

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.....



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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 Donations and legacies	4	11,358				11,358	11,539
2 Income from monetary investments	5	6,598	14,735	-		21,333	14,147
3 Income from investment properties						-	-
5 Assessments		278,076				278,076	272,532
5 Capital Receipts						-	157,009
6 Grants received				25,000		25,000	
7 Other charitable activities	6	-			5,355	5,355	5,029
8 Total from charitable activities		296,032	14,735	25,000	5,355	341,122	460,256
9 Other income	7	548	-	28,123		28,671	48,435
10 Total Income and endowments		296,580	14,735	53,123	5,355	369,793	508,691
Expenditure							
11 Grants and donations		200	6,100			6,300	500
12 Salaries and associated costs	8	160,179			5,355	165,534	165,113
13 Property maintenance	10	-	46,975	145,165		192,140	112,755
14 Telephone & Travel	9	16,365				16,365	15,393
15 Connexional assessment		58,104				58,104	47,520
16 District Assessment		11,004				11,004	8,400
17 URC Ministry & Mission		31,917				31,917	31,200
18 Connexional Levy						-	147,398
19 Contribution to District Advance Fund			17,139			17,139	4,752
21 Office expenses	11	2,935				2,935	2,529
22 Other outgoings	12	9,609	2,071	45		11,725	5,503
23 Total charitable expenditure		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 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						-	
25 Gains/(losses) on investment properties						-	270,000
26 Net income/(expenditure)		6,267	(57,550)	(92,087)	-	(143,369)	237,628
27 Transfers between funds		(14,265)	(76,176)	90,441		-	
28 Other gains/(losses)						-	
29 Net movement in funds		(7,998)	(133,726)	(1,645)	-	(143,369)	237,628
30 Total funds brought forward		136,865	345,181	2,741,096		3,223,142	2,985,514
31 Total funds carried forward		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

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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	4	11,539				11,539
2 Income from monetary investments	5	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	6	-			5,029	5,029
8 Total from charitable activities		295,711	159,516	-	5,029	460,256
9 Other income	7	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	8	160,084			5,029	165,113
13 Property maintenance	10	-		112,755		112,755
14 Telephone & Travel	9	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	11	2,529				2,529
22 Other outgoings	12	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	8,655	-	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

2024

Balance brought forward from last year

Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations

Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations

Balance carried forward

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
 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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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
	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
	160,179	-	-	5,355	165,534	165,113

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

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	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
	16,365	-	-	-	16,365	15,393

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	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
10 Property Maintenance						
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

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025	2024
11 Expenditure						
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

	General Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Restricted Funds	2025 Total	2024 Total
12 Other Expenditure						
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

	2025		2024	
13 Payment to Trustees				
Trustees remuneration				
Ministers	Stipend	Employers Pension Contribution	Stipend	Employers Pension Contributions
	-	-		
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
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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	1,425,000	800,000	480,000	2,705,000

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		
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		

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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	47,945	38,170

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	211,454	345,181
Total Cash and Bank	351,559	504,803

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

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

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

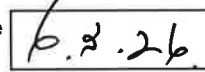
Declarations and Scrutiny

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 & Wimbourne 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

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