

Dorset South and West Circuit

England & Wales · Charity number 1150182

Details

Other names	BRIDPORT AND DORCHESTER METHODIST CIRCUIT
Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2012-12-14
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

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

Activities: comprises Methodist Churches at Bere Heath, Broadmayne, Broadwey, Chickerell, Easton, Lanehouse, Portesham, Underhill, Weymouth Bay and Wyke Regis, Uploders, Ecumenical Partnership Churches (Methodist/URC) in Bridport and Dorchester and the Methodist heritage project based at Tolpuddle.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Dorset

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£260,456	£439,530	-	-
2024-08-31	£238,504	£498,735	-	-
2023-08-31	£271,330	£384,358	-	-
2022-08-31	£132,039	£453,035	-	-
2021-08-31	£470,979	£293,754	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
John David Yarrien	Chair	2020-09-01
Alastair Neil Ballentine		2024-03-12
Alison Claire Berry		2025-09-01
COLIN GANNAWAY		2012-12-11
Caroline Lesley Wolffsohn		2025-09-01
Cathrin Irene Dunford		2018-09-01
Christopher Stephen Smith		2023-06-14
Clive Timothy Stokes		2018-09-01
DR David Michael Evans		2018-09-01
Deborah Ann Cornish		2025-09-01
Diana Leeming		2018-09-01
Elizabeth Fraser Fox		2025-09-01
JANICE SHEPPARD		2017-11-29
JOHN SYDNEY PARSON		2019-04-19
Jacqueline Alice Trent		2018-08-20
Jacqueline Ann Chevis		2018-10-08
Jane Beverley Clinton		2025-02-06
Jayne Louise Newton		2022-09-01
Joseph William Fairbairn		2018-09-01
Linda Mary Scott		2018-09-17
MARGARET EAGLESTONE		2012-12-11
MARIA JACOBSON		2018-09-01
Mary Gracie		2018-09-01
Michael Roger Humphrey		2023-09-01
Paul Maurice Smith		2023-09-20
Paula Brown		2018-09-01
Peter Michael Jenner		2018-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev GWYNETH MARGARET OWEN		2018-09-01
Rev JOHN DENNIS WALKER		2012-12-11
Rev Jane Mary Wilson		2022-09-01
Rev Jean Quick		2018-08-20
Rev MARGARET ANN OXENHAM		2025-09-01
Rev Ruth Lownsborough		2020-09-01
Rev Stephanie Jenner		2014-03-18
Robin Barry Powell		2018-09-01
Roger Lewis Phillips		2025-03-20
Ross Seagrave		2018-09-01
SUSAN HERMAN		2016-09-01
Susan Mary Nicklin		2018-09-01
Timothy John Wells		2018-09-01
Timothy Tarling		2024-09-01
VICKY SEAGRAVE		2018-09-01

Accounts

The Methodist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
Dorset South and West Circuit
For the year 1 September 2024 to 31 August 2025
Registered Charity: Registration Number 1150182

Southampton District Circuit No 26/8

Ministers	Revd John Yarrien Revd Ruth Lownsborough Revd Jane Wilson	Superintendent Minister
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Janice Sheppard Mrs Jacqui Trent Mr Ross Seagrave Mr Chris Smith Mr Paul Smith Mrs Maria Jacobson	Senior Steward Circuit Treasurer

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 Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - Charities SORP FRS 102 effective 1 January 2019.

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit is a registered charity no 1150182. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under charity law to prepare separate accounts. The charity was formerly known as Bridport and Dorchester Circuit and the name was changed with the agreement of the Charity Commission with effect from 1 September 2018.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing trustees are appointed in accordance with SO510 of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 47 Wyke Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9QQ.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Elliot & Co., 7 King Street, Weymouth, DT4 7BJ.
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Ariel House, 2138 Coventry Road, Sheldon, B26 3JW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister
Ministers

Revd John Yarrien
Revd Ruth Lownsborough
Revd Jane Wilson

Lay staff

Circuit Administrators

Mrs Maria Jacobson
Mrs Jacqui Trent

Community Outreach Worker Westham
Children and Families workers

Mrs Jayne Newton
Mrs Jenny Farmer
Mr Peter Jenner

resigned 8 March 2025

2. Structure and Governance

- 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 three times 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, the circuit stewards, the circuit administrators and other staff members as appropriate.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting is held at least three times a year to consider the worshipping life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers and worship leaders.
- 2.4 The circuit meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

- 3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed of Union, the advancement of (A) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (B) any charitable purposes 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 principal objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The Circuit provides staff and preachers education and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship, spiritual development and pastoral care both to the 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 Our Calling priorities; 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 Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Our Mission Statement

The Circuit exists to share the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We do this through

- Our Churches – welcoming all, providing opportunities to explore and deepen faith, caring for one another in love and reaching out to others
- Our people – affirming and building on the gifts and skills of ordained and lay, paid staff and volunteers in a mixed economy of ministry which calls for collaboration and courage
- Our money – prioritising mission and outreach in the way we use the financial resources entrusted to us
- Our communities – working inclusively and, where appropriate, in partnership with other Churches, to enable the Kingdom of God to be experienced where people most need it.
- In addition to the above, the following paragraphs recognise the emerging definition of "What is Mission?"

God is at the centre of all mission activities, and we seek to be guided and shaped by God's presence and Christ's example.

- **We** wish to encourage our congregations and communities to see a world where God is active, by sharing our human story and connecting that to God's story of Love.
- **We** seek to build relationships with the communities we serve.
- **We** will find ways to be intentionally inclusive and open for all people.
- **We** want to reach out to our communities with acts of service that meet people at the point of their need
- **Our** buildings need to be resilient, warm and welcoming, so that they can be places of community, mission and outreach.
- **We** intend to explore what the "shape of church" looks like and seek to offer a "mixed economy" of both lay and ordained ministry, worship, discipleship and outreach.
- **We** hope to build mission teams who share a common interest / passion, and shape mission from there.

Approved by Circuit Meeting 9th March 2021

5. Achievements, performance and future

The Dorset South and West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 by an amalgamation of the former circuits of Bridport & Dorchester, Portland and Weymouth.

2024-2025: a review of the year

The Westham Centre- Progress Report Growing and Moving Forward

Despite having to change Architects part way through the year due to the death of the original appointee, planning permission has been secured for an ambitious scheme to make the building accessible for all, and catering to the needs of our clients. We are now awaiting costings so that we can secure the necessary finance.

Demand for the weekly Foodbank continues to grow, and the Warm Welcome initiative now serves c.30 lunches every week, building relationships with the guests of all ages who attend regularly. The Thrive Café Church is firmly established and one of the attendees was baptised at a joyous ceremony in the garden.

Covenant agreement with Hope and Radipole United Reformed Churches

A Covenant agreement between the Methodist Church and Hope and Radipole United Reformed Churches was signed at a special service on 2 February 2025.

Closure of Bere Heath and Uploders Chapels

It is with sadness that we report the closure of Bere Heath and Uploders Chapels. Dwindling numbers had meant that there were few people to run the churches. The churches and the Circuit have agreed to sell these properties.

Safeguarding

The implementation of Safeguarding Policy and Procedures is a priority in DSW Circuit. With a Circuit Safeguarding Officer, a Safeguarding Training Team and a group of Church Safeguarding Officers who meet regularly, we try to ensure that Safer Recruitment Procedures are implemented. Each church adopts a Safeguarding Policy and reviews it annually, and this is displayed with a list of church, circuit and other local Safeguarding contacts in each church. Foundation and Advanced Safeguarding training are delivered across the circuit for those working and volunteering with children and young people and/or vulnerable adults, and renewed every 4 years according to procedure. DBS checks are carried out for all roles, paid and voluntary, that require them, and renewed every 5 years. Safeguarding concerns are dealt with promptly and recorded as necessary, and records kept secure in the Circuit Office. Further support and advice, if needed, is available from the District Safeguarding Officer.

Staffing

We were sad to see Rev Ruth Lownsborough leave us for her well deserved retirement. Her replacement in the Weymouth and Portland section of the Circuit will be Rev Helen Harrell who will join us on 1 September 2025. We also said goodbye to Jenny Farmer, Children's and Family Worker at Easton. A new approach to the work on Portland will be considered in the new year.

Mission

We were able to support churches across the circuit with Mission and Buildings Resilience grants. These funded such things as the mission work at The Westham Centre, our presence at the Dorset Show, our presence at the Tolpuddle Festival, Weymouth Street Pastors, Broadmayne events with local first school, and Citizens Advice Worker for the Westham Hub.

5.1 People

Our three ministers are shown below. The lay team and Supernumeraries have supported the ministers throughout the year.



Revd John Yarrien



Revd Jane Wilson



Revd Ruth Lownsborough

5.2 Property.

5.3 All church premises are well used, providing a wide range of worship and activities in their respective communities. All quinquennials are up to date.

5.4 The circuit manses are well maintained. A replacement manse for Russell Avenue has been found at Whitecross Drive and the purchase was completed in August 2024.

5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and worship leaders and those in training.

5.6 Safeguarding training has taken place in the circuit and there has been a concerted effort to bring all the required DBS checks and training up to date.

6. Financial Review

6.1 The circuit has accounts with Lloyds Bank plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Model Trust Funds with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

6.2 At 31 August 2025, the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £46207.00. excluding properties and the Model Trust Fund. (TMCP). The funds held at TMCP and available for use are £502502.00. This includes a bequest of £97424.00 which has been earmarked to support the mission work at Easton.

6.3 The unrestricted funds are allocated as follows:-

General Fund	(244466.12)
Mission Fund	£38746.49
Property Fund	£726638.38
Heritage Fund	£(931.85)
Buildings Resilience Fund	£28721.57
Totalling	£548708.47

6.4 The Circuit also owns freehold property valued by the trustees at £2704720.00. This is for three manses owned by the Circuit and the chapels at Bere Heath and Uploders.

6.6 It is declared that all stipendiary ministers and lay employees, paid for by the Circuit, are also trustees of the Circuit.

7. Grants Policy

The Circuit Meeting 9 March 2020 agreed to adopt the following Grants Policy. Each building-funding application should be prepared, and will be assessed, through consideration of the following:

1. How will your scheme increase Kingdom of God work in your community?
2. Is there any other building in your location that could fulfil the functions of your scheme as effectively? – church or secular.

3. Have you discussed your scheme with neighbouring churches of all denominations and with your local community?
4. Is your scheme compatible with the anticipated life of your church fellowship.
5. Have you thought of other ways of doing Kingdom of God work in your community without your building?
6. Without the upgrading and maintenance of your building to occupy you, what would be released in terms of your energy and finance to let God's Kingdom take flight in your community in new ways?
7. Are your premises a hindrance to mission rather than a basis for undertaking Kingdom of God work in your locality?

Applications have been made to both funds, Mission Fund and Buildings Resilience Fund, during the year.

8. Risk Management

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved budget on at least a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unseen calls on reserves.

9. Safeguarding

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

There are no distinctions regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/beliefs, pregnancy/maternity and gender reassignment; as a result, everyone has the right to protection from abuse and to be treated no less favourably than others, irrespective of any personal or protected characteristic.

The Dorset South and West Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice, training for lay and ordained people that will ensure everyone is 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 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.

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 repair fund reserves is £548708.00 giving the Circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year, including the maintenance of the manses.

10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the Circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property repair funds, £104470.00 being three months expenditure. The current levels could increase over the next three years with the employment of extra staff and setting assessments at a level to meet the needs of the Circuit. No payment holidays were given to churches in this financial year, and all assessments have been collected. It is intended to continue to increase church assessments so that the Circuit can balance its books over time. The increase for 2025-2026 was 5%.

10.7 The Model Trust Fund at £502502.00 is held as a reserve to cover major property expense and to expand mission work within the Circuit.

Dorset South and West Circuit

Notes to support accounts

1. These accounts are compliant to the FRS102 and FRS102 2015 SORP standards. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations).

2. Funds

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Annual report for year ended 31 August 2025

The funds held constitute: General Funds, which are unrestricted, are held for any purpose of the Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Funds has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 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 accrual 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 31 August 2025, 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 less than £1000.00. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at £2,704,720.00 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be nil. No depreciation is provided on the

buildings because the trustees consider the residual fair value of the manse buildings and others, to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the end of the year 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 the NEST scheme for lay employees. Contributions are 6% for both employer and employee.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dorset South and West Circuit	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

Southampton	District	Circuit no	26-Aug
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150182

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Revd John Yarrien
Revd Jane Wilson
Revd Ruth Lownsborough

Circuit Stewards:

Mrs Janice Sheppard
Mr Ross Seagrave
Mr Chris Smith
Mrs Maria Jacobson
Mrs Paula Brown
Mr Paul Smith

Treasurer:

Mrs Jacqui Trent

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025
Dorset South and West Circuit
Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		211,176		211,176	176,697
a3	Capital receipts					724,890
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income			816	28,642	53,877
a5	Westham & Tolpuddle		8,921		8,921	7,721
a6	Other receipts		10,901		10,901	210
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		230,998	816	28,642	260,456 (a8)

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		198,234		198,234	184,249
b3	Manse Costs		44,344		44,344	596,278
b4	Administration etc		49,878		49,878	18,850
b5	District Assessment		71,638		71,638	237,956
b6	Grants & donations		21,649		21,649	14,935
b7	Westham & Tolpuddle		18,260		18,260	19,496
b8	Other payments			35,527	35,527	890
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		404,003	35,527	439,530 (b9)	1,072,654

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(173,005)	816	(6,885)	(179,074)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(94,294)	733,414	88,662	727,782 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(267,299)	734,230	81,777	548,708
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(267,299)	734,230	81,777	548,708 (c8)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS				
	(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	260,456 (a8)	439,530 (b9)	(179,074)	(c7)	727,782 (c6)	548,708 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	260,456	439,530	(179,074)		727,782 (x)	548,708 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	27,045	15,281
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	46,184	30,926
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	654,553	502,502
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	727,782 (c6)	548,708 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	727,782 (x)	548,708 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		2,704,720
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH + WEST No 26/08

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 2.10.25
Name and address of treasurer MRS JACQUI TRENT
47 WYKE RD WEYMOUTH Post Code DT4 9BA

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17.3.2026

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev John Yarron Date 17.3.2026

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DORSET SOUTH + WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1150182

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH & WEST No 26/08

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

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.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner [Signature]

Name of independent examiner Ben Elliot FMAAT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) Elliot and Co LLP

Address 7 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset

Post Code DT4 7BS

Date 23/12/25

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH & WEST No 26/08

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner [Signature]

Name of independent examiner Ben Elliot FMAAT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) Elliot and Co LLP

Address 7 King Street, Weymouth, Dorset

Post Code DT4 7BS

Date 23/12/25

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Accounts

The Methodist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
Dorset South and West Circuit
For the year 1 September 2023 to 31 August 2024
Registered Charity: Registration Number 1150182

Southampton District Circuit No 26/8

Ministers	Revd John Yarren Revd Ruth Lownsborough Revd Jane Wilson	Superintendent Minister
Circuit Stewards	Mrs Janice Young Mrs Jacqui Trent Mr Ross Seagrave Mrs Margaret Sibley Mr Chris Smith Mr Paul Smith	Senior Steward Circuit Treasurer

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 Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - Charities SORP FRS 102 effective 1 January 2015.

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit is a registered charity no 1150182. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under charity law to prepare separate accounts. The charity was formerly known as Bridport and Dorchester Circuit and the name was changed with the agreement of the Charity Commission with effect from 1 September 2018.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing trustees are appointed in accordance with SO510 of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 47 Wyke Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9QQ.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Elliot & Co., 7 King Street, Weymouth, DT4 7BJ.
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Ariel House, 2138 Coventry Road, Sheldon, B26 3JW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister	Revd John Yarrien
Ministers	Revd Ruth Lownsborough
	Revd Jane Wilson

Lay staff

Circuit Administrators	Mrs Maria Jacobson
	Mrs Jacqui Trent
Community Outreach Worker Westham	Mrs Jayne Newton
Children and Families workers	Mrs Jenny Farmer
	Mr Peter Jenner

2. Structure and Governance

- 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 three times 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, the circuit stewards, the circuit administrators and other staff members as appropriate.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting is held at least three times a year to consider the worshipping life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers and worship leaders.
- 2.4 The circuit meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

- 3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed of Union, the advancement of (A) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (B) any charitable purposes 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 principal objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The Circuit provides staff and preachers education and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship, spiritual development and pastoral care both to the 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 Our Calling priorities; 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 Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Our Mission Statement

The Circuit exists to share the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We do this through

- Our Churches – welcoming all, providing opportunities to explore and deepen faith, caring for one another in love and reaching out to others
- Our people – affirming and building on the gifts and skills of ordained and lay, paid staff and volunteers in a mixed economy of ministry which calls for collaboration and courage
- Our money – prioritising mission and outreach in the way we use the financial resources entrusted to us
- Our communities – working inclusively and, where appropriate, in partnership with other Churches, to enable the Kingdom of God to be experienced where people most need it.
- In addition to the above, the following paragraphs recognise the emerging definition of "What is Mission?"

God is at the centre of all mission activities, and we seek to be guided and shaped by God's presence and Christ's example.

- **We** wish to encourage our congregations and communities to see a world where God is active, by sharing our human story and connecting that to God's story of Love.
- **We** seek to build relationships with the communities we serve.
- **We** will find ways to be intentionally inclusive and open for all people.
- **We** want to reach out to our communities with acts of service that meet people at the point of their need
- **Our** buildings need to be resilient, warm and welcoming, so that they can be places of community, mission and outreach.
- **We** intend to explore what the "shape of church" looks like and seek to offer a "mixed economy" of both lay and ordained ministry, worship, discipleship and outreach.
- **We** hope to build mission teams who share a common interest / passion, and shape mission from there.

Approved by Circuit Meeting 9th March 2021

5. Achievements, performance and future

The Dorset South and West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 by an amalgamation of the former circuits of Bridport & Dorchester, Portland and Weymouth.

2023-2024: a review of the year

The Westham Centre- Progress Report

With the continuing success of the Westham Centre and Mission Hub, it was decided to go ahead with a major refurbishment of the building and architects were sought to help us through the process. Stone Ecclesiastical were appointed and are working on plans to address the shortcomings of the building, mainly its lack of accessibility to people with poor mobility, but also to make it fit for the work The Westham Centre is doing now and wants to do in the future. Demand for the weekly Foodbank continues to grow, and the Warm Welcome initiative now serves c.30 lunches every week, building relationships with the guests of all ages who attend regularly. A new Thrive Café Church has started to meet monthly and there is a growing community of local people attending each month.

“Champions” Holiday Club 8-10th August at United Church Dorchester

We held a Holiday Club for 5-11year olds with an overall theme of “Champions “as 2024 was an Olympic year.

There was a different theme for each of the three days; Direction, Determination and Dedication which followers of Jesus need to do the same. Various activities over the three days included World Bunting to hang round Church, Olympic hand prints, decorating baseball caps , making a flat roofed house along with our Holiday Club song . There was a Bible Story that fitted the theme for the day. Dorchester Town Council gave us permission to use the Bandstand in the local gardens as a base for our Holiday Club outing. The Holiday Club Team were people from the Circuit & Churches Together in Dorchester.

Refurbishment at Easton Methodist Church

Easton Methodist Church is a Grade II* listed building. Various schemes have been implemented over the years to ensure that the building is watertight and fit for purpose, but these have been piecemeal, without a full structural survey, and consequently not wholly successful. Easton Methodist Church is now the sole Methodist presence on the Isle of Portland, a place steeped in Methodist history. The Dorset South and West Circuit recently sold the only other Methodist church remaining on the island, Underhill Methodist Church and is seeking to support Easton in its goal of creating our second Mission Hub at the centre of the community. The proceeds of sale have been designated by the Circuit for this project. The Circuit has already been successful in running this type of Mission Hub at the Westham Centre, so we feel able to support the team at Easton to bring this scheme to fruition and make Easton a centre of service, worship and evangelism to the community. One way in which that support will be provided is the employment of a full-time community outreach worker who will work with the church congregation to liaise with the community, to listen to the needs of the community, to support the congregation to develop its projects and worship to reach deeper into the community. We hope this work will be a pathway to make new

disciples and grow the Church. Our Circuit work in Westham, where a new Café Church (Thrive) has been set up, has proven to our trustees that this model is helping our Circuit in its mission statement to be a growing Circuit.

Conversations with Hope and Radipole United Reformed Churches

There have been conversations with the two United Reformed churches in Weymouth to come together and make a Covenant agreement between the two traditions. A draft covenant had been agreed by the end of the year and a formal signing will take place in 2024-2025.

Safeguarding training has continued this year with Foundation courses being delivered.

Staffing

Mission

We were able to support churches across the circuit with Mission and Buildings Resilience grants. These funded such things as the mission work at The Westham Centre, our presence at the Dorset Show, our presence at the Tolpuddle Festival, Weymouth Street Pastors, Broadmayne events with local first school, Pop Up Post Office at Uploders, New AV equipment at BUC, Citizens Advice Worker for the Westham Hub and support for young people to attend outdoor activities.

5.1 People

Our three ministers are shown below. The lay team and Supernumeraries have supported the ministers throughout the year.



Revd John Yarrien



Revd Ruth Lownsbrough



Revd Jane Wilson

5.2 Property.

5.3 All church premises are well used, providing a wide range of worship and activities in their respective communities. All quinquennials are up to date.

5.4 The circuit manses are well maintained. A replacement manse for Russell Avenue has been found at Whitecross Drive and the purchase was completed in August 2024.

5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and worship leaders and those in training.

5.6 Safeguarding training has taken place in the circuit and there has been a concerted effort to bring all the required DBS checks and training up to date.

6. Financial Review

6.1 The circuit has accounts with Lloyds Bank plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Model Trust Funds with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

6.2 At 31 August 2024, the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £73229.00. excluding properties and the Model Trust Fund. (TMCP). The funds held at TMCP and available for use are £654553.00 (including a new bequest of £93678). Underhill Methodist Church was sold on 19 April 2024 and the funds are now held with our TMCP holdings. The Circuit Meeting has agreed to use this money to help towards the refurbishment of Easton Methodist Church.

6.3 The unrestricted funds are allocated as follows:-

General Fund	£474289
Mission Fund	£60871
Property Fund	£51150
Heritage Fund	£489
Buildings Resilience Fund	£67754

Totalling £654553

6.4 The Circuit also owns freehold property valued by the trustees at £4,396,196.00.

6.6 It is declared that all stipendiary ministers and lay employees, paid for by the Circuit, are also trustees of the Circuit.

7. Grants Policy

The Circuit Meeting 9 March 2020 agreed to adopt the following Grants Policy. Each building-funding application should be prepared, and will be assessed, through consideration of the following:

1. How will your scheme increase Kingdom of God work in your community?
2. Is there any other building in your location that could fulfil the functions of your scheme as effectively? – church or secular.
3. Have you discussed your scheme with neighbouring churches of all denominations and with your local community?
4. Is your scheme compatible with the anticipated life of your church fellowship.
5. Have you thought of other ways of doing Kingdom of God work in your community without your building?
6. Without the upgrading and maintenance of your building to occupy you, what would be released in terms of your energy and finance to let God's Kingdom take flight in your community in new ways?
7. Are your premises a hindrance to mission rather than a basis for undertaking Kingdom of God work in your locality?

Applications have been made to both funds, Mission Fund and Buildings Resilience Fund, during the year.

8. Risk Management

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved budget on at least a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unseen calls on reserves.

9. Safeguarding

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

There are no distinctions regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/beliefs, pregnancy/maternity and gender reassignment; as a result, everyone has the right to protection from abuse and to be treated no less favourably than others, irrespective of any personal or protected characteristic.

The Dorset South and West Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice, training for lay and ordained people that will ensure everyone is 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 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.

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 repair fund reserves is £654553.00 giving the Circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year, including the maintenance of the manses.

10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the Circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property repair funds, £81229.00 being three months expenditure. The current levels could increase over the next three years with the employment of extra staff and setting assessments at a level to meet the needs of the Circuit. No payment holidays were given to churches in this financial year, and all assessments have been collected. It is intended to continue to increase church assessments so that the Circuit can balance its books over time. The increase for 2024-2025 was 15 %

10.7 The Model Trust Fund at £520324.00 is held as a reserve to cover major property expense and to expand mission work within the Circuit.

Dorset South and West Circuit Notes to support accounts

1. These accounts are compliant to the FRS102 and FRS102 2015 SORP standards. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds, which are unrestricted, are held for any purpose of the Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Funds has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 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 accrual 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 31 August 2024, 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 less than £1000.00. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at £4,396,196.00 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be nil. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the residual fair value of the manse buildings and others, to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the end of the year 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 the NEST scheme for lay employees. Contributions are 6% for both employer and employee.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dorset South and West	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

Southampton	District	Circuit no	26-Aug
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SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		176,697		176,697	153,511
a3	Capital receipts			724,890	724,890	87,135
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,270	52,606	53,877	21,471
a5	Westham & Tolpuddle		7,721		7,721	
a6	Other receipts		210		210	433,159
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		185,898	777,496	963,394 (a8)	695,277

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		184,249		184,249	183,468
b3	Manse Costs		22,358	573,919	596,278	27,198
b4	Administration etc		15,002	3,848	18,850	7,896
b5	District Assessment & CPF levy		67,986	169,970	237,956	93,262
b6	Grants & donations		14,935		14,935	12,520
b7	Westham & Tolpuddle		19,496		19,496	40,510
b8	Other payments		890		890	19,505
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		324,917	747,737	1,072,654 (b9)	384,358

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(139,019)	29,759	(109,260)	310,918
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		44,725	703,655	88,662	837,042 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(94,294)	733,414	88,662	727,782
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(94,294)	733,414	88,662	727,782 (c8)
						837,041 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	963,394 (a8)	1,072,654 (b9)	(109,260)	(c7)	837,042 (c6)	727,782 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	963,394	1,072,654	(109,260)		837,042 (x)	727,782 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	28,315	27,045
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	65,638	46,184
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	743,089	654,553
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	837,042 (c6)	727,782 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	837,042 (x)	727,782 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,718,902	4,396,196
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH+WEST No. 26/08

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 23.9.24
Name and address of treasurer JACQUI TRENT 47 WYKE ROAD
WELMOUTH Post Code DT49000

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be*
presented to the Circuit meeting held on 20/2/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd John Yarnes Date 20.2.25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DORSET SOUTH+WEST Circuit

Charity Number 26/08

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

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Name of independent examiner Ben Euiot

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) Euiot and Co LLP

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Date 5/12/24

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a3	Capital receipts		785		86,350	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income			19,159	2,312	2,207
a5	Grants					14,636
a6	Other receipts		9,213	423,947	433,159	
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		163,509	443,106	88,662	695,277 (a8)

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs			183,468	183,468	147,225
b3	Manse Costs		27,198		27,198	27,902
b4	Administration etc		7,896		7,896	2,681
b5	District Assessment		22,158	71,104	93,262	55,425
b6	Grants & donations		12,520		12,520	
b7	Westham & Tolpuddle		40,510		40,510	21,011
b8	Other payments		19,505		19,505	198,791
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		129,786	254,572	384,358 (b9)	453,035

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	33,723	188,534	88,662	310,918
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		11,002	515,121		526,123 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	44,725	703,655	88,662	837,041
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	44,725	703,655	88,662	837,041 (c8)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)				

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E** Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	695,277 (a8)	384,358 (b9)	310,918	(c7)	526,123 (c6)	837,041 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	695,277	384,358	310,918		526,123 (x)	837,041 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	3,345	28,315
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	7,657	65,638
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	515,122	743,089
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	526,123 (c6)	837,042 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	526,123 (x)	837,042 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	8,138,420	5,718,902
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH+WEST No 26/08

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 3 Oct 23
Name and address of treasurer JACQUELINE TRENT
47 WYKE RD WEMMOUTH Post Code DT4 9QQ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 12th March 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev John Yarnier Date 12/03/2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DORSET SOUTH+WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1150182

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DORSET SOUTH+WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages 1. to 5. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH+WEST No 26/08

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

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.

I have/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Bee

Name of independent examiner Mr Ben Elliott

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) Elliott and Co LLP

Address ELLIOT & CO LLP

7 King Street
Weymouth
Dorset DT4 7BJ

Post Code

Date 14/02/24

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed

May-23

The Methodist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
Dorset South and West Circuit
For the year 1 September 2022 to 31 August 2023
Registered Charity: Registration Number 1150182

Southampton District Circuit No 26/8

Ministers	Revd John Yarrien Revd Ruth Lownsborough Revd Jane Wilson	Superintendent Minister
Circuit Stewards	Ms Sue Bird Mrs Jacqui Trent Mr Ross Seagrave Mrs Margaret Sibley Mrs Pam Woodland Mrs Janice Young Mr Chris Smith	Senior Steward Circuit Treasurer appointed 14 June 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 Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - Charities SORP FRS 102 effective 1 January 2015.

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit is a registered charity no 1150182. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under charity law to prepare separate accounts. The charity was formerly known as Bridport and Dorchester Circuit and the name was changed with the agreement of the Charity Commission with effect from 1 September 2018.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing trustees are appointed in accordance with SO510 of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 47 Wyke Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9QQ.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Elliot & Co., 7 King Street, Weymouth, DT4 7BJ.
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Ariel House, 2138 Coventry Road, Sheldon, B26 3JW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister	Revd John Yarrien
Ministers	Revd Ruth Lownsborough
	Revd Jane Wilson

Lay staff

Circuit Administrators	Mrs Maria Jacobson
	Mrs Jacqui Trent
Community Outreach Worker Westham	Mrs Jayne Newton
Children and Families workers	Mrs Jenny Farmer
	Mr Peter Jenner

2. Structure and Governance

- 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 three times 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, the circuit stewards, the circuit administrators and other staff members as appropriate.
- 2.3 The Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting is held at least three times a year to consider the worshipping life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers and worship leaders.
- 2.4 The circuit meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

- 3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed of Union, the advancement of (A) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (B) any charitable purposes 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 principal objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
- 3.3 The Circuit provides staff and preachers education and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship, spiritual development and pastoral care both to the 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 Our Calling priorities; 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 Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Our Mission Statement

The Circuit exists to share the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We do this through

- Our Churches – welcoming all, providing opportunities to explore and deepen faith, caring for one another in love and reaching out to others
- Our people – affirming and building on the gifts and skills of ordained and lay, paid staff and volunteers in a mixed economy of ministry which calls for collaboration and courage
- Our money – prioritising mission and outreach in the way we use the financial resources entrusted to us
- Our communities – working inclusively and, where appropriate, in partnership with other Churches, to enable the Kingdom of God to be experienced where people most need it.
- In addition to the above, the following paragraphs recognise the emerging definition of "What is Mission?"

God is at the centre of all mission activities, and we seek to be guided and shaped by God's presence and Christ's example.

- **We** wish to encourage our congregations and communities to see a world where God is active, by sharing our human story and connecting that to God's story of Love.
- **We** seek to build relationships with the communities we serve.
- **We** will find ways to be intentionally inclusive and open for all people.
- **We** want to reach out to our communities with acts of service that meet people at the point of their need
- **Our** buildings need to be resilient, warm and welcoming, so that they can be places of community, mission and outreach.
- **We** intend to explore what the "shape of church" looks like, and seek to offer a "mixed economy" of both lay and ordained ministry, worship, discipleship and outreach.
- **We** hope to build mission teams who share a common interest / passion, and shape mission from there.

Approved by Circuit Meeting 9th March 2021

5. Achievements, performance and future

The Dorset South and West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 by an amalgamation of the former circuits of Bridport & Dorchester, Portland and Weymouth.

2022-2023: a review of the year

The Westham Centre Progress Report – October 2023

The Westham Centre is a mission project funded and supported by Dorset South & West Methodist Circuit. It is monitored and supported by Westham Management Group, which includes ministers, circuit stewards, lay staff and centre volunteers.

The centre has regular hirings and the centre management team are particularly keen to welcome hirers who will add to the wellbeing of local residents. At present young people's activities, adult support groups and exercise classes go some way towards this aim.

In addition the community worker is developing new and existing activities, in line with the views of people attending the centre.

Our **Foodbank** offers support for those on low incomes providing food, Citizens Advice, clothing and equipment. Soon we will add laundry facilities.

Warm Welcome Café developed alongside Foodbank. A free lunch and activities are available. The café ran through the summer at the request of customers.

The local 6th Form College partnered with us on a **garden project**, working on gardening skills and designs, planting in the spring and having a celebration party. We now have local volunteers working in the garden.

Westham Wigglers Toddler Group reaches 15-20 families each week. There is a good rapport between the parents and various members have asked for specific support such as food bank, referring to Family Matters etc. There is a popular table for swapping clothing and equipment.

We have had several **one-off events** this year bring the community together. An **Open Day, Fun Days, a week of local activities** in the summer which included clearing gardens for residents.

The Centre team is always looking for ways to support other community development in the area. We have **funded free places** for Westham young people at our local outdoor education centre. This has been greatly appreciated by families.

Uploders Pop Up Post Office



With post offices closing rather than opening these days, the weekly Pop-Up Post Office facility at Uploders chapel enjoys a steady flow of customers both for the Post Office and for the opportunity to socialise over cake and a cuppa. In a small village where very little happens the chance to socialise on a weekly basis is clearly

warmly welcomed. The hosting is now being shared between ourselves and the locals so that this is now fast becoming a community project in which the locals have stepped up to the mark to support it in the most encouraging way



Broadmayne Easter Gardens

In Broadmayne there are excellent relationships between the churches and the First School so just before Easter five church members were invited to make Easter Gardens with Year 1.

The pupils were very excited and eager to make their own gardens, but first Rev David Johnson told them the Easter story. There was much interaction with the pupils demonstrating their knowledge of what happened 2000 years ago.

Then it was time to be creative. The pupils scooped soil into their trays, added a tomb with a large one in front, made a path to the tomb, planted flowers, covered the soil with moss and finally added the three crosses.



Weymouth Bay Dementia Café



In April 2022 we started a drop in cafe for people with dementia and their carers. We meet on the first Friday of the month. We have a different topic each month and have word searches, colouring, quizzes, flower arranging, bingo, cake decorating, and singing. Possibly the most important thing we offer is a safe place where everyone can relax, laugh and chat and find friends.

Portland Churches Together Picnic and Parables

During the summer of 2023, Christians working together on Portland will have prepared and delivered six outreach sessions in the community garden spaces on Portland, three in Easton Gardens and three in Victoria Gardens.

This group has a passion for sharing Christian faith in really creative ways, using drama, music, craft activities, testimony and outdoor preaching. This creative way of sharing faith has enabled people with very different gifts and skills to work together to enable the events to happen.

The fruits of these events can be measured by the faith conversations people have had in the preparation and delivery of Picnics & Parables, between Christians and with others, the strengthening of relationships, in showing that the Christian faith is not dull and boring and that relationship with Jesus is relevant in today's living.

Safeguarding training has continued this year with Foundation courses being delivered.

Staffing

We were successful in the stationing process and Revd Jane Wilson will be joining us in September 2022, with responsibilities for Bridport United Church and Uploders, together with mission across the Circuit, initially focussing on the Westham Hub. Mrs Jayne Newton started as the Community Support Worker for Westham, as we prepared to say goodbye to Janet Amey, who will be moving to Stockport in her role as Deacon.

Mrs Jacqui Trent was appointed Circuit Treasurer from September, and this forms part of her paid role. Safeguards have been put in place to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest.

Mission

We were able to support churches across the circuit with Mission and Buildings Resilience grants. These funded such things as new windows at Chickerell, support for a chapel café at Broadmayne and a monthly Dementia Café at Weymouth Bay.

5.1 People

Our three ministers have been able to get out and meet people face to face as the Covid pandemic became less serious. The lay team and Supernumeraries have supported the ministers throughout the year.



Revd John Yarrien



Revd Ruth Lownsborough



Revd Jane Wilson

5.2 Property.

5.3 All church premises are well used, providing a wide range of worship and activities in their respective communities. All quinquennials are up to date.

5.4 The circuit manses are well maintained. The Circuit has decided to look for a replacement property for Russell Avenue, which had been sold in 2021.

5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and worship leaders and those in training.

5.6 Safeguarding training has taken place in the circuit and there has been a concerted effort to bring all the required DBS checks and training up to date.

6. Financial Review

6.1 The circuit has accounts with Lloyds Bank plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Model Trust Funds with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

6.2 At 31 August 2023, the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £93953.20 excluding properties and the Model Trust Fund. (TMCP). The funds held at TMCP and available for use are £743088.78 (including a new bequest of £88662.12 giving total funds of £837041.98

6.3 The unrestricted funds are allocated as follows:-

General Fund	£67754.17
Mission Fund	£79335.08
Property Fund	£59902.55
Heritage Fund	£ 1851.70
Buildings Resilience Fund	£67754.17

Totalling £837041.98

6.4 The Circuit also owns freehold property valued by the trustees at £

6.5 Churches have been able to resume most of their pre-pandemic activities if still appropriate and new initiatives have been started. The mission fund was scaled back to £100,000.00 as there had not been a big take up. However, this is actively reviewed.

7. Grants Policy

The Circuit Meeting 9 March 2020 agreed to adopt the following Grants Policy. Each building-funding application should be prepared, and will be assessed, through consideration of the following:

1. How will your scheme increase Kingdom of God work in your community?
2. Is there any other building in your location that could fulfil the functions of your scheme as effectively? – church or secular.
3. Have you discussed your scheme with neighbouring churches of all denominations and with your local community?
4. Is your scheme compatible with the anticipated life of your church fellowship.
5. Have you thought of other ways of doing Kingdom of God work in your community without your building?

6. Without the upgrading and maintenance of your building to occupy you, what would be released in terms of your energy and finance to let God's Kingdom take flight in your community in new ways?
7. Are your premises a hindrance to mission rather than a basis for undertaking Kingdom of God work in your locality?

Applications have been made to both funds, Mission Fund and Buildings Resilience Fund, during the year.

8. Risk Management

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved budget on at least a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unseen calls on reserves.

9. Safeguarding

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

There are no distinctions regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/beliefs, pregnancy/maternity and gender reassignment; as a result, everyone has the right to protection from abuse and to be treated no less favourably than others, irrespective of any personal or protected characteristic.

The Dorset South and West Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice, training for lay and ordained people that will ensure everyone is 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 10 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.
- 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 repair fund reserves is £153855.75 giving the Circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year, including the maintenance of the manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the Circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property repair funds, £96090.00 being three months expenditure. The current levels could increase over the next three years with the employment of extra staff and setting assessments at a level to meet the needs of the Circuit. No payment holidays were given to churches in this financial year, and all assessments have been collected. It is intended to continue to increase church assessments so that the Circuit can balance its books over time. The increase for 2023-2024 was 10 %
- 10.7 The Model Trust Fund at £743089.00 is held as a reserve to cover major property expense and to expand mission work within the Circuit.

Dorset South and West Circuit

Notes to support accounts

1. These accounts are compliant to the FRS102 and FRS102 2015 SORP standards. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds, which are unrestricted, are held for any purpose of the Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Funds has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 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 accrual 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 31 August 2021, 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 less than £1000.00. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at £8,138,420.00 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be nil. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the residual fair value of the manse buildings and others, to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the end of the year 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 the NEST scheme for lay employees. Contributions are 6% for both employer and employee.

Accounts

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Dorset South and West	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022**

Southampton	District	Circuit no	26-Aug
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150182

If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Revd John Yarrien (Superintendent)
Revd Ruth Lownsborough
Revd Jane Wilson

Circuit Stewards:

Susan Bird (Senior Steward)
Margaret Sibley
Pamela Woodland
Ross Seagrave
Janice Young

Treasurer:

Jacqui Trent

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		115,196		115,196	164,379
a3	Capital receipts					299,575
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		100	2,107	2,207	3,423
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts		14,636		14,636	3,602
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		129,932	2,107	132,039 (a8)	470,979

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		147,225		147,225	124,829
b3	Manse Costs		27,902		27,902	26,778
b4	Administration etc		2,681		2,681	780
b5	District Assessment		55,425		55,425	35,052
b6	Grants & donations					3,457
b7	Westham & Tolpuddle		21,011		21,011	79,706
b8	Other payments		27,465	171,326	198,791	23,152
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		281,709	171,326	453,035 (b9)	293,754

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(151,777)	(169,219)	(320,996)	177,225
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		162,779	684,340	847,119 (c6)	669,894
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	11,002	515,121	526,123	847,119
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	11,002	515,121	526,123 (c8)	847,119 (c6)

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e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	132,039 (a8)	453,035 (b9)	(320,996)	(c7)	847,119 (c6)	526,123 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	132,039	453,035	(320,996)		847,119 (x)	526,123 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	26,290	3,345
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	136,490	7,657
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	684,339	515,121
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	847,119 (c6)	526,123 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	847,119 (x)	526,123 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3,168,068	8,138,420
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH + WEST No. 26/08

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer [Signature] Date 11-1-2023

Name and address of treasurer JACQUELINE TRELOT

47 WYKE RD. WEYMOUTH Post Code DT4 9QQ

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 ~~were~~/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 15/3/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting [Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting REVD JANE WILSON Date [Signature]

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

DORSET SOUTH + WEST Circuit

Charity Number 1150162

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the DORSET SOUTH + WEST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit'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 Circuit'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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit DORSET SOUTH & WEST No 26/08

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) 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.

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.

I ~~have~~/have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner Ben Elliot

Name of independent examiner Ben Elliot

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FMAAT

Name of firm (where appropriate) ELLIOT & CO LLP

Address 7 King Street

Weymouth

Dorset DT4 7BJ

Post Code

Date 11/01/2023

* delete or circle as appropriate

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The Methodist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
Dorset South and West Circuit
For the year 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022
Registered Charity: Registration Number 1150182

Southampton District Circuit No 26/8

Ministers	Revd John Yarrien	Superintendent Minister
	Revd Ruth Lownsborough	
	Revd Peter Clark	retired 30 September 2021
Circuit Stewards	Ms Sue Bird	Senior Steward
	Mrs Jacqui Trent	Circuit Treasurer
	Mr Ross Seagrave	
	Mrs Margaret Sibley	
	Mrs Pam Woodland	
	Mrs Janice Young	

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - Charities SORP FRS 102 effective 1 January 2015.

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit is a registered charity no 1150182. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under charity law to prepare separate accounts. The charity was formerly known as Bridport and Dorchester Circuit and the name was changed with the agreement of the Charity Commission with effect from 1 September 2018.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing trustees are appointed in accordance with SO510 of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 47 Wyke Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9QQ.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are Elliot & Co., 7 King Street, Weymouth, DT4 7BJ.
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Ariel House, 2138 Coventry Road, Sheldon, B26 3JW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister	Revd John Yarrien
Ministers	Revd Ruth Lownsborough
	Revd Peter Clark (retired 30 September 2021)

Lay staff

Circuit Administrators	Mrs Maria Jacobson
	Mrs Jacqui Trent
Outreach worker	Student Deacon Janet Amey
Community Outreach Worker Westham	Mrs Jayne Newton from 4 July 2022
Children and Families workers	Mrs Jenny Farmer
	Mr Peter Jenner

2. Structure and Governance

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 three times 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, the circuit stewards, the circuit administrators and other staff members as appropriate.

2.3 The Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting is held at least three times a year to consider the worshipping life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers and worship leaders.

2.4 The circuit meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed of Union, the advancement of (A) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (B) any charitable purposes 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 principal objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

3.3 The Circuit provides staff and preachers education and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship, spiritual development and pastoral care both to the 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 Our Calling priorities; 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 Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Our Mission Statement

The Circuit exists to share the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We do this through

- Our Churches – welcoming all, providing opportunities to explore and deepen faith, caring for one another in love and reaching out to others
- Our people – affirming and building on the gifts and skills of ordained and lay, paid staff and volunteers in a mixed economy of ministry which calls for collaboration and courage
- Our money – prioritising mission and outreach in the way we use the financial resources entrusted to us
- Our communities – working inclusively and, where appropriate, in partnership with other Churches, to enable the Kingdom of God to be experienced where people most need it.

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- In addition to the above, the following paragraphs recognise the emerging definition of "What is Mission?"

God is at the centre of all mission activities, and we seek to be guided and shaped by God's presence and Christ's example.

- **We** wish to encourage our congregations and communities to see a world where God is active, by sharing our human story and connecting that to God's story of Love.
- **We** seek to build relationships with the communities we serve.
- **We** will find ways to be intentionally inclusive and open for all people.
- **We** want to reach out to our communities with acts of service that meet people at the point of their need
- **Our** buildings need to be resilient, warm and welcoming, so that they can be places of community, mission and outreach.
- **We** intend to explore what the "shape of church" looks like, and seek to offer a "mixed economy" of both lay and ordained ministry, worship, discipleship and outreach.
- **We** hope to build mission teams who share a common interest / passion, and shape mission from there.

Approved by Circuit Meeting 9th March 2021

5. Achievements, performance and future

The Dorset South and West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 by an amalgamation of the former circuits of Bridport & Dorchester, Portland and Weymouth.

2021-2022: a review of the year



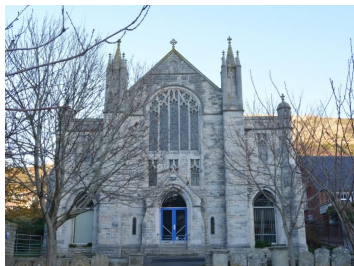
Westham Community Centre continued to be an important base for the Foodbank. We have been supported by a paid worker from Citizens Advice Bureau since April 2022 who has been able to help people attending the Foodbank, and others.

A mission group from Hope and Anchor Community Church in London, but comprising of young people from across the globe, stayed at the centre in August 2022 and as part of their stay completed redecorating and gardening work, which will be of huge benefit to users of the building.

Bridport United Church

During the course of the year Bridport United Church restarted its Messy Church project. This is a craft based expression of church aimed at children and families. The first session 17 children came along and it has grown since then. At the heart of each session is a theme (which the crafts are based upon), a story-time (exploring the theme) and then space to gather to eat together. It's wonderful see all the family coming together to play, explore and eat.

Safeguarding training has continued this year with Foundation courses being delivered.



Underhill Methodist Church closed for worship in December 2021 and a closing service was held in April 2022. The Circuit is still in discussions as to the future of the site, as it is large and complex and includes allotments, a car park and the Brackenbury Centre. The two churches at Wyke Regis and Broadway that had closed in the previous year are on the market. A buyer has been found for Wyke and there is a lot of interest in Broadway. The Circuit hopes to buy a property with the proceeds that would be used by clients of The Lantern Trust and managed by them, and form part of our mission in the area.



Tolpuddle Festival

We again welcomed the President (Revd Graham Thompson) and Vice President (Anthony Boateng) to the circuit for the annual Tolpuddle Festival in July. Both were amazed by the rich Methodist heritage explored in the Story of the Martyrs. It was a joy to walk with thousands from the Trade Union movement, to lay a wreath at the Martyrs grave, and then to worship in the Tolpuddle Chapel for the first time since 2019.



Staffing

We were successful in the stationing process and Revd Jane Wilson will be joining us in September 2022, with responsibilities for Bridport United Church and Uploders, together with mission across the Circuit, initially focussing on the Westham Hub. Mrs Jayne Newton started as the Community Support Worker for Westham, as we prepared to say goodbye to Janet Amey, who will be moving to Stockport in her role as Deacon.

Mrs Jacqui Trent was appointed Circuit Treasurer from September, and this forms part of her paid role. Safeguards have been put in place to ensure that there are no conflicts of interest.

Mission

We were able to support churches across the circuit with Mission and Buildings Resilience grants. These funded such things as new windows at Chickerell, support for a chapel café at Broadmayne and a monthly Dementia Café at Weymouth Bay.

5.1 People

Our two ministers have been able to get out and meet people face to face as the Covid pandemic became less serious. The lay team and Supernumeraries have supported the ministers throughout the year.



Revd John Yarrien



Revd Ruth Lownsborough

Ms Janet Amey completed her studies to become a Deacon in the Methodist church and will be stationed in Stockport, Greater Manchester from 1 September 2022. We were very sorry to see her go but wish her well in her new post. A fantastic farewell service was held in July to send her on her way.



Mrs Jayne Newton

Mrs Jayne Newton was appointed Community Outreach Worker for the Westham area. She was able to shadow Janet Amey before she left the circuit and has been carrying out listening exercises to discern what help is needed in the Westham area. Two projects have already been identified for autumn 2022.

5.2 Property.

5.3 All church premises are well used, providing a wide range of worship and activities in their respective communities. All quinquennials are up to date.

5.4 The circuit manses are well maintained. A decision still needs to be made as to whether we need to buy a replacement property for Russell Avenue, which had been sold in 2021.

5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and worship leaders and those in training.

5.6 Safeguarding training has taken place in the circuit and there has been a concerted effort to bring all the required DBS checks and training up to date.

6. Financial Review

6.1 The circuit has accounts with Lloyds Bank plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Model Trust Funds with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

6.2 At 31 August 2022, the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £11002.00 excluding properties and the Model Trust Fund. (TMCP). The funds held at TMCP and available for use are £515,121.00 giving total funds of £526,123.00

6.3 The unrestricted funds are allocated as follows:-

General Fund	£191926.00
Mission Fund	£187342.00
Property Fund	£65855.00
Heritage Fund	£ 2250.00

Buildings Resilience Fund £78750.00

Totalling £526,123.00

6.4 The Circuit also owns freehold property valued by the trustees at £8,138,420.00. The substantial increase is due to the Circuit taking over the oversight of Underhill, Broadwey and Wyke churches.

6.5 Churches have been able to resume most of their pre-pandemic activities if still appropriate and new initiatives have been started. The mission fund was increased to £200,000.00, enabling churches to apply for funding if required to get things off the ground.

By the end of the year, the pre-school at Broadwey had decided not to continue and they ended their licence on 31 July 2022. The opportunity was taken to put the property on the market and there has been a lot of interest. Informal tenders must be submitted by 8 September 2022.

7. Grants Policy

The Circuit Meeting 9 March 2020 agreed to adopt the following Grants Policy. Each building-funding application should be prepared, and will be assessed, through consideration of the following:

1. How will your scheme increase Kingdom of God work in your community?
2. Is there any other building in your location that could fulfil the functions of your scheme as effectively? – church or secular.
3. Have you discussed your scheme with neighbouring churches of all denominations and with your local community?
4. Is your scheme compatible with the anticipated life of your church fellowship.
5. Have you thought of other ways of doing Kingdom of God work in your community without your building?
6. Without the upgrading and maintenance of your building to occupy you, what would be released in terms of your energy and finance to let God's Kingdom take flight in your community in new ways?
7. Are your premises a hindrance to mission rather than a basis for undertaking Kingdom of God work in your locality?

The Circuit is continually re-evaluating its grant policies to put mission at the forefront of its work. During 2021-2022 the Mission Fund was increased to £200,000.00 and a new Buildings Resilience Fund was established for churches to access if building alterations would increase mission opportunities. Applications have been made to both funds during the year.

8. Risk Management

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved budget on at least a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unseen calls on reserves.

9. Safeguarding

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

There are no distinctions regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/beliefs, pregnancy/maternity and gender reassignment; as a result, everyone has the right to protection from abuse and to be treated no less favourably than others, irrespective of any personal or protected characteristic.

The Dorset South and West Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice, training for lay and ordained people that will ensure everyone is 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 11 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.

- 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 repair fund reserves is £191926.00 giving the Circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year, including the maintenance of the manses.
- 10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the Circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property repair funds, £70427.00 being three months expenditure. The current levels could increase over the next three years with the employment of extra staff and setting assessments at a level to meet the needs of the Circuit. During 2020/2021, it had been necessary to use some of the reserves to give churches an "assessment holiday" brought about by the closure of all places of worship due to the Coronavirus pandemic. A further quarter's payment holiday was also allowed in 2021-22, with the proviso that this would not be continued and that in future years we would be trying to balance the budget.
- 10.7 The Model Trust Fund at £515,121.00 is held as a reserve to cover major property expense and to expand mission work within the Circuit.

Dorset South and West Circuit

Notes to support accounts

1. These accounts are compliant to the FRS102 and FRS102 2015 SORP standards. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds, which are unrestricted, are held for any purpose of the Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Funds has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 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 accrual 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 31 August 2021, 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 less than £1000.00. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at £8,138,420.00 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be nil. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the residual fair value of the manse buildings and others, to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the end of the year 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 the NEST scheme for lay employees. Contributions are 6% for both employer and employee.

			Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8					
			Statement of Financial Affairs					
	Notes	General Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21		
Income and Endowments								
Donations and legacies						174		
Income from monetary investments		100	2107		2207	314		
Income from investment properties						3109		
Assessments on churches		115196			115196	164379		
Capital Receipts						299575		
Grants received						0		
Other charitable activities		14636			14636	3428		
Total from charitable activities								
Other Income						490979		
Total income and endowments		129932	2107		132039	941958		
Expenditure								
Grants and donations		784			784	3457		
Salaries and associated costs		141253			141253	124829		
Property maintenance		27902			27902	30086		
Telephone and travel		8669			8669	7126		
Professional fees		3898			3898	2820		
District assessment		44640			44640	35052		
Ministry and Mission		10785			10785	58158		
Connexional levy								
Contribution to District Advance Fund		42576			42576	21548		
office expenses		4733			4733	5854		
Westham and Tolpuddle		21011			21011			
other outgoings		18034		128750	146784	4824		
Total Charitable expenditure		324285		128750	453035	293754		
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses								
Gains(Losses) on monetary investments								
Gains(Losses) on investment properties								
Net Income(Expenditure)					-320996	177226		

	Notes	General Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21		
Transfers between funds								
Other gains/losses								
Net movement in funds					-320996	177226		
Total funds brought forward					847120	669894		
Total funds carried forward					526124	847120		
For information only; Money received and passed on to External organisations					2021-2022	2020-2021		
Balance brought forward from last year								
Offerings/Gifts received for External Organisations								
		Note 21			Nil	Nil		
Balance carried forward								

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8							
Balance Sheet at 31 August 2021							
	Notes	General Fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds restricted	Totals 2022	Totals 2021
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15						
Investment Properties							
Investments	16						
Total Fixed Assets							
Current Assets		3345				3345.00	26290
Debtors							
Expenditure							
Investments with TMCP			505538		9583	515121.00	684339
Central Finance Board Deposits				7657.00		7657.00	136491
Cash at Bank and in hand							
Total Current Assets	17					526123.00	847120
Current Liabilities							
Creditors (due under 1 year)							
Grants payable within 2021-22							
Total current liabilities	18						
Net current assets/liabilities							
Total assets less current liabilities							
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (unrestricted)		3345				3345.00	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (unrestricted)		515121				515121.00	
Designated Funds (unrestricted)		7657				7657.00	
Total Funds		526123				526123	

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8				
Cashflow Statement				
	Notes	2022 £	2021 £	
Net cashflow provided by operating activities	1	-320996	177226	
Cashflows from Investing Activities				
Cashflows from Financing Activities				
NET CASH FLOW		-320996	177226	
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		-320996	177226	
Cash and cash equivalent at the start of the year		847120	669894	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2	526123	847120	
NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022				
1 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities				
		2022 £	2021 £	
Net movement in funds for the year			177226	
Gain on investments				
(Increase)/decrease in debtors				
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors				
Net cash flow provided by operating activities		-320996	177226	
2 Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents				
		2022 £	2021 £	
Investments with TMCP		515121	684339	
Central Finance Board Deposits		7657	136491	
Cash and bank and in hand		3345	26290	
Total cash at bank and in hand		526123	847120	

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8					
	Unrestricted	Designated	Model Trust Fund	2022 Totals	2021 Totals
INCOME					
1-3 Assessments	115196			115196	164379
	115196			115196	164379
4. Donations and Legacies					
Donations					174
Legacies					
Total					174
5. Investment Income					
Central Finance Board	100			100	314
TMCP			2107	2107	3109
Total	100		2107	2207	3423
6. Charitable activities - other					
Contributions from churches (from old churches)	5904			5904	0
7. Other Income					
Other income { grant pastor appt, conf office support, rent Capitol close}					
Bookeeping					
Westham rent		5182		5182	3428
Westham other income		3454		3454	0
Tolpuddle collections and donations		93		93	
		8729		8729	3428
EXPENDITURE					
8. Salaries and Associated costs					
Stipends	108282			108282	
Lay Salaries	30834			30834	
National Insurance					
Pension costs					
Apprenticeship levy	359			359	
other staff costs	1778			1778	
Total	141253			141253	
Average number of staff employed during the year were				7	8
9. Telephone and travel					
Telephone and broadband, includes Zoom	2697			2697	
travel	5972			5972	
Total	8669			8669	

10 Property Maintenance					
Council Tax	6698			6698	
Water Rates					
Insurance	10411	2758		13169	
Repairs and Maintenance, includes Westham	9378	14388		23766	
Professional Fees	2406			2406	
Quinquennials	700			700	
Energy	1416	3865		5281	
Total	31009	21011		52020	
11. Expenditure					
Stationery and Print	3540			3540	
Postages					
Equipment	762			762	
Website and Plan (see broadband)				0	
Total	4302			4302	
12 Other Expenditure					
Use of Premises (energy)					
Rent (MMHS)					
Books (publications)	285			285	
Relocation allowance					
Removal expenses					
Preaching and travel	1925			1925	
Training					
Sundry Expenses	18034			18034	
Administration fees TMCP			1950	1950	
Other Resources					
Bank charges	144			144	
Other charges	792				
District Assessment	44640			44640	
URC Levy	10785			10785	
District Advance Fund	42576			42576	
Donations	784			784	
payment to Pension Fund	126800			126800	
General Mission		4833			
Total	246765	4833	1950	253548	
13 Payment to Trustees					
Trustees remuneration					

Several of the Circuit Staff are trustees of the Circuit. The ministers are paid stipends and travel expenses agreed annually by the Methodist Conference. The lay employees who are Trustees are paid in line with the principles of the Methodist Church's policy for payment of lay employees. The highest paid minister receives £28406 and the highest paid lay employee receives £11887 No one receives a salary or stipend in excess of £60,000.00.					
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0				
15 Tangible Fixed Assets					
The circuit now has two manses. Both are occupied by a Minister. The circuit also has responsibility for two properties in Bridport which are let, Tolpuddle chapel which is a heritage building and still used for worship and the former Westham Methodist Church which is closed for worship, but used for community lettings which cover all its costs. The circuit is also responsible for the upkeep of Wyke Regis, Broadwey and Underhill Methodist churches which have closed for worship. Broadwey and Wyke are for sale, and Underhill is under consideration.					
Cost or Valuation					Manses £
Balance brought forward				3114193	3061229
Additions (Broadwey, Wyke & Underhill)				5021452	
Revaluations (+/-)				2775	52964
Disposals (+/-)					
Expenditure					
Balance carried forward				8138420	3114193
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					
				2022	2021
				£	£
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					
Add: additions to investments at cost					
Less: disposals at carrying value					
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation					
Carrying (market) value at end of year				0	
17 Analysis of current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2021				
Prepaid assessments					10282
Accrued income					
Other debtors					
Total debtors and prepayments	0			0	0
<i>Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August</i>					
Analysis of cash at bank					
Bank balance held in Lloyds Bank plc				3345	26290
Bank balance held in CFB				7657	136491
Bank balance held in TMCP				515121	684339
Total cash at bank				526123	847120
18 Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors					
Trade creditors					
Deferrred Income					
Total current liabilities					
19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities					
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2020.					

20 Detailed analysis of individual fund movements					
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
General [for general purposes]	25883				191926
Designated:=					
Property [for manses and other property]	85228				63748
Mission	51670				187342
Model Trust Fund allocated to funds	684339				2108
Heritage Fund					2250
Property Reserve- Buildings Resilience Fund					78750
Totals	847120				526124
21. Donations to External organisations				2022	2021
				£	£
World Mission					
Mission in Britain					
Methodist Ministers Housing					
Total				Nil	Nil

Accounts

The Methodist Church
Annual Report and Accounts
Dorset South and West Circuit
For the year 1 September 2020 to 31 August 2021
Registered Charity: Registration Number 1150182

Southampton District Circuit No 26/8

Ministers	Revd John Yarrien Revd Ruth Lownsbrough Revd Peter Clark	Superintendent Minister
Circuit Stewards	Ms Sue Bird Mrs Alison Cocks Mr Denys Hood Mr Ross Seagrave Mrs Margaret Sibley Mrs Pam Woodland	Senior Steward Circuit Treasurer

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with Accounting Reporting by Charities; Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland - Charities SORP FRS 102 effective 1 January 2015.

1. Administrative Details

- 1.1 Dorset South and West Methodist Circuit is a registered charity no 1150182. The Circuit is a separate legal entity within the Methodist Church and is required under charity law to prepare separate accounts. The charity was formerly known as Bridport and Dorchester Circuit and the name was changed with the agreement of the Charity Commission with effect from 1 September 2018.
- 1.2 The members of the Circuit Meeting are the managing trustees of the Circuit. Managing trustees are appointed in accordance with SO510 of the Constitution and Discipline of the Methodist Church.
- 1.3 The Circuit Meeting comprises all ordained ministers, circuit stewards and other officers and representatives from all churches within the Circuit. A full list of trustees is shown in Appendix A.
- 1.4 Custodian Trustees are the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester, M1 1JQ.
- 1.5 The Circuit's registered address is 47 Wyke Road Weymouth Dorset DT4 9QQ.
- 1.6 The Circuit's independent examiners are VATAX Accounting Ltd, 18 Marsden Street, Poundbury, Dorchester, Dorset, DT1 3DH.
- 1.7 The Circuit's bankers are Lloyds Bank plc, Ariel House, 2138 Coventry Road, Sheldon, B26 3JW and the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church, 9 Bonhill Street, London, EC2A 4PE.
- 1.8 The Circuit engages advisers for legal affairs and property services as required.

1.9 Current Staff

Superintendent Minister	Revd John Yarrien
Ministers	Revd Ruth Lownsborough
	Revd Peter Clark
Lay staff	
Circuit Administrators	Mrs Maria Jacobson
	Mrs Jacqui Trent
Outreach worker	Student Deacon Janet Amey
Children and Families workers	Mrs Jenny Farmer
	Mr Peter Jenner

2. Structure and Governance

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 three times 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, the circuit stewards, the circuit administrators and other staff members as appropriate.

2.3 The Local Preachers and Worship Leaders meeting is held at least three times a year to consider the worshipping life of the church and consists of all ordained ministers, local preachers and worship leaders.

2.4 The circuit meeting may also set up other groups and committees to deal with specific tasks that may arise.

3. Objectives and Activities

3.1 The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of the Deed of Union, the advancement of (A) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (B) any charitable purposes 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 principal objectives and activities are to enable its churches to work towards their vision of deepening their Christian faith to reach out to others by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

3.3 The Circuit provides staff and preachers education and pastoral oversight which enables the local churches to provide Christian worship, spiritual development and pastoral care both to the 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 Our Calling priorities; 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 Commission general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the Charity's aims and objectives.

4. Our Mission Statement

The Circuit exists to share the love of God made known to us in Jesus Christ through the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

We do this through

- Our Churches – welcoming all, providing opportunities to explore and deepen faith, caring for one another in love and reaching out to others
- Our people – affirming and building on the gifts and skills of ordained and lay, paid staff and volunteers in a mixed economy of ministry which calls for collaboration and courage
- Our money – prioritising mission and outreach in the way we use the financial resources entrusted to us
- Our communities – working inclusively and, where appropriate, in partnership with other Churches, to enable the Kingdom of God to be experienced where people most need it.

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- In addition to the above, the following paragraphs recognise the emerging definition of "What is Mission?"

God is at the centre of all mission activities, and we seek to be guided and shaped by God's presence and Christ's example.

- **We** wish to encourage our congregations and communities to see a world where God is active, by sharing our human story and connecting that to God's story of Love.
- **We** seek to build relationships with the communities we serve.
- **We** will find ways to be intentionally inclusive and open for all people.
- **We** want to reach out to our communities with acts of service that meet people at the point of their need
- **Our** buildings need to be resilient, warm and welcoming, so that they can be places of community, mission and outreach.
- **We** intend to explore what the "shape of church" looks like, and seek to offer a "mixed economy" of both lay and ordained ministry, worship, discipleship and outreach.
- **We** hope to build mission teams who share a common interest / passion, and shape mission from there.

Approved by Circuit Meeting 9th March 2021

5. Achievements, performance and future

The Dorset South and West Circuit was formed on 1 September 2018 by an amalgamation of the former circuits of Bridport & Dorchester, Portland and Weymouth.

2020-2021: a review of the year

Inspired by the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic alternative forms of worship were used across the year to enable and encourage people to join us. This involved in person, Zoom, video and written services made available to as wide a congregation as possible. We were able to reach the housebound, who have been on the margins before and helped keep a link with those people wary of venturing out due to health concerns.



In October 2020 we joined forces with Weymouth Foodbank, to open a satellite branch at Westham Mission Hub. Whilst Westham is no longer a worshipping community, the building is used for a wide range of community groups, and over the year we have been able to build on the success of the Foodbank to forge links with The Nest, a social supermarket, Westham Support Fund, a local charity, and Citizens Advice Bureau who have been offering Foodbank clients a telephone referral service.

During the year a significant amount of work was done to consolidate the Safeguarding records and bring training and DBS checks up to date across the Circuit.

Work was carried out on the two occupied manses in Dorchester and on Portland as a result of recommendations from the Quinquennials and the District Manse Officer. The old manse in Russell Avenue, Weymouth was sold, which has increased our reserves. No decision has yet been made whether to replace this manse.

A resources, resilience and mission plan was agreed by the Circuit Meeting to draw together the key policies and plans of the Circuit, which has helped us to plan for a strong and mission focused future as we emerge from Covid-19.

Both the Wyke Regis and Broadway churches closed in this year, with Underhill going through the process to cease to worship, although that had not been concluded by the end of the year. During the coming year the Circuit Meeting will be evaluating whether it uses these

church sites for future mission or whether it would be prudent to dispose of the sites to bolster its emerging mission hub at Westham, Weymouth.

Revd Peter Clark will retire from the Circuit at the end of September 2021 and conversations have started about entering the stationing process for a replacement. A final decision will be made at the September 2021 Circuit Meeting.

The Circuit appointed Chris Warren to be our Chaplaincy Co-ordinator.

The Circuit Finance Officer role was created, and it is likely that this will be expanded to include Treasurer's duties from September 2021.

We were able to support Chickerell church with a financial grant to install a new kitchen which helps the Pre school meet the exacting Ofsted standards and therefore keeps the letting income flowing for Chickerell.

At the end of the year we said goodbye to two longstanding officers of the Circuit: Mrs Alison Cocks who had acted most recently as Senior Circuit Steward, and Mr Deny Hood, our treasurer, who had been in post for some years. We thank them for all their hard work and hope that they can enjoy a good rest now.

5.1 People Our new Superintendent, Revd John Yarrien, and a new Presbyter, Revd Ruth Lownsborough joined us on the 1 September 2020, to make up the ministerial team together with Revd Peter Clark, the URC minister in Bridport. It has been a very difficult year to get to know people, as so much communication had to be done via email or Zoom, but John and Ruth have made incredible strides towards integrating themselves into the Circuit. As things opened up throughout the year, communication became easier, but people were still wary to meet in person. The lay team and Supernumeraries have supported the ministers throughout the year.



5.2 Property.

5.3 All church premises are well used, providing a wide range of worship and activities in their respective communities. All quinquennials are up to date.

5.4 The circuit manses are well maintained. The empty manse at Russell Avenue was sold during the year, as it needed so much work to bring it up to standard. Conversations are ongoing as to whether it will be replaced.

5.5 The circuit continues to benefit from the work of the local preachers and worship leaders and those in training.

5.6 Safeguarding training has taken place in the circuit and there has been a concerted effort to bring all the required DBS checks and training up to date.

6. Financial Review

6.1 The circuit has accounts with Lloyds Bank plc, Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and Model Trust Funds with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP).

6.2 At 31 August 2021, the unrestricted funds of the Circuit totalled £162781 excluding properties and the Model Trust Fund. (TMCP). The funds held at TMCP and available for use are £684340, giving total funds of £847121.00

6.3 The unrestricted funds are allocated as follows:-

General Fund	£723575.00
Mission Fund	£51670.00
Property Fund	£69576.00
Heritage Fund	£ 2300.00

Totalling £847122.00

6.4 The Circuit also owns freehold property valued by the trustees at £3,168,068.00

6.5 Churches gradually restarted their activities, and some lettings and fund raising events returned to our buildings, although it was very slow. Church treasurers were still very concerned as to how they would be able to meet their assessments and so the Circuit again allowed a payment holiday for the August 2021 quarter, with the proviso that this was not to be seen as a regular occurrence. By the end of the financial year church treasurers were feeling a little easier about the situation as activities were again on the rise. The Circuit is in a very fortunate position that it currently has the funds to support the churches, but going forward it would prefer to concentrate on mission opportunities led by the Circuit and the individual churches, rather than to prop up ailing congregations. To that end a proposal is to be put to the September Circuit Meeting to increase the mission fund to £200,000.00 and to actively seek mission opportunities that can be supported with that money.

During 2020-2021 both the Wyke Regis and Broadway Methodist churches ceased to worship and by the end of the year plans were being put together to sell Wyke Regis church and to consider the future of the Broadway building as it is currently the home of Smarties Pre-School.

7. Grants Policy

The Circuit Meeting 9 March 2020 agreed to adopt the following Grants Policy. Each building-funding application should be prepared, and will be assessed, through consideration of the following:

1. How will your scheme increase Kingdom of God work in your community?
2. Is there any other building in your location that could fulfil the functions of your scheme as effectively? – church or secular.
3. Have you discussed your scheme with neighbouring churches of all denominations and with your local community?
4. Is your scheme compatible with the anticipated life of your church fellowship.
5. Have you thought of other ways of doing Kingdom of God work in your community without your building?
6. Without the upgrading and maintenance of your building to occupy you, what would be released in terms of your energy and finance to let God's Kingdom take flight in your community in new ways?

7. Are your premises a hindrance to mission rather than a basis for undertaking Kingdom of God work in your locality?

The Circuit is continually re-evaluating its grant policies to put mission at the forefront of its work and a further proposal will be put to the September Circuit Meeting as outline in 6.5 above.

8. Risk Management

Income and expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved budget on at least a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unseen calls on reserves.

9. Safeguarding

It is the Methodist Church's intention to value every human being as part of God's creation and the whole people of God. At the heart of the Methodist community is a deep sense of the place of welcome, hospitality and openness, which demonstrates the nature of God's grace and love for all.

Our church communities are called to be places where the transformational love of God is embodied and life in all its fullness is a gift, which is offered to all people.

There are no distinctions regardless of gender, race, disability, sexual orientation, religion/beliefs, pregnancy/maternity and gender reassignment; as a result, everyone has the right to protection from abuse and to be treated no less favourably than others, irrespective of any personal or protected characteristic.

The Dorset South and West Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches. The Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice, training for lay and ordained people that will ensure everyone is 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 11 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.

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 repair fund reserves is £69576.00 giving the Circuit ample funds to meet commitments over the coming year, including the maintenance of the manses.

10.6 Taking into consideration all the above factors the Circuit needs to hold in the combined general and property repair funds, £73450.00 being three months expenditure. The current levels could increase over the next three years with the employment of extra staff and setting assessments at a level to meet the needs of the Circuit. During 2020/2021, it was necessary to use some of the reserves to give churches an "assessment holiday" brought about by the closure of all places of worship due to the Coronavirus pandemic.

10.7 The Model Trust Fund at £684340.21 is held as a reserve to cover major property expense and to expand mission work within the Circuit.

Dorset South and West Circuit

Notes to support accounts

1. These accounts are compliant to the FRS102 and FRS102 2015 SORP standards. The accounts have been prepared in accordance with applicable charity law in England, this being the Charities Act 2011 and SI 2008/629 (Charities Accounting and Reporting Regulations).

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds, which are unrestricted, are held for any purpose of the Circuit. The Circuit Model Trust Funds has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. 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 accrual 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 31 August 2021, 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 less than £1000.00. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at £3,114,193 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be nil. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the trustees consider the residual fair value of the manse buildings and others, to be not less than its market value. Any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the end of the year 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 the NEST scheme for lay employees. Contributions are 6% for both employer and employee.

			Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8					
			Statement of Financial Affairs					
	Notes	General Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20		
Income and Endowments								
Donations and legacies		174				326		
Income from monetary investments			314			5427		
Income from investment properties			3109			25097		
Assessments on churches		164379				159038		
Capital Receipts		299575						
Grants received						10000		
Other charitable activities		3428				0		
Total from charitable activities								
Other Income						4102		
Total income and endowments		467556	3423	0	470979	203990		
Expenditure								
Grants and donations		3457				8360		
Salaries and associated costs		124829				157760		
Property maintenance		30086				39557		
Telephone and travel		7126				9422		
Professional fees		2820						
District assessment		35052				40924		
Ministry and Mission		58158						
Connexional levy								
Contribution to District Advance Fund		21548						
office expenses		5854				4586		
other outgoings		4824				61013		
Total Charitable expenditure		293754		0	293754	317375		
Net income/(expenditure) before other gains and losses					177226			
Gains(Losses) on monetary investments								
Gains(Losses) on investment properties								
Net Income(Expenditure)					177226			
Transfers between funds								
Other gains/losses								

	Notes	General Unrestricted	Designated Funds Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Unrestricted	Total 2020-21	Total 2019-20		
Net movement in funds					177226	-113384		
Total funds brought forward					669894	783278		
Total funds carried forward					847120	669894		
For information only; Money received and passed on to External organisations					2020-2021	2019-2020		
Balance brought forward from last year								
Offerings/Gifts received for External Organisations								
		Note 21			Nil	Nil		
Balance carried forward								

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8							
Balance Sheet at 31 August 2021							
	Notes	General Fund (unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds restricted	Totals 2021	Totals 2020
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15						3114193
Investment Properties							
Investments	16						
Total Fixed Assets							3114193
Current Assets		26290				26290.00	
Debtors							
Expenditure							
Investments with TMCP			674114		10225	684339.00	403984
Central Finance Board Deposits				136491.00		136491.00	247324
Cash at Bank and in hand							18587
Total Current Assets	17					847120.00	669895
Current Liabilities							
Creditors (due under 1 year)							
Grants payable within 2020-21							
Total current liabilities	18						
Net current assets/liabilities							669895
Total assets less current liabilities							3984088
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (unrestricted)		26290				26290.00	117990
Circuit Model Trust Fund (unrestricted)			674114			674114.00	403984
Designated Funds (unrestricted)				136491.00	10225	146716.00	147921
Total Funds		26290	674114	136491.00	10225	847120.00	669895

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8				
Cashflow Statement				
	Notes	2021 £	2020 £	
Net cashflow provided by operating activities	1	177226	-113384	
Cashflows from Investing Activities				
Cashflows from Financing Activities				
NET CASH FLOW		177226	-113384	
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the year		177226	-113384	
Cash and cash equivalent at the start of the year		669894	783278	
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	2	847120	669894	
NOTES TO THE CASHFLOW STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021				
1 Reconciliation of net expenditure to net cash flow from operating activities				
		2021 £	2020 £	
Net movement in funds for the year		177226	267271	
Gain on investments				
(Increase)/decrease in debtors				
(Decrease)/ increase in creditors				
Net cash flow provided by operating activities		177226	267271	
2 Analysis of Cash and Cash Equivalents				
		2020 £	2020 £	
Investments with TMCP		684339	427507	
Central Finance Board Deposits		136491	307657	
Cash and bank and in hand		26290	51114	
Total cash at bank and in hand		847120	786278	

Dorset South and West Circuit 26/8					
			Model Trust	2021	2020
INCOME	Unrestricted	Designated	Fund	Total	Total
1-3 Assessments	164379			164379	159038
	164379			164379	159038
4. Donations and Legacies					
Donations		174		174	326
Legacies					
Total		174		174	326
5. Investment Income					
Central Finance Board	314			314	2013
TMCP			3109	3109	3569
Total	314		3109	3423	5582
6. Charitable activities - other					
Contributions from churches					
7. Other Income					
Other income { grant pastor appt, conf office support, rent Capitol close}					26752
Bookeeping					
Westham rent		3428		3428	6440
4 Russell Avenue rent				0	6007
		3428		3428	39199
EXPENDITURE					
8. Salaries and Associated costs					
Stipends	124829				96829
Lay Salaries					58191
National Insurance					
Pension costs					
Apprenticeship levy				0	483
other staff costs				0	0
Total	124829			124829	157760
Average number of staff employed during the year were					8
9. Telephone and travel					
Telephone and broadband, includes Zoom	3105				2072
travel	4021				7350
Total	7126			7126	9422
10 Property Maintenance					

Council Tax	10515				7713
Water Rates					
Insurance	5241				3965
Repairs and Maintenance, includes Westham	11022				26707
Professional Fees	3516				0
Quinquennials	2518				650
Energy		3308			522
Total	32812	3308		36120	39557
11. Expenditure					
Stationery and Print	3249				1265
Postages					2024
Equipment	772				847
Website and Plan					450
Total	4021			4021	4586
12 Other Expenditure					
Use of Premises (energy)					522
Rent (MMHS)					0
Books	1053			1053	217
Relocation allowance					1200
Removal expenses					6030
Preaching and travel	850			850	1875
Training					0
Sundry Expenses	640			640	393
Administration fees	780			780	0
Other Resources					10282
Bank charges	120			120	120
Other charges					5432
District Assessment	35052			35052	35052
URC Levy	58158			58158	58158
District Advance Fund	21548			21548	21548
Donations	457			457	457
Grant to Dan Jacobson	0			0	3000
Total	118658		0	118658	144286
13 Payment to Trustees					
Trustees remuneration					

Several of the Circuit Staff are trustees of the Circuit. The ministers are paid stipends and travel expenses agreed annually by the Methodist Conference. The lay employees who are Trustees are paid in line with the principles of the Methodist Church's policy for payment of lay employees. The highest paid minister receives £28406 and the highest paid lay employee receives £11700 No one receives a salary or stipend in excess of £60,000.00.					
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	0				
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Analysis of investment movements					
				2021	2020
				£	£
Investments held in common investment funds					783278
Securities not listed on a recognised Stock Exchange					
Other Investments					
Total				0	783278
Change in investment values					
Carrying (market) value at beginning of year					774483
Add: additions to investments at cost					9000
Less: disposals at carrying value					
Net gain/(loss) on revaluation					
Carrying (market) value at end of year				0	783483
17 Analysis of current assets					
Debtors and prepayments	2021				
Prepaid assessments					10282
Accrued income					
Other debtors					
Total debtors and prepayments	0			0	0
<i>Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August</i>					
Analysis of cash at bank					
Bank balance held in Lloyds Bank plc	26290				18587
Bank balance held in CFB	136491				247323
Bank balance held in TMCP	684339				403985
Total cash at bank	847120				669895
18 Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors					
Trade creditors					
Deferred Income					
Total current liabilities					
19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities					
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31 August 2020.					
20 Detailed analysis of individual fund movements					
Unrestricted Funds					
Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balar	Income	Expenditure	Transfers	Closing balance
General [for general purposes]	117990		-92107		25883

Designated: =					
Property [for manses and other property]	96250		-11022		85228
Mission	51670				51670
Model Trust Fund	403984	280355			684339
Property Reserve					
Totals	669894				847120
21. Donations to External organisations				2021	2020
				£	£
World Mission					
Mission in Britain					
Methodist Ministers Housing					
Total				Nil	Nil

Appendix A

Trustees of Dorset South and West Circuit Meeting at 31 August 2021

Ministers

Revd John Yarrien	Superintendent
Revd Ruth Lownsborough	
Revd Peter Clark	

Supernumerary Minister

Rev David Bumphrey
Revd Charles Crane
Revd Stephanie Jenner
Revd Glanville Magor
Revd Gwyneth Owen
Revd Jean Quick
Revd David Reep
Revd Barrie Snook
Revd John Walker

Lay Workers

Mrs Maria Jacobson	Circuit Administrator
Mrs Jacqui Trent	Circuit Administrator
Ms Janet Amey	Community outreach worker
Mrs Jenny Farmer	Children and Families worker
Mr Peter Jenner	Children and Families worker/Chapel café

Circuit Stewards

Ms Sue Bird	Property
Mrs Alison Cocks	Senior Steward/Property
Mr Denys Hood	Treasurer
Mr Ross Seagrave	Property
Mrs Margaret Sibley	
Mrs Pam Woodland	

Circuit Meeting Secretary

Mrs Jacqui Trent

Circuit Local Preachers Secretary

Ms Gill Bumphrey

Methodist Women in Britain representatives

Mrs Christine Hatton

Action for Children

Mrs Diana Leeming

Safeguarding Officers

Mrs Janice Young
Mrs Linda Scott
Mrs Diana Leeming

Home Missions

Margaret Huddy

Westham Management Group

Ms Janet Amey

Friends of Tolpuddle

Revd John Walker

Circuit Church Representatives**Bere Heath**

Jacqueline Morgan

Kate Clarke

Bridport United Church

Sue Herman

Peter Kershaw

Susan Clark

Broadmayne

Margaret Eaglestone

Robin Powell

Broadwey

Lynda Dare

Chickerell

Susan Nicklin

Tim Wells

United Church Dorchester

John Parson
Colin Gannaway
Tony Boyden
John Hilton

Easton

Paula Brown
Heather Jarvis

Lanehouse

Cathrin Dunford
Vicky Seagrave

Portesham

Joe Fairbairn
Clive Stokes

Underhill

Tess Evans
Wendy Corn

Uploders

None

Weymouth Bay

Mary Gracie
Jacqui Trent

David Evans
Jackie Chevis
Chris Evans

Wyke Regis
none

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

DORSET SOUTH & WEST

Circuit

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2021

SOUTHAMPTON

District

Circuit no

26 08

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1150182

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

REV. JOHN HARRIEN

REV. RUTH LOWNSBROUGH

REV. P. CLARK URC.

Circuit Stewards:

ALISON COCKS

SUE IBAD

MARGARET SIBLEY

PAMELA WOODLAND

ROSS SEARAVE

Treasurer:

DENYS HOOD

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds £	Circuit Model Trust Fund £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note					
a2	Assessment/Share		164379			164379	159038
a3	Capital receipts			299575		299575	
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		314	3109		3423	5582
a5	Grants						10,000
a6	Other receipts		3602			3602	29371
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		168295	302684		470979 (a8)	203991

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		124829			124829	167833
b3	Manse Costs		26778			26778	32,396
b4	Administration etc			780		780	849
b5	District Assessment		35052			35052	40924
b6	Grants & donations		3457			3457	8360
b7	DRC LEVY: DISTRICT ADVANCE		58158	21548		79706	
b8	Other payments		23752			23752	61013
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		271426	22328		293754 (b9)	317375

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(103131)	280256		177225	(113388)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		265910	407784		669,894 (c6)	783278
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	162779	684340		847119	669894
c4	Transfers and adjustments						
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	162779	684340		847119 (c8)	669894 (c6)

SECTION D							
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations						
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations						
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)						

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)				(e11)	(e12)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT			(c7)	(c6)	(c8)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward					
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18587	26290
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	247323	136490
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	403864	684339
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	669894 (c6)	847119 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	- (e11)	- (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	669894 (x)	847119 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	3114193	3168068
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiners Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below)

1. Which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - To keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act have not been met; or
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.
3. I ~~have~~ have not obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) or held in other trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church (CFB), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name B J Shimmen

Company authority stamp

Signature

Relevant Professional qualification or body

a.a.t.

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Date 11th November 2021

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