

**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 Mike 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

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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.

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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

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.

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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.

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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 £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

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

Balance carried forward

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
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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

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Notes to the accounts (continued)

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

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024	Totals	2023 Totals
5. Investments							
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

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

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
7. Other Income						
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

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
8 Salaries & Associated Costs						
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
	160,084	-	-	5,029	165,113	136,136

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

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

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	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
Total	13,405	10,633

Number of trustees who were paid expenses 17 12

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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		64,786
Other investments		
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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for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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	<u>38,170</u>	<u>11,354</u>

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	<u>345,181</u>	<u>145,028</u>
Total Cash and Bank	<u>504,803</u>	<u>222,985</u>

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

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

19. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

None

Christchurch & Wimborne Circuit
for the year ended 31 August 2024

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	Manse/ 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

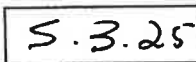
Declarations and Scrutiny

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



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 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Circuit Meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



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
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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

Moitwoc

Keith Jo
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

