	
MHA	575	
LWPT	300	735
Total	<u><u>7,698</u></u>	<u><u>5,829</u></u>

**Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the
Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit**

Charity Number .. 1148455

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023. As the Church'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 Church'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name Signature Relevant Professional qualification or body Name of firm Address Date

Christchurch & Wimbome Methodist Circuit

Appendix A

MINISTERS

Pauline Crispin until 31.08.2023
Michel Shrubsole
Phillip Dixon until 20.03.23
Nick Wood

Supernumerary Ministers

David Ellis
Roger Gisborne
Barbara Jeffries
David Laidler
Janice Morgan
Glenda Sidding
Tom Stuckey from 01.09.23

Lay Workers

Robert White
Joyce Wild

Circuit Stewards

Peter Aston
Rodney Betts
Shirley Hewitt
Christopher Slade
Joyce Wild

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Robert White

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Elizabeth Ward
Brian Skelly
Winifred George

Safe Guarding Officer

Pauline Sunderland

Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit

Appendix A

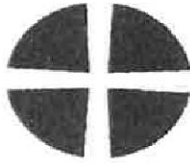
CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Barton on Sea Geoff Havers Margaret Havers Michael Stopher Chris Levett	until 08.09.22	Milford on Sea Alan Boyce	
Blandford John Cornish		Mudford Lane Christchurch Howard Piper John Morgan	
Brockenhurst Carolyn Waterman Richard Waterman Janice Pettigrew	until 27.11.22 from 27.11.22	Trinity Ringwood Sharon Sunderland Trevor Knight Pauline Sunderland Kate Phillips	until 26.03.23 from 26.03.23
Colehill Brenda Gauler		Verwood David Kusel Anne McAleer Christopher Mercer Louisa Hiscock	from 02.09.22
Crowe Hill Barry Knight Christopher Slade	until 31.08.23	Wimborne David Morgan David Kendall Mike White Christine Thompson Linda Bennett	from 30.04.23 until 21.02.23 from 21.02.23 until 30.04.23
Highcliffe Christine Stuckey Kenneth Sidding Diana Middleditch		Woodlands Brian Shearing Morgan Antell	
Holtwood Keith Joy Jane Livesey Susan Harris Doreen Holford	from 26.09.22 until 26.09.22		

CHRISTCHURCH AND WIMBORNE METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1148455

Accounts



**THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

for the year ended 31st August 2022

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

Southampton District

District Circuit No 26/10

Ministers

Rev Pauline Crispin
Rev Nick Wood
Rev Martin Keenan
Rev Phillip Dixon
Rev Mike Shrubsole

Circuit Stewards

Miss Elizabeth Ward
Mrs Joyce Wild
Dr Chris Slade
Mr Peter Aston
Mr Mark Priestley
Mr Rodney Betts

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Rodney Betts

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Southampton District 26/10**

**Annual Report
for the year ended 31st August 2022.**

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) adopted September 1932 and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit is a registered charity 1148455. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under Charity law to prepare separate accounts.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing Trustees are appointed in accordance with SO 510 of The Constitution and Discipline of The Methodist Church
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 29 Lacy Drive, Wimborne BH21 1AY
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Knight Goodhead Limited, Chandler's Ford
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are: - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Road, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ, The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE and The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.
- 1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister Rev Pauline Crispin

Ministers Rev Martin Keenan (until 31st August 2022)
 Rev Phillip Dixon
 Rev Mike Shrubsole
 Rev Nick Wood

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Lay Staff	
Administrator	Mr Robert White
Lay Pastoral Worker	Mrs Louise Shrubsole
Lay Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Joyce Wild
Children & Families Worker	Mrs Jackie Burgess

2. Structure governance and management

- 2.1 The Circuit is governed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church; its organisation is structured around the circuit meeting that meets at least twice a year.
- 2.2 The circuit meeting is supported by regular meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) to conduct day-to-day business and considers matters to be brought to the circuit meeting. The CLT consists of all active ordained ministers and the circuit stewards and circuit administrator.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers meeting is held quarterly to consider the worship life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers, and worship leaders
- 2.4 The Circuit Meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

- 3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed 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
- 3.2 The Circuit's principle objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith and to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The circuit provides staff. Preachers, education, and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship. Spiritual development and pastoral care both to church members and the wider community.
- 3.4 The circuit agrees property and financial policies that help churches focus on their core business: building the kingdom of God through transformed lives as Disciples of Christ.
- 3.5 The Circuit promotes the 2 pillars of Methodism social holiness, by encouraging its members to make disciples and to work for social justice.
- 3.6 The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

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4. Mission Statement

In 2018 the circuit adopted a new Mission Statement

The Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit is committed to living out a Generous life as followers of Jesus Christ

Generous,

- with our message
- with our love
- with our resources

We seek to be generous with our message.

- We believe that the message of the good news of Jesus Christ is for all people.
- We will be intentional in seeking out ways to share the message of the good news of Jesus Christ, taking advantage of every opportunity.
- We will have confidence in sharing the good news, both within the church and the wider contexts we are in.
- We will seek to collaborate with others, both ecumenically and across the circuit.
- Therefore, we will aim to live out the gospel message.

5. Achievements and performance and future

- This year we have seen all churches returning to normal church services and some are also continuing recording and live streaming services. Congregation levels are nearly back to pre Covid levels. Midweek activities have resumed and some churches have reported new Bible Study and House Groups.

Staffing

- The Rev Martin Keenan left the circuit on 31st August 2022. He was not replaced as the circuit are planning for a reduction in staffing in view of less churches.
- The Lay Workers in Ringwood, and Blandford are providing valuable support to their sections. The Administrator provides valuable support to the Superintendent and the circuit.

Church Activities

- Most churches have seen their midweek activities return to the normal level.
- A full review of the circuit has been undertaken in early 2022 to plan staffing for the future. From September 2023 the Superintendent will be stationed in the Barton section and will also mean some others changes in pastoral oversight in the circuit. With reduction in ministerial staff we will be looking to provide additional lay staff to support the superintendent
- Bransgore Church made the decision to close and this was approved by the Spring 2022 Synod
- Horton Heath agreed to close and this was approved by the Spring 2022 Synod
- The Managing Trusteeship of both churches is now the Circuit Meeting

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Property

- Witchampton has planning for conversion to residential. We accepted an offer but the buyer withdrew and we are in discussion with another purchaser
- Bransgore – Consent has been given to sell the property and has being placed on the market in September 2022.
- Horton Heath – It is planned to sell this property but we have to resolve a problem regarding Custodian Trusteeship which is now in the hands of the Circuit solicitors Blake Morgan

- 5.1 Liz Ward retires as Circuit Steward on 31st August and Shirley Hewitt was appointed circuit steward from 1st September 2022
- 5.2 All church premises well maintained, Quinquennial Inspections are up to date
- 5.3 The circuit manses are all well maintained.
- 5.4 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and those in training.
- 5.5 Safeguarding Training has been fully implemented across the circuit.

6. Financial Review

6.1 At 31st August 2022 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £139,933 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund

6.2 At 31st August 2022 the Circuit held the following unrestricted funds

	£
• General Fund	112,133
• Manse Property Fund	7,460
• Shorey Fund	4,690
• Model Trust Fund	215,128
• Witchampton Fund	24
• Bransgore Fund	13,037
• Horton Heath Fund	2,589
• TOTAL	355,061

6.3 The Circuit also owns Freehold Property valued by the trustees at £2,710,000.

7. Grants Policy

Normal property grants 10% of cost up to a maximum of £10,000. Grants above that level are subject to special consideration by the Circuit Meeting.

Mission and Outreach project grants churches are expected to meet at least 50% of the cost.

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8. 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.

9. 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.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits 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.

10. Reserves Policy

- 10.1 The Circuit's objectives and activities are to facilitate sharing of resources amongst the local churches to empower them to function as effective, witness, mission, and caring centres.
- 10.2 To do this the Circuit
- Provides ministerial oversight for the 13 churches within the Circuit.
 - Employs a team of lay employees to support the activities of the Circuit.
 - Maintains a portfolio of manses across the circuit to provide residential accommodation for ministers. Surplus accommodation is tenanted to generate income for investment in the manse portfolio.
- 10.3 The activities are funded by assessments on the churches in the Circuit which are reviewed annually.
- 10.4 In setting its budget for the year the Circuit Meeting considers the projected impact of changes in staffing levels.
- 10.5 The current level of general reserves and property fund reserves are currently £119,593 giving the circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year including the maintenance of manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property funds of £88,000 being 3 months expenditure.
- 10.7 The Shorey Fund at £4,690 is used for general development work across the circuit and the current balance will be used over the next year.
- 10.8 Model Trust Fund at £215,128 is held as a reserve to cover major personnel and property expense.
£50,000 has been allocated for the Verwood redevelopment. For 22/23 £25,000 has been allocated to support staff appointments. A full staffing review will take into consideration the current balance on the fund.
- 10.9 The Witchampton, Bransgore and Horton Heath Funds meet the ongoing expenses pending the sale of the properties

Signed on behalf of the Trustees Pauline Crispin Date 14.02.2023

Rev Pauline Crispin - Chair of Trustees

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Statement Of Financial Activities
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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2021/22 £	Total 2020/21 £
Income and Endowments							
1 Donations and legacies	4	90					
2 Income from monetary investments	5	2,159	701	22	20,000	20,090	110
3 Income from investment properties						2,882	2,119
4 Assessments on Churches		293,316				-	
5 Capital Receipts				400,000		293,316	306,527
6 Grants received						400,000	
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004				-	
8 Total from charitable activities		297,569	701	400,022	20,000	718,292	310,780
9 Other income	7	3,215		54,046		57,261	26,462
10 Total income and endowments		300,784	701	454,068	20,000	775,553	337,222
Expenditure							
11 Grants and donations	8	400	18,000			18,400	22,100
12 Salaries and associated costs	9	172,698				172,698	173,759
13 Property maintenance	11	-		87,231		87,231	54,467
14 Telephone & Travel	10	15,556				15,556	9,796
15 Connexional assessment		53,280				53,280	57,528
16 District Assessment		10,140				10,140	10,980
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200				31,200	31,200
18 Connexional Levy						-	
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			10,662			10,662	14,110
21 Office expenses	12	3,763				3,763	2,914
22 Other outgoings	13	6,443	738	13	20,000	27,194	7,102
23 Total charitable expenditure		293,480	29,400	87,244	20,000	430,124	383,956
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		7,304	(28,699)	366,824	-	345,429	(46,734)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(4,535)				(4,535)	11,197
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
26 Net income/(expenditure)		2,769	(28,699)	366,824	-	340,894	(35,537)
27 Transfers between funds		(31,100)	(15,000)	46,100		-	
28 Other gains/(losses)						-	
29 Net movement in funds		(28,331)	(43,699)	412,924	-	340,894	(35,537)
30 Total funds brought forward		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	-	2,724,167	2,759,704
31 Total funds carried forward		112,133	215,128	2,737,800	-	3,065,061	2,724,167

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2022 2021

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations Note 21
Balance carried forward

	5,829	10,200
	5,829	10,200
	-	-

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Comparative Statement Of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Total 2020/21 £
Income and Endowments					
1 Donations and legacies	4	110			110
2 Income from monetary investments	5	1,807	246	66	2,119
3 Income from investment properties					-
4 Assessments on Churches		306,527			306,527
5 Capital Receipts					-
6 Grants received					-
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004			2,004
8 Total from charitable activities		310,448	246	66	310,760
9 Other income	7	2,780		23,682	26,462
10 Total income and endowments		313,228	246	23,748	337,222
Expenditure					
11 Grants and donations		20,600	1,500		22,100
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	173,759			173,759
13 Property maintenance	10			54,467	54,467
14 Telephone & Travel	9	9,796			9,796
15 Connexional assessment		57,528			57,528
16 District Assessment		10,980			10,980
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200			31,200
18 Connexional Levy					-
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			14,110		14,110
20 Depreciation					-
21 Office expenses	11	2,914			2,914
22 Other outgoings	12	6,452	610	40	7,102
23 Total charitable expenditure		313,229	16,220	54,507	383,956
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		(1)	(15,974)	(30,759)	(46,734)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		11,197			11,197
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					-
26 Net income/(expenditure)		11,196	(15,974)	(30,759)	(35,537)
27 Transfers between funds		9,000	(30,000)	21,000	-
28 Other gains/(losses)					-
29 Net movement in funds		20,196	(45,974)	(9,759)	(35,537)
30 Total funds brought forward		120,268	304,801	2,334,635	2,759,704
31 Total funds carried forward		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	2,724,167

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2021

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

Note 21

	10,200
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Balance Sheet as at 31st August 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2022 £	Totals 2021 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses and Equipment	15			2,230,000	2,230,000	2,230,000
Other Properties				480,000	480,000	80,000
Investments	16	67,659			67,659	72,195
Total fixed assets		67,659		2,710,000	2,777,659	2,382,195
Current Assets						
Debtors		10,538			10,538	12,734
Investments with TMCP			215,128	4,690	219,818	263,508
Central Finance Board Deposits		51,064		23,110	74,174	83,134
Cash at Bank and in hand		6,868			6,868	8,237
Total current assets	17	68,470	215,128	27,800	311,398	367,613
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		23,996			23,996	25,641
Total current liabilities	18	23,996	-	-	23,996	25,641
Net current assets/liabilities		44,474	215,128	27,800	287,402	341,972
Total assets less current liabilities		112,133	215,128	2,737,800	3,065,061	2,724,167
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		112,133			112,133	140,464
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			215,128		215,128	258,827
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,737,800	2,737,800	2,324,876
Total Funds		112,133	215,128	2,737,800	3,065,061	2,724,167

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Notes to the accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available to the Circuit at 31st August 2022 the trustees believe the Circuit is a going concern

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable we will they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises and the outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not, committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £740,000. The Witchampton Church, now a circuit asset was given a nominal valuation of £80,000 when transferred in 2019. The Bransgore Church, now a circuit asset has been transferred in during 2022 at a valuation of £400,000. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment

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.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS).

This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist Ministers are not employees of the Church. For simplicity when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body The Connexion accounts the MMPS a pension scheme and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a Pension Scheme.

The Circuit uses NEST scheme for lay employees Contributions 6% for both employer and employee

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4. Donations and legacies	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Donations	90				90	110
Legacies	-			20,000	20,000	
Total	90	-	-	20,000	20,090	110

5. Investment Income	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Central Finance Board	285				285	347
TMCP	1,874	701	22		2,597	1,772
Total	2,159	701	22	-	2,882	2,119

6. Charitable activities - other	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Contributions from Churches to support Lay Workers	2,004				-	
Total	2,004	-	-	-	2,004	2,004

7. Other Income	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Other income			331		331	548
Fordingbridge URC	3,035		1,107		4,142	3,503
Insurance Claim			5,603		5,603	
Bookkeeping	180				180	180
Bransgore Funds			17,586		17,586	
Horton Heath Funds			5,261		5,261	
Blandford Manse Rent			12,218		12,218	10,291
Highcliffe Manse Rent			11,940		11,940	11,940
Total	3,215	-	54,046	-	57,261	26,462

8. Grants and donations

During the year the Circuit made a payment towards The Methodist Church pension scheme of £18,000 (2021:£nil).

9 Salaries & Associated Costs	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Stipends	105,878				105,878	105,107
Lay Salaries	27,628				27,628	30,054
National Insurance	10,214				10,214	9,813
Pension costs	27,787				27,787	27,462
Apprenticeship Levy	711				711	804
Other Staff Costs	480				480	520
Total	172,698	-	-	-	172,698	173,759

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

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10 Telephone & Travel	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2022	2021
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds			
Telephone & Broadband	4,459				4,459	4,784
Travel	11,097				11,097	5,012
Total	15,556	-	-	-	15,556	9,796

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	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
11 Property Maintenance						
Council Tax			13,858		13,858	13,575
Water Rates			1,613		1,613	1,573
Electricity			608		608	179
Insurance			10,844		10,844	7,333
Repairs & Maintenance			45,818		45,818	14,236
Professional Fees			9,052		9,052	8,388
Quinquennials			5,438		5,438	9,183
	-	-	87,231	-	87,231	54,467

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2022	2021
12 Expenditure						
Stationery & Print	1,706				1,706	1,364
Postages	350				350	877
Equipment	1,039				1,039	38
Website & Plan	668				668	635
	3,763	-	-	-	3,763	2,914

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
13 Other Expenditure						
Use of Premises	85				85	40
Hospitality	436				436	
Books	411				411	568
Relocation allowance	592				592	
Removal Expenses						3,000
Preaching & Travel	2,090				2,090	712
Training	797				797	
Sundry Expenses	33				33	94
Administration Fee		738	13		751	650
Legacy passed to churches				20,000	20,000	
Other Resources	522				522	587
Bank Charges	95				95	85
Independent Examination	698				698	690
Computers in Ministry	684				684	676
Total	6,443	738	13	20,000	27,194	7,102

14 Payment to Trustees

Trustees remuneration

Ministers

	2022		2021	
	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
Rev P Crispin	28,406	6,947	28,086	6,866
Rev N Deller	-	-	25,524	6,866
Rev M Keenan	25,824	6,947	25,524	6,866
Rev P Dixon	25,824	6,947	25,524	6,866
Rev N Wood	25,824	6,947		

Lay Staff

Mr R White	6,728	6,359
Mrs J Wild	5,572	5,487
Miss C Churcher		3,110

No one receives a salary/stipend in excess of £60,000

	2022	2021
Travel Expenses	10,740	5,012
Administration and other expenses	2,675	2,456
	£	£

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

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15 Tangible Fixed Assets

The circuit has seven manses. 5 are occupied by ministers and two are let. Plus 3 closed churches

	Manses £	Churches	Total
Balance brought forward	2,230,000	80,000	2,310,000
Additions		400,000	400,000
Revaluations (+/-)			
Disposals (-)			
Expenditure			
Balance carried forward	2,230,000	480,000	2,710,000

16 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

Analysis of investment movements

	This year	Previous year
Investments held in common investment funds, Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange	67,659	72,195
Other investments		
Total	67,659	72,195
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	72,195	60,998
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	(4,536)	11,197
Carrying (market) value at end of year	67,659	72,195

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17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments		£
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income	-	784
Other debtors	10,538	11,950
Total debtors and prepayments	10,538	12,734

Analysis of cash at bank

Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd	6,868	8,237
Bank balance held in CFB	74,174	83,134
Bank balance held in TMCP	219,818	263,508
Total Cash and Bank	300,860	354,879

Expenditure

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	-	680
Deferred Income	23,996	24,961
Total Current Liabilities	23,996	25,641

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

We have a Capital Commitment to Verwood church of £50,000 for their proposed property improvements.

We also have allocated £25,000 in respect of support staff in 2022/23.

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20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

						Totals 2022
Unrestricted Funds						
Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Unrestricted Fund General						
General	140,464	300,784	298,015	(31,100)	112,133	General
	<u>140,464</u>	<u>300,784</u>	<u>298,015</u>	<u>(31,100)</u>	<u>112,133</u>	
Unrestricted Circuit Model						
Model Trust Fund	258,827	701	29,400	(15,000)	215,128	Ministry & Mission
	<u>258,827</u>	<u>701</u>	<u>29,400</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>215,128</u>	
Unrestricted Designated						
Property	9,917	30,868	73,325	40,000	7,460	Manses/ other property
Shorey Fund	4,681	22	13		4,690	Circuit Development
Witchampton Fund	278	331	6,685	6,100	24	Pending Sale
Bransgore Fund		17,586	4,549		13,037	Pending Sale
Horton Heath Fund		5,261	2,672		2,589	Pending Sale
Property Reserve	2,310,000	400,000	-	-	2,710,000	Freeholds
	<u>2,324,876</u>	<u>454,068</u>	<u>87,244</u>	<u>46,100</u>	<u>2,737,800</u>	
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>2,724,167</u>	<u>755,553</u>	<u>414,659</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,065,061</u>	
Restricted Funds						
General	-	20,000	20,000	-	-	General
Total Restricted Funds	<u>-</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>20,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	

Expenditure

21 Donations to External organisations

	2022 £	2021 £
World Mission	1,077	2,248
Mission in Britain	582	2104
Methodist Ministers Housing	150	540
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	700	870
Property Fund	690	826
All We Can	188	50
Action for Children	13	617
MWiB Easter Offering	1,609	415
MWiB General	85	243
MWiB Project		1,100
MHA		363
LWPT	735	824
Total	<u>5,829</u>	<u>10,200</u>

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Council.

Signature of Treasurer Date
Name of Treasurer
Address

Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 were presented to the Circuit Council at its meeting on:
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting
Name of the Chair of the Meeting
Date

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Charity Number: 1148455

Responsibilities and basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit for the year ended 31st August 2022. As the Church'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 Church'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

Name of firm

Address

Date

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit Circuit

Appendix A

MINISTERS

Pauline Crispin
Michael Shrubsole
Martin Keenan until 2.8.2022
Phillip Dixon
Nick Wood

Supernumerary Ministers

Roger Gisborne
Barbara Jeffries
David Laidler
Glenda Sidding
David Ellis
Janice Morgan

Lay Workers

Robert White
Joyce Wild

Circuit Stewards

Peter Aston
Rodney Betts
Shirley Hewitt from 02.08.22
Mark Priestley until 18.08.22
Christopher Slade
Elizabeth Ward until 31.08.22
Joyce Wild

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Robert White

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Margaret Havers until 31.08.22
Eric Brown until 04.12.21
Brian Skelly
Winifred George
Elizabeth Ward from 01.09.22

Safe Guarding Officer

Pauline Sunderland

Archivist

Jean O'Shea until 17.06.22

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit Circuit

Appendix A

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Barton on Sea

Geoff Havers from 8.12.21
Michael Stopher
Chris Levett until 08.09.22
Margaret Havers from 01.09.22

Blandford

John Cornish

Bransgore

Kate Phillips Closed
until 03.04.22

Brockenhurst

Carolyn Waterman
Richard Waterman

Colehill

Brenda Gauler

Crowe Hill

Barry Knight from 25.05.22
Marilyn Knight until 22.05.22
Christopher Slade

Highcliffe

Christine Stuckey
Kenneth Sidding
Diana Middleditch

Holtwood

Rod Frampton until 21.01.22
Doreen Holford from 21.01.22 until 26.09.22
Jane Livesey
Susan Harris
Keith Joy from 26.09.22

Horton Heath

Peter Shears Closed
until 06.02.22
William Morgan until 06.02.22

Milford on Sea

Alan Boyce
Philip Wiseman until 27.03.22

Mudford Lane Christchurch

Howard Piper
John Morgan

Trinity Ringwood

Sharon Sunderland
Trevor Knight
Pauline Sunderland

Verwood

David Kusel
Anne McAleer
Christopher Mercer
Louisa Hiscock from 01-09.22

Wimborne

David Morgan
Terry Shorthall until 17.12.21
Michael White
Linda Bennett from 04.02.22

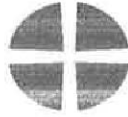
Woodlands

Brian Shearing
Morgan Antell

CHRISTCHURCH AND WIMBORNE METHODIST CIRCUIT

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for the year ended 31 August 2021

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

Southampton District

Circuit No 26/10

Ministers

Rev Pauline Crispin
Rev Nigel Deller (until 31.08.21)
Rev Martin Keenan
Rev Phillip Dixon
Rev Mike Shrubsole

Circuit Stewards

Miss Elizabeth Ward
Mrs Joyce Wild
Dr Chris Slade (from 05.04.21)
Mr Peter Aston (from 05.04.21)
Mr Mark Priestley (from 05.04.21)
Mr Rodney Betts
Mrs Chris Lusher (until 05.04.21)
Mrs Kate Phillips (until 05.04.21)

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Rodney Betts

Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
Southampton District 26/10

Annual Report for year ending 31st August 2021.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with 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 (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2019) – (Charities SORP (FRS 102)).

The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) adopted September 1932 and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Christchurch and Wimborne Circuit is a registered charity 1148455. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under Charity law to prepare separate accounts.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing Trustees are appointed in accordance with SO 510 of The Constitution and Discipline of The Methodist Church
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 29 Lacy Drive, Wimborne BH21 1AY
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Knight Goodhead Limited, Chandler's Ford
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are: - CAF Bank Ltd, 25 Kings Hill Road, Kings Hill, West Malling, ME19 4JQ and The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London EC2A 4PE
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister Rev Pauline Crispin

Ministers Rev Nigel C .A Deller (until 31 August 2021)
 Rev Martin Keenan
 Rev Phillip Dixon
 Rev Mike Shrubsole

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
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Lay Staff	
Administrator	Mr Robert White
Lay Pastoral Worker	Mrs Louise Shrubsole
Lay Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Caroline Churcher (retired 31.12.20)
Lay Pastoral Assistant	Mrs Joyce Wild
Children & Families Worker	Mrs Jackie Burgess

2. Structure governance and management

- 2.1 The Circuit is governed in accordance with the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church; its organisation is structured around the circuit meeting that meets at least twice a year. Only one meeting (by zoom) has been possible during the year due to the pandemic.
- 2.2 The circuit meeting is supported by regular meetings of the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) who have met virtually since March 2020 to conduct day-to-day business and considers matters to be brought to the circuit meeting. The CLT consists of all active ordained ministers and the circuit stewards and circuit administrator.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers meeting is held quarterly to consider the worship life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers, and worship leaders .Since March 2020 this has been a virtual meeting.
- 2.4 The Circuit Meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed 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

- 3.2 The Circuit's principle objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith and to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The circuit provides staff. Preachers, education, and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship. Spiritual development and pastoral care both to church members and the wider community.
- 3.4 The circuit agrees property and financial policies that help churches focus on their core business: building the kingdom of God through transformed lives as Disciples of Christ.
- 3.5 The Circuit promotes the 2 pillars of Methodism social holiness, by encouraging its members to make disciples and to work for social justice.
- 3.6 The trustees confirm that they have referred to the guidance contained in the Charity Commissions general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit
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4. Mission Statement

In 2018 the circuit adopted a new Mission Statement

The Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit is committed to living out a Generous life as followers of Jesus Christ

Generous,

- with our message
- with our love
- with our resources

We seek to be generous with our message.

- We believe that the message of the good news of Jesus Christ is for all people.
- We will be intentional in seeking out ways to share the message of the good news of Jesus Christ, taking advantage of every opportunity.
- We will have confidence in sharing the good news, both within the church and the wider contexts we are in.
- We will seek to collaborate with others, both ecumenically and across the circuit.
- Therefore, we will aim to live out the gospel message.

5. Achievements and performance and future

- 5.1 The whole work of the circuit this year has been difficult due to the Covi-19 pandemic which meant all churches were closed for worship and other activities from January until Easter when gradually they began to open for worship over the following three months. This has placed on hold many of the plans envisaged for 2020/21 and beyond. However most churches have found various ways of communicating and provided virtual services and pastoral support to the church community. The Circuit has a strong and effective ministerial and lay leadership who have managed to operate virtually during the pandemic.

Staffing

- The Rev Nigel Deller retired on 31st August 2021
- The Rev Nick Wood will be joining the circuit in the Verwood section from 1st September 2021
- Caroline Churcher retired as Lay Worker at Wimborne and has not been replaced
- The Lay Workers in Ringwood, and Blandford are providing valuable support to their sections.

Church Activities

- The churches across the circuit normally have various activities but many of these have not operated since March 2020 other than approved under government guidelines such as pre-schools. We have seen a gradual return to worship in churches and weekday activities from April 2021
- In the Autumn of 2021 the circuit will be engaging with all churches regarding future mission and staffing from 2023

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Property

- As Verwood were unable to undertake the full development scheme but they have carried out some refurbishment. The remainder of the scheme will be considered once grant funding can be obtained. The circuit has earmarked £50K for the project.
- Witchampton – planning for change of use has been protracted due to conservation issue. The planners have agreed change of use to residential and the property will be marketed. We will retain burial ground

- 5.2 During the year Chris Lusher and Kate Phillips retired as Circuit Stewards. Three new Circuit Stewards were appointed, Chris Slade, Peter Aston and Mark Priestley
- 5.3 All church premises well maintained, and Quinquennial inspections are up to date.
- 5.4 The circuit manses are all well maintained.
- 5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and those in training.
- 5.6 Safeguarding Training has been implemented across the circuit.

6. Financial Review

6.1 At 31st August 2021 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £140,464 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund

6.2 At 31st August 2021 the Circuit held the following unrestricted funds

	£
• General Fund	140,464
• Manse Property Fund	9,917
• Shorey Fund	4,681
• Model Trust Fund	258,827
• Witchampton Fund	278
• TOTAL	£414,167

6.3 The Circuit also owns Freehold Property valued by the trustees at £2,310,000.

7. Grants Policy

Normal property grants 10% of cost up to a maximum of £10,000. Grants above that level are subject to special consideration by the Circuit Meeting.

Mission and Outreach project grants churches are expected to meet at least 50% of the cost.

Due to lockdown the circuit has provided grants totalling £20,600 to those churches whose income had been severely reduced.

8. 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.

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9. 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.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits 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.

10. Reserves Policy

- 10.1 The Circuit's objectives and activities are to facilitate sharing of resources amongst the local churches to empower them to function as effective, witness, mission, and caring centres.
- 10.2 To do this the Circuit
- Provides ministerial oversight for the 15 churches within the Circuit.
 - Employs a team of lay employees to support the activities of the Circuit.
 - Maintains a portfolio of manses across the circuit to provide residential accommodation for ministers. Surplus accommodation is tenanted to generate income for investment in the manse portfolio.
- 10.3 The activities are funded by assessments on the churches in the Circuit which are reviewed annually.
- 10.4 In setting its budget for the year the Circuit Meeting considers the projected impact of changes in staffing levels.
- 10.5 The current level of general reserves and property fund reserves are currently £150,381 giving the circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year including the maintenance of manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property funds of £96,000 being 3 months expenditure.
- 10.7 The Shorey Fund at £4,681 is used for general development work across the circuit and the current balance will be used over the next year.
- 10.8 Model Trust Fund at £258,790 is held as a reserve to cover major personnel and property expense.
£50,000 has been allocated for the Verwood redevelopment. For 20/21 £35,000 has been allocated to support staff appointments. A full staffing review will take into consideration the current balance on the fund.
- 10.9 Witchampton Fund £278 this fund will no longer be required as the premises are to be sold.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees..... *Pa Crispin*

Rev Pauline Crispin - Chair of Trustees

Date... *10.3.22*

**Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
Statement Of Financial Activities**

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Total 2020/21 £	Total 2019/20 £
Income and Endowments						
1 Donations and legacies	4	110			110	110
2 Income from monetary investments	5	1,807	246	66	2,119	4,561
3 Income from investment properties					-	
4 Assessments on Churches		306,527			306,527	321,577
5 Capital Receipts					-	
6 Grants received					-	
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004			2,004	2,005
8 Total from charitable activities		310,448	246	66	310,760	328,253
9 Other income	7	2,780		23,682	26,462	28,849
10 Total income and endowments		313,228	246	23,748	337,222	357,102
Expenditure						
11 Grants and donations		20,600	1,500		22,100	3,696
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	173,759			173,759	190,521
13 Property maintenance	10	-		54,467	54,467	69,051
14 Telephone & Travel	9	9,796			9,796	16,052
15 Connexional assessment		57,528			57,528	66,304
16 District Assessment		10,980			10,980	13,860
UR Ministry & Mission		31,200			31,200	31,024
18 Connexional Levy					-	
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			14,110		14,110	17,372
21 Office expenses	11	2,914			2,914	4,234
22 Other outgoings	12	6,452	610	40	7,102	6,497
23 Total charitable expenditure		313,229	16,220	54,507	383,956	418,612
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		(1)	(15,974)	(30,759)	(46,734)	(61,510)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		11,197			11,197	(1,095)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						
26 Net income/(expenditure)		11,196	(15,974)	(30,759)	(35,537)	(62,605)
27 Transfers between funds		9,000	(30,000)	21,000	-	
28 Other gains/(losses)						
29 Net movement in funds		20,196	(45,974)	(9,759)	(35,537)	(62,605)
30 Total funds brought forward		120,268	304,801	2,334,635	2,759,704	2,822,309
31 Total funds carried forward		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	2,724,167	2,759,704

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

2021 2020

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations **Note 21**
Balance carried forward

	10,200	10,042
	10,200	10,042
	-	-

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Comparative Statement Of Financial Activities

	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Total 2019/20 £
Income and Endowments					
1 Donations and legacies	4	110			110
2 Income from monetary investments	5	3,717	567	277	4,561
3 Income from investment properties					-
4 Assessments on Churches		321,577			321,577
5 Capital Receipts					-
6 Grants received					-
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,005			2,005
8 Total from charitable activities		<u>327,409</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>328,253</u>
9 Other income	7	3,173		25,676	28,849
10 Total income and endowments		<u>330,582</u>	<u>567</u>	<u>25,953</u>	<u>357,102</u>
Expenditure					
11 Grants and donations		3,000	696		3,696
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	190,521			190,521
13 Property maintenance	10	1,045		68,006	69,051
14 Telephone & Travel	9	16,052			16,052
15 Connexional assessment		66,304			66,304
16 District Assessment		13,860			13,860
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,024			31,024
18 Connexional Levy					-
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			17,372		17,372
20 Depreciation					-
21 Office expenses	11	4,234			4,234
22 Other outgoings	12	5,732	697	69	6,498
23 Total charitable expenditure		<u>331,772</u>	<u>18,765</u>	<u>68,075</u>	<u>418,612</u>
Net Income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses		(1,190)	(18,198)	(42,122)	(61,510)
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(1,095)			(1,095)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties					-
26 Net Income/(expenditure)		<u>(2,285)</u>	<u>(18,198)</u>	<u>(42,122)</u>	<u>(62,605)</u>
27 Transfers between funds			(25,300)	25,300	-
28 Other gains/(losses)					-
29 Net movement in funds		<u>(2,285)</u>	<u>(43,498)</u>	<u>(16,822)</u>	<u>(62,605)</u>
30 Total funds brought forward		122,553	348,299	2,351,457	2,822,309
31 Total funds carried forward		<u>120,268</u>	<u>304,801</u>	<u>2,334,635</u>	<u>2,759,704</u>

For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

Balance brought forward from last year
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations
Balance carried forward

Note 21

	2019
	989
	9,053
	10,042
	-

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2021 £	Totals 2020 £
Fixed Assets						
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15			2,230,000	2,230,000	2,230,000
Other Properties				80,000	80,000	80,000
Investments	16	72,195			72,195	60,998
Total fixed assets		72,195		2,310,000	2,382,195	2,370,998
Current Assets						
Debtors		12,734			12,734	12,932
Investments with TMCP			258,827	4,681	263,508	324,456
Central Finance Board Deposits		72,939		10,195	83,134	71,625
Cash at Bank and in hand		8,237			8,237	6,423
Total current assets	17	93,910	258,827	14,876	367,613	415,436
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		25,641			25,641	26,730
Grants payable within 2017-18						
Total current liabilities	18	25,641	-	-	25,641	26,730
Net current assets/liabilities		68,269	258,827	14,876	341,972	388,706
Total assets less current liabilities		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	2,724,167	2,759,704
Funds of the Circuit						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		140,464			140,464	120,268
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			258,827		258,827	304,801
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,324,876	2,324,876	2,334,635
Total Funds		140,464	258,827	2,324,876	2,724,167	2,759,704

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective from 1 January 2019) - the Charities SORP (FRS 102).

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. There are also Designated funds which have been earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes within Unrestricted funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in note 20. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost except that investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available to the Circuit at 31st August 2021 the trustees believe the Circuit is a going concern after taking into account the current risks to going concern due to the ongoing COVID-19 issue as detailed in the Trustee Report.

Income Recognition

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, it is probable we will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Expenditure

Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred or a constructive obligation arises and the outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not, committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

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. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost more than £1000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2016 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £740,000. The Witchampton Church, now a circuit asset has been given a nominal valuation of £80,000 until the professional advisors have assessed future viability. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment

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.

Pensions

Most ordained presbyters and deacons are members of the Methodist Ministers' Pension Scheme (MMPS). This is a defined benefit scheme. The Supreme Court held in 2014 that Methodist Ministers are not employees of the Church. For simplicity when dealing with National Insurance Contributions and pension contributions the terms 'employer' and 'employee' are used as they would be in an employing body. The Connexion accounts the MMPS a pension scheme and shows the figures in the annual Methodist Church in Great Britain accounts.

On the other hand lay employees are contractually employees and have the option of joining a Pension Scheme.

The Circuit uses NEST scheme for lay employees Contributions 6% for both employer and employee contributions.

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Totals	2020 Totals
4. Donations and legacies					
Donations	110			110	110
Legacies				-	-
Total	110	-	-	110	110

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Totals	2020 Totals
5. Investment income					
Central Finance Board	347			347	1,054
TMCP	1,460	246	66	1,772	3,507
Total	1,807	246	66	2,119	4,561

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
6. Charitable activities - other					
Contributions from Churches to support Diaconate and Lay Workers	2,004			2,004	2,005
Total	2,004	-	-	2,004	2,005

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
7. Other Income					
Other income	100		448	548	46
Fordingbridge URC	2,500		1,003	3,503	4,307
Bookkeeping	180			180	280
Witchampton Funds				-	-
Blandford Manse Rent			10,291	10,291	11,800
Highcliffe Manse Rent			11,940	11,940	12,416
Total	2,780	-	23,682	26,462	28,849

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
8 Salaries & Associated Costs					
Stipends	105,107			105,107	112,831
Lay Salaries	30,054			30,054	36,743
National Insurance	9,813			9,813	10,024
Pension costs	27,462			27,462	29,555
Apprenticeship Levy	805			805	792
Other Staff Costs	520			520	576
Total	173,759	-	-	173,759	190,521

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 9 8

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
9 Telephone & Travel					
Telephone & Broadband	4,784			4,784	4,698
Travel	5,012			5,012	11,354
Total	9,796	-	-	9,796	16,052

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	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
10 Property Maintenance					
Council Tax			13,575	13,575	13,436
Water Rates			1,573	1,573	2,202
Electricity			179	179	4,073
Insurance			7,333	7,333	5,781
Repairs & Maintenance			14,235	14,235	17,445
Professional Fees			8,388	8,388	16,886
Quinquennials			9,184	9,184	9,230
	-	-	54,467	54,467	69,051

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021	2020
11 Expenditure					
Stationery & Print	1,364			1,364	2,448
Postages	877			877	579
Equipment	38			38	569
Website & Plan	635			635	639
	2,914	-	-	2,914	4,234

	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Designated	2021 Total	2020 Total
12 Other Expenditure					
Use of Premises	40			40	
Hospitality				-	222
Books	568			568	484
Relocation allowance				-	600
Removal Expenses	3,000			3,000	
Preaching & Travel	712			712	1,321
Training				-	713
Sundry Expenses	94			94	723
Administration Fee		610	40	650	785
Grants				-	
Other Resources	587			587	153
Bank Charges	85			85	60
Independent Examination	690			690	630
Computers in Ministry	676			676	825
Total	6,452	610	40	7,102	6,497

	2021		2020	
	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
13 Payment to Trustees				
Trustees remuneration				
Ministers				
Rev P Crispin	28,086	6,866	27,336	6,500
Rev N Deller	25,524	6,866	24,852	6,500
Rev M Keenan	25,524	6,866	24,852	6,500
Rev P Dixon	25,524	6,866	24,852	6,500
Rev D Ellis			10,437	2,682

Lay Staff

Mr R White	6,359	5,990
Miss C Churcher	3,110	8,789
Mrs J Wild	5,487	5,170

No one receives a salary/stipend in excess of £60,000

	2021	2020
	£	£
Travel Expenses	5,012	11,354
Administration and other expenses	2,456	2,996

Number of trustees who were paid expenses 6 14

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15 Tangible Fixed Assets

The circuit has seven manses. 5 are occupied by ministers and two are let.
Plus 1 closed church

Cost or valuation		Manses
		£
Balance brought forward		2,310,000
Additions		
Revaluations (+/-)		
Disposals (-)		
Expenditure		
Balance carried forward		<u><u>2,310,000</u></u>

16 Investments

The funds that support the Circuit Model Trust Fund and the Manses Fund are held by TMCP in Trustees Interest Funds on which interest is credited to the accounts each month. These are regarded as medium and long term investments.

Analysis of investment movements

	This year	Previous year
Investments held in common investment funds,	72,195	60,998
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange		
Other investments		
Total	<u><u>72,195</u></u>	<u><u>60,998</u></u>
Change in investment values		
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year	60,998	62,093
Add: additions to investments at cost		
Less: disposals at carrying value		
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation	<u>11,197</u>	<u>(1,095)</u>
Carrying (market) value at end of year	<u><u>72,195</u></u>	<u><u>60,998</u></u>

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17. Analysis of current assets

	This year	Last year
Debtors and prepayments		£
Accrued income	784	1,075
Other debtors	<u>11,950</u>	<u>11,857</u>
Total debtors and prepayments	<u>12,734</u>	<u>12,932</u>

Analysis of cash at bank

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Bank balance held in CAF Bank Ltd	8,237	6,423
Bank balance held in CFB	83,134	71,625
Bank balance held in TMCP	<u>263,508</u>	<u>324,456</u>
Total Cash and Bank	<u>354,879</u>	<u>402,504</u>

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors	-	370
Accruals	680	650
Deferred Income	<u>24,961</u>	<u>25,710</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>25,641</u>	<u>26,730</u>

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

We have a capital Commitment to Verwood church of £50,000 for their redevelopment.

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20. Detailed analysis of individual fund movements

Totals 2021

Unrestricted Funds

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Unrestricted Fund General						
General	120,268	324,425	313,229	9,000	140,464	General
	<u>120,268</u>	<u>324,425</u>	<u>313,229</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>140,464</u>	
Unrestricted Circuit Model Trust						
Model Trust Fund	304,801	246	16,220	(30,000)	258,827	Ministry & Mission
	<u>304,801</u>	<u>246</u>	<u>16,220</u>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>258,827</u>	
Unrestricted Designated Funds						
Property	4,840	23,234	46,157	28,000	9,917	Manses/ other property
Shorey Fund	19,655	66	40	(15,000)	4,681	Circuit Development
Witchampton Fund	140	448	8,310	8,000	278	Pending Sale
Property Reserve	2,310,000	-	-	-	2,310,000	Freeholds
	<u>2,334,635</u>	<u>23,748</u>	<u>54,507</u>	<u>21,000</u>	<u>2,324,876</u>	
Total Unrestricted Funds	<u>2,759,704</u>	<u>348,419</u>	<u>383,956</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,724,167</u>	

21 Donations to External organisations

	2021 £	2020 £
World Mission	2,248	2,690
Mission in Britain	2,104	1,319
Methodist Ministers Housing	540	1,028
Presbyters & Deacons Fund	870	1,378
Property Fund	826	1,258
All We Can	50	-
Action for Children	617	-
MWIB Easter Offering	415	45
MWIB General	243	-
MWIB World Mission	-	57
MWIB Project	1,100	582
MHA	363	245
LWPT	824	616
Total	<u>10,200</u>	<u>10,042</u>

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Council.

Signature of Treasurer

Rodney Betts

Date

10.3.22

Name of Treasurer

Rodney Betts

Address

5 Rothesay Lodge, 2-10 Stuart Road, Highcliffe, Christchurch, BH23 5FP

Presentation to the Church Council for Approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021 were presented to the Circuit Council at its meeting on: and were approved.

10.3.22

Signature of the Chair of the Meeting

Pauline Crispin

Name of the Chair of the Meeting

Rev Pauline Crispin

Date

10.3.22

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Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

This report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of Independent Examiner's Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021. As the Church'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 Church'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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Church's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

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

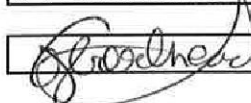
- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Name

C J Goodhead FCA

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

ICAEW

Name of firm

Knight Goodhead Limited

Address

7 Bournemouth Road, Chandlers Ford, Eastleigh, SO53

Date

14 March 2022

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Appendix A

MINISTERS

Pauline Crispin
Nigel Deller until 16.08.21
Michael Shrubsole
Martin Keenan
Phillip Dixon
Nick Wood from 16.08.21

Supernumary Ministers

Roger Gisborne
Barbara Jeffries
David Laidler
Glenda Sidding
David Ellis
Janice Morgan

Lay Workers

Robert White
Joyce Wild
Caroline Churcher until 23.02.21

Circuit Stewards

Peter Aston from 05.04.21
Rodney Betts
Chris Lusher until 05.04.21
Kate Phillips until 05.04.21
Mark Priestley from 05.04.21
Christopher Slade from 05.04.21
Elizabeth Ward
Joyce Wild

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Robert White

Circuit Local Preachers & Worship Leaders representatives

Margaret Havers
Eric Brown
Brian Skelly
Winifred George

Safeguarding Officer

Pauline Sunderland

Manse Steward

Philip Seager until 08.10.20

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit

Appendix A

Archivist
Jean O'Shea

CIRCUIT CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES

Barton on Sea

Michael Stopher
Chris Levett

Bransgore
James Peachy
Kate Phillips

Colehill

Brenda Gauler

Highcliffe

Christine Stuckey
Kenneth Sidding
Diana Middleditch
Winifred George

Horton Heath

Peter Shears
William Morgan

Mudford Lane Christchurch

Howard Piper
John Morgan

Verwood

David Kusel
Anne McAleer
Christopher Mercer
Kevin Phillips

Blandford

John Cornish from 08.10.20
David Wild

Brockenhurst

Carolyn Waterman
Richard Waterman

Crowe Hill

John Dearmer until 19.5.21
Marilyn Knight
Christopher Slade from 19.05.21

Holtwood

Rod Frampton
David Harris
Jane Livesey
Susan Harris from 01.02.21

Milford on Sea

Alan Boyce
Philip Wiseman

Trinity Ringwood

Sharon Sunderland
Trevor Knight
Pauline Sunderland

Wimborne

David Morgan
Terry Shorthall
Michael White

Woodlands

Brian Shearing
Morgan Antell