

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT and ACCOUNTS**

**for the year ended 31 August 2023**

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit**

Registered Charity - Registration number

1148455

<b>Southampton District</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Circuit No</b>	<b>26/10</b>
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**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
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**Christchurch and Wimborne Methodist Circuit**  
Southampton District 26/10

**Annual Report for year ending 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023)  
Rev Andrew Pottage (from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023)  
  
Ministers Rev Phillip Dixon (resigned 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023)  
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
Admin Assistant for Highcliffe and Milford	Mrs Maries Wayne from 1 <sup>st</sup> 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.

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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**

##### **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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £118,122 excluding properties and the Model Trust fund
- 6.2 At 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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.

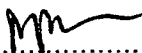
The Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

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 Rev. N. P. Wood

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

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2022/23 £	Total 2021/22 £
<b>Income and Endowments</b>							
1 Donations and legacies	4	6,497				6,497	20,090
2 Income from monetary investments	5	8,515	1,769	55		10,339	2,882
3 Income from investment properties						-	
4 Assessments on Churches		277,548				277,548	293,316
5 Capital Receipts						-	400,000
6 Grants received						-	
7 Other charitable activities	6	2,004			381	2,385	2,004
8 Total from charitable activities		294,564	1,769	55	381	296,769	718,292
9 Other income	7	3,304		28,487		31,791	57,261
10 Total income and endowments		297,868	1,769	28,542	381	328,560	775,553
<b>Expenditure</b>							
11 Grants and donations		2,370				2,370	18,400
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	135,755			381	136,136	172,698
13 Property maintenance	10	2,160		125,357		127,517	87,231
14 Telephones & Travel	9	13,918				13,918	15,558
15 Connexional assessment		51,888				51,888	53,280
16 District Assessment		11,256				11,256	10,140
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,200				31,200	31,200
18 Connexional Levy						-	
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			8,256			8,256	10,662
21 Office expenses	11	2,715				2,715	3,763
22 Other outgoings	12	19,365	613	-		19,978	27,194
23 Total charitable expenditure		270,627	8,869	125,357	381	405,234	430,124
<b>Net Income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses</b>		27,241	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(76,674)	345,429
24 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		(2,873)				(2,873)	(4,535)
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
26 Net Income/(expenditure)		24,368	(7,100)	(96,815)	-	(79,547)	340,894
27 Transfers between funds		(28,456)	(83,000)	91,456		-	
28 Other gains/(losses)						-	
29 Net movement in funds		(4,088)	(70,100)	(5,359)	-	(79,547)	340,894
30 Total funds brought forward		112,133	215,128	2,737,800	-	3,065,061	2,724,167
31 Total funds carried forward	20	108,045	145,028	2,732,441	-	2,985,514	3,065,061

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

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	Notes	General Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Designated Funds Unrestricted £	Restricted Funds	Total 2021/22 £
<b>Income and Endowments</b>						
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
<b>Expenditure</b>						
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
<b>Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses</b>		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)		2,769	(28,699)	366,824	-	340,894
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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

5,829

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

- 5,829

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

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Balance carried forward



## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2023 £	Totals 2022 £
<b>Fixed Assets</b>						
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
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>64,786</b>		<b>2,710,000</b>	<b>2,774,786</b>	<b>2,777,659</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>						
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
<b>Total current assets</b>	17	<b>66,870</b>	<b>145,028</b>	<b>22,441</b>	<b>234,339</b>	<b>311,398</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Creditors (due under 1 year)		23,611			23,611	23,996
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	18	<b>23,611</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>23,611</b>	<b>23,996</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>43,259</b>	<b>145,028</b>	<b>22,441</b>	<b>210,728</b>	<b>287,402</b>
<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>108,045</b>	<b>145,028</b>	<b>2,732,441</b>	<b>2,985,514</b>	<b>3,065,061</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>						
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
<b>Total Funds</b>	20	<b>108,045</b>	<b>145,028</b>	<b>2,732,441</b>	<b>2,985,514</b>	<b>3,065,061</b>

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

  
 R. O. BETTS

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**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

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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

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

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

	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted			
<b>7. Other Income</b>						
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
Bransgore 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
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,487</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,791</b>	<b>57,261</b>

	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
	Unrestricted	Unrestricted	Unrestricted			
<b>8 Salaries &amp; Associated Costs</b>						
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
	<b>135,755</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>136,136</b>	<b>172,698</b>

Average number of staff employed during the year were: 7 8

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

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	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds	Funds	Total	
<b>10 Property Maintenance</b>		Unrestricted	Unrestricted			
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
	<b>2,160</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,357</b>		<b>127,517</b>	<b>87,231</b>

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

	General	Circuit Model	Designated	Restricted	2023	2022
	Unrestricted	Trust	Funds	Funds	Total	Total
<b>12 Other Expenditure</b>		Unrestricted	Unrestricted			
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
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,365</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>19,978</b>	<b>27,194</b>

<b>13 Payment to Trustees</b>		<b>2023</b>		<b>2022</b>	
<b>Trustees remuneration</b>					
<b>Ministers</b>	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions	
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
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	12	10

**Christchurch & Wimborne Methodist Circuit**  
for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> 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

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

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

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### Notes to the accounts (continued)

#### 17. Analysis of current assets

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

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	145,028	219,818
<b>Total Cash and Bank</b>	<b>222,985</b>	<b>300,860</b>

### Expenditure

#### 18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

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

#### 19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

None

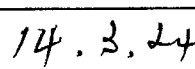
## Declarations and Scrutiny

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



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 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**

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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
<b>Unrestricted Fund General</b>						
General	112,133	297,868	273,500	(28,456)	108,045	General
	112,133	297,868	273,500	(28,456)	108,045	
<b>Unrestricted Circuit Model Trust</b>						
Model Trust Fund	215,128	1,769	8,869	(63,000)	145,028	Ministry & Mission
	215,128	1,769	8,869	(63,000)	145,028	
<b>Unrestricted Designated Funds</b>						
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
	2,737,800	28,542	125,357	91,456	2,732,441	
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>3,065,061</b>	<b>328,179</b>	<b>407,726</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,985,514</b>	
<b>Restricted Funds</b>						
Support Costs	-	381	381	-	-	Contribution to Lay salaries
<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	

## **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
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,698</b>	<b>5,829</b>



**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.

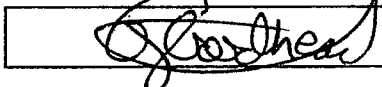
**Independent Examiner's Statement**

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 & Wimborne 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**

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