

BRADFORD SOUTH METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1157285

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2014-06-03

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: The Circuit has 7 churches and employs and supports 2 full time Presbyters and 1 part time Deacon who share their pastoral care, The Circuit supports work in the local churches and St Arnolds (a chaplaincy role in the centre of Bradford). 1 Circuit Manager supporting the churches.

Classification

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

Geography

- Bradford City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£226,688	£384,200	-	-
2023-08-31	£60,093	£486,589	£671,736	2
2022-08-31	£471,980	£431,531	-	-
2021-08-31	£820,751	£462,644	£1,651,872	6
2020-08-31	£187,990	£258,688	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev GRAEME MATTHEW DUTTON	Chair	2013-09-17
BEVERLEY TAYLOR HARDY		2009-09-18
Brian Charles Jennings		2023-07-06
CHRISTINE PEACOCK		2009-09-18
DAVID DONLON		2009-09-18
DENNIS WATSON		2009-09-18
Deacon Joy Anne Sykes		2024-03-21
Derek Marshall		2021-03-18
ELIZABETH ANN SMITH		2009-09-18
GEOFFREY DAVID TWENTYMAN		2009-09-18
GRAHAM PHILLIP ATKINS		2011-03-17
Gianfranco Gonzalez		2023-09-14
HELEN CATHERINE BOOCOCK		2009-09-18
JENNIFER MARY HARDY		2019-03-15
JOYCE ENID MCGUFFIE		2025-03-19
Jean Sheard		2022-06-21
John Kenneth Andrew		2022-12-12
John Richard Walsh		2019-03-15
Joy Suzanne Rainbow		2022-09-15
LOUISA HILDA JEAN-PIERRE		2013-03-20
Lynda McLindon		2018-03-15
MARY TWENTYMAN		2009-09-18
MICHAEL TOMLINSON		2013-03-20
Margaret Mary Wainwright		2023-09-14
Michael Bastow		2015-09-16
RICHARD IAN SHEARD		2009-09-18
Rev Andrew Stead		2023-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Philip Nigel Drake		2022-09-01
SUZANNE OLIVE ALLSOP		2014-03-25
SYLVIA JEAN BOOCOCK		2009-09-18
Susan Jennifer Andrew		2023-09-14
TERESA MARY LUNN		2010-03-11
VALERIE WALTON		2023-09-14

Accounts

Bradford South Methodist Church Annual Report 2023-2024

Structure

The Bradford South Circuit consists of 7 active churches.

6 of these meet regularly for worship in their own buildings.

Aldersgate - Cleckheaton Rd, Low Moor

Clayton - Clayton Lane, Clayton

Ebenezer - Rooley Lane, Bierley

Horton Bank - 891 Great Horton Road, Horton Bank Top

Wibsey - School Lane, Wibsey

Wyke - Laverack Field, Wyke

St Arnold's meets across a number venues in Bradford City Centre including The Peacock Bar and Boar & Fable on North Parade, and Lefteris Cafe on Tyrell Street.

The Circuit is staffed by 3 full time Presbyters and a half time Deacon

Rev Graeme Dutton - Superintendent

Rev Albert Gayle

Rev Andrew Stead

Deacon Joy Sykes

These Ministers are supported in their work by a Circuit Leadership Team.

Managing trustee decisions are made by members of the Circuit Meeting, who are elected as reps to that meeting from each local church.

The Circuit currently has two church properties on the market for sale.

Cornerstone - Great Horton Road

Southfield Lane - Little Horton Lane

A former caretakers cottage - Chapel Lane, Clayton Heights, is rented out.

Aims And Objectives

The Bradford South Circuit seeks to provide opportunities for Methodist worship and discipleship across the areas of South Bradford.

Objectives and Activities

The Bradford South Circuit seeks to provide opportunities for Methodist worship and discipleship across the areas of South Bradford.

When planning our activities, the Circuit has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit, and in particular the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. Our services and worship put faith into practice through prayer and scripture, music and sacrament. We try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our parish family, through:

- *Worship and prayer: learning about the Gospel, and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus;*
- *Provision of pastoral care for people living in our city; and*
- *Mission and outreach work.*

Achievements and Performance

The Circuit is keen to offer a range of services, not only on Sundays, but also during the week, that our community will find both beneficial and spiritually fulfilling. For example, Friday morning services of Holy Communion provide a traditional form of service, Pray First, at a local cafe, on Wednesday morning shares in the Northumbria Community Liturgy for morning prayer, we hold monthly Beer and Hymn services at The Peacock bar, a Sup and Sing event in the public bar of a member's club and a number of reflective evening Circuit services alongside regular more traditional worship services each Sunday morning in all our church buildings.

Parade services are also held at a number of our churches where uniform organisations and their families are invited to take part in worship. There are a number of Scouts, Guides, Cubs, Beavers, Rainbows and Squirrels groups who use our church buildings as a base for their activities.

Each year, on every night during Holy Week we hold services across different church venues where we encourage those leading to be as experimental with liturgy, music and form as they wish.

A number of our churches host, well attended, 'Warm Spaces'. These spaces provide heated venues that serve hot drinks and food. Those who attend these spaces, both as church members and from the wider public, greatly value what they offer.

The ministers of the Circuit ensure that pastoral services such as weddings, baptisms and funerals are available for all members of the community.

Ministers and volunteers also support the work of local schools with regular leading of collective worship and participation in other school and community church services such as pupil leaving ceremonies, Christmas events and Remembrance services.

Involvement in these types of services is not just limited to schools work. Ministers and volunteers are regularly involved in worship and events amongst our various local communities at key festival and social moments throughout the year.

Safeguarding

All those involved in senior leadership including our ministers, Circuit Leadership Team, Circuit and Church Stewards, Youth and Children's Workers and Safeguarding leads are required to undertake the advanced module of the Methodist Church 'Creating Safer Space' training.

Others involved in pastoral work and local church leadership are required to undertake the foundation module of the same training.

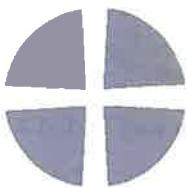
DBS checks are required for certain roles as part of our dedication to the Methodist Church process of 'Safer Recruitment'.

The Methodist Church seeks to foster a 'Culture of Safeguarding' within the church. This is something that is taken very seriously by the Bradford South Circuit.

Volunteers

The Bradford South Circuit would like to thank all the volunteers who work so tirelessly to make our Circuit a lively and vibrant community. Our especial thanks go to all the members of our Circuit Leadership Team.

We recognise that we ask a great deal of our volunteers, giving them a great deal of responsibility. We are so grateful for their dedication to living out their roles and faith amongst this Circuit.



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2023-24**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Andrew Stead
Rev Joy Sykes

Circuit Stewards

Teresa Lunn
Derek Marshall
Jean Sheard
Richard Sheard
Richard Walsh

Circuit Treasurer

John Andrew

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	15,568	-	-	-	-	15,568	5,900
4 Assessments on Churches	5	97,367	-	-	-	-	97,367	117,494
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	56,211	57,503	-	-	40	113,754	476,689
8 Total income		169,146	57,503	-	-	40	226,688	600,083
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	147,741	-	-	-	-	147,741	139,077
11 Property maintenance	9	40,860	21,881	-	-	-	62,741	31,716
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	45,656	-	-	-	-	45,656	44,540
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	29,084	-	-	-	-	29,084	26,931
16 Other outgoings	12	13,580	76,007	-	-	2	89,590	238,624
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	9,389	-	-	-	9,389	1,701
17 Total charitable expenditure		276,921	107,277	-	-	2	384,200	486,589
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	13,144	-	-	-	13,144	28,693
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-	107,775	36,630	-	-	38	144,367	142,187
21 Transfers between funds	-	235,146	235,180	-	-	34	0	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds	-	342,921	198,550	-	-	3	144,367	142,187
24 Total funds brought forward		1,595,986	237,772	-	-	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
25 Total funds carried forward		1,253,065	436,322	-	-	754	1,690,142	1,834,509

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	915,728					915,728	1,150,908
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728	1,150,908
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	8,958					8,958	10,296
Loans by the Circuit		4,432					4,432	5,716
Investments with TMCP			436,322			754	437,076	238,523
Central Finance Board Deposits		322,863					322,863	423,959
Cash at Bank and in hand		13,169					13,169	17,095
Total current assets		349,422	436,322	0	0	754	786,498	695,590
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	12,085					12,085	11,989
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	
Total current liabilities		12,085	0	0	0	0	12,085	11,989
Net current assets/liabilities		337,337	436,322	0	0	754	774,413	683,601
Total assets less current liabilities		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,253,065					1,253,065	1,595,986
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			436,322				436,322	237,772
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,689,387	1,833,758
Restricted Funds					0		0	0
Endowment Funds						754	754	751
Total Funds		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	15,568	-	-	-	15,568	5,900
Total	15,568	-	-	-	15,568	5,900

5. Assessments on Churches

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assessments	97,367	-	-	-	97,367	117,494
Total	97,367	-	-	-	97,367	117,494

6. Other Charitable Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest	18,943	15,165	-	40	34,148	25,026
Benevolence	195	-	-	-	195	160
Other Income	608	-	-	-	608	843
Sale of Thornbury Methodist Church	-	-	-	-	-	399,975
Cornerstone	24,544	-	-	-	24,544	5,600
Thornbury Church	-	-	-	-	-	20,251
3Generate	240	-	-	-	240	760
St Arnolds	4,030	-	-	-	4,030	3,675
5 Falls Approach	-	-	-	-	-	20,400
Leeds City Centre Mission	6,251	-	-	-	6,251	-
Sinton Disbursements	400	-	-	-	400	-
Waddington Turner Wall	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Pension Reserve Fund Refund	-	42,338	-	-	42,338	-
Total	56,211	57,503	-	40	113,754	476,690

7. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Touchstone Grant	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Total	-	-	-	-	-	4,000

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	109,042	105,126
Employer's national insurance costs	9,921	9,067
Pension costs	25,840	23,032
Expenses	2,937	1,852
Total	147,741	139,077
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	20,683	-	-	-	20,683	5,200
Southfield Lane Project Payments	5,496	-	-	-	5,496	768
Clayton Heights Costs	2,200	-	-	-	2,200	1,800
Highgate Road Costs	1,178	-	-	-	1,178	1,153
Wyke Church Costs	-	21,881	-	-	21,881	5,250
5 Falls Approach Costs	2,673	-	-	-	2,673	13,705
Wibsey Church Costs	8,630	-	-	-	8,630	3,840
Total	40,860	21,881	-	-	62,741	31,716

10. District Assessment and Levy

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	45,656	-	-	-	45,656	44,540
Total	45,656	-	-	-	45,656	44,540

11. Manse Costs

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	8,272	-	-	-	8,272	9,105
Water Rates	2,368	-	-	-	2,368	2,625
Insurance	2,271	-	-	-	2,271	3,006
Repairs	16,173	-	-	-	16,173	12,195
Total	29,084	-	-	-	29,084	26,931

12. Other Outgoings

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	508	-	-	-	508	598
St. Arnold's Expenses	371	-	-	-	371	560
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	75,330	-	-	75,330	221,125
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	678	-	2	680	276
Quinquennial Inspections	883	-	-	-	883	2,041
Office Costs/Rent	1,600	-	-	-	1,600	1,689
Telephone/Broadband	2,768	-	-	-	2,768	1,978
Travel	38	-	-	-	38	59
Postage, Printing & Stationery	204	-	-	-	204	735
URC	-	-	-	-	-	180
Bank Fees	60	-	-	-	60	60
Audit Fee	2,220	-	-	-	2,220	2,220
Youth Costs	-	-	-	-	-	225
Other Expenditure	202	-	-	-	202	2,226
Computers for Ministry	582	-	-	-	582	572
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	34
Removals	2,214	-	-	-	2,214	2,268
Roots	261	-	-	-	261	52
3Generate	600	-	-	-	600	600
Valuation & Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	750
Insurance	274	-	-	-	274	-
Training	315	-	-	-	315	-
Total	13,580	76,007	-	2	89,590	238,625

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	9,389	-	-	9,389	1,701
Total	-	9,389	-	-	9,389	1,701

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,220	2,220
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,220	2,220

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16. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			1,150,908					1,150,908
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)			-235,180					-235,180
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908
Carried forward	0	0	915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No **1157285**

17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	8,958	10,296
Total	8,958	10,296

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	12,085	11,989
Total	12,085	11,989

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2024.

**Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

19.3.2025

Name of Treasurer

Mr John Andrew

Address

125 Highgate Road, Queensbury, BD13 1DJ

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on
and were approved.

19.3.2025

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date

19/03/2025

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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

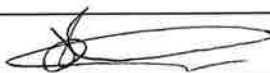
- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

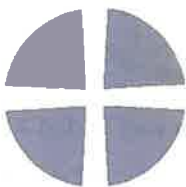
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Date

14/4/25



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2023-24**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2024

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Andrew Stead
Rev Joy Sykes

Circuit Stewards

Teresa Lunn
Derek Marshall
Jean Sheard
Richard Sheard
Richard Walsh

Circuit Treasurer

John Andrew

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	15,568	-	-	-	-	15,568	5,900
4 Assessments on Churches	5	97,367	-	-	-	-	97,367	117,494
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	56,211	57,503	-	-	40	113,754	476,689
8 Total income		169,146	57,503	-	-	40	226,688	600,083
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	147,741	-	-	-	-	147,741	139,077
11 Property maintenance	9	40,860	21,881	-	-	-	62,741	31,716
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	45,656	-	-	-	-	45,656	44,540
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	29,084	-	-	-	-	29,084	26,931
16 Other outgoings	12	13,580	76,007	-	-	2	89,590	238,624
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	9,389	-	-	-	9,389	1,701
17 Total charitable expenditure		276,921	107,277	-	-	2	384,200	486,589
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	13,144	-	-	-	13,144	28,693
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-	107,775	36,630	-	-	38	144,367	142,187
21 Transfers between funds	-	235,146	235,180	-	-	34	0	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds	-	342,921	198,550	-	-	3	144,367	142,187
24 Total funds brought forward		1,595,986	237,772	-	-	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
25 Total funds carried forward		1,253,065	436,322	-	-	754	1,690,142	1,834,509

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	915,728					915,728	1,150,908
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728	1,150,908
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	8,958					8,958	10,296
Loans by the Circuit		4,432					4,432	5,716
Investments with TMCP			436,322			754	437,076	238,523
Central Finance Board Deposits		322,863					322,863	423,959
Cash at Bank and in hand		13,169					13,169	17,095
Total current assets		349,422	436,322	0	0	754	786,498	695,590
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	12,085					12,085	11,989
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	
Total current liabilities		12,085	0	0	0	0	12,085	11,989
Net current assets/liabilities		337,337	436,322	0	0	754	774,413	683,601
Total assets less current liabilities		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,253,065					1,253,065	1,595,986
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			436,322				436,322	237,772
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,689,387	1,833,758
Restricted Funds					0		0	0
Endowment Funds						754	754	751
Total Funds		1,253,065	436,322	0	0	754	1,690,141	1,834,509

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

4. Investment Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	15,568	-	-	-	15,568	5,900
Total	15,568	-	-	-	15,568	5,900

5. Assessments on Churches

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assessments	97,367	-	-	-	97,367	117,494
Total	97,367	-	-	-	97,367	117,494

6. Other Charitable Income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest	18,943	15,165	-	40	34,148	25,026
Benevolence	195	-	-	-	195	160
Other Income	608	-	-	-	608	843
Sale of Thornbury Methodist Church	-	-	-	-	-	399,975
Cornerstone	24,544	-	-	-	24,544	5,600
Thornbury Church	-	-	-	-	-	20,251
3Generate	240	-	-	-	240	760
St Arnolds	4,030	-	-	-	4,030	3,675
5 Falls Approach	-	-	-	-	-	20,400
Leeds City Centre Mission	6,251	-	-	-	6,251	-
Sinton Disbursements	400	-	-	-	400	-
Waddington Turner Wall	1,000	-	-	-	1,000	-
Pension Reserve Fund Refund	-	42,338	-	-	42,338	-
Total	56,211	57,503	-	40	113,754	476,690

7. Grants and Donations

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Touchstone Grant	-	-	-	-	-	4,000
Total	-	-	-	-	-	4,000

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	109,042	105,126
Employer's national insurance costs	9,921	9,067
Pension costs	25,840	23,032
Expenses	2,937	1,852
Total	147,741	139,077
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	20,683	-	-	-	20,683	5,200
Southfield Lane Project Payments	5,496	-	-	-	5,496	768
Clayton Heights Costs	2,200	-	-	-	2,200	1,800
Highgate Road Costs	1,178	-	-	-	1,178	1,153
Wyke Church Costs	-	21,881	-	-	21,881	5,250
5 Falls Approach Costs	2,673	-	-	-	2,673	13,705
Wibsey Church Costs	8,630	-	-	-	8,630	3,840
Total	40,860	21,881	-	-	62,741	31,716

10. District Assessment and Levy

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	45,656	-	-	-	45,656	44,540
Total	45,656	-	-	-	45,656	44,540

11. Manse Costs

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	8,272	-	-	-	8,272	9,105
Water Rates	2,368	-	-	-	2,368	2,625
Insurance	2,271	-	-	-	2,271	3,006
Repairs	16,173	-	-	-	16,173	12,195
Total	29,084	-	-	-	29,084	26,931

12. Other Outgoings

	Circuit Model Trust				2024 Total	2023 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	508	-	-	-	508	598
St. Arnold's Expenses	371	-	-	-	371	560
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	75,330	-	-	75,330	221,125
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	678	-	2	680	276
Quinquennial Inspections	883	-	-	-	883	2,041
Office Costs/Rent	1,600	-	-	-	1,600	1,689
Telephone/Broadband	2,768	-	-	-	2,768	1,978
Travel	38	-	-	-	38	59
Postage, Printing & Stationery	204	-	-	-	204	735
URC	-	-	-	-	-	180
Bank Fees	60	-	-	-	60	60
Audit Fee	2,220	-	-	-	2,220	2,220
Youth Costs	-	-	-	-	-	225
Other Expenditure	202	-	-	-	202	2,226
Computers for Ministry	582	-	-	-	582	572
Hospitality	-	-	-	-	-	34
Removals	2,214	-	-	-	2,214	2,268
Roots	261	-	-	-	261	52
3Generate	600	-	-	-	600	600
Valuation & Legal Fees	-	-	-	-	-	750
Insurance	274	-	-	-	274	-
Training	315	-	-	-	315	-
Total	13,580	76,007	-	2	89,590	238,625

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2024 Total	2023 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	9,389	-	-	9,389	1,701
Total	-	9,389	-	-	9,389	1,701

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,220	2,220
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,220	2,220

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

16. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			1,150,908					1,150,908
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)			-235,180					-235,180
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908
Carried forward	0	0	915,728	0	0	0	0	915,728

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No **1157285**

17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	8,958	10,296
Total	8,958	10,296

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	12,085	11,989
Total	12,085	11,989

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2024 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2024.

**Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer  Date 19.3.2025

Name of Treasurer Mr John Andrew

Address 125 Highgate Road, Queensbury, BD13 1DJ

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on
and were approved.

19.3.2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date 19/03/2025

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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

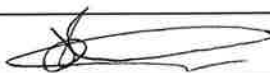
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Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date

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BRADFORD SOUTH METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1157285

Accounts

Bradford South Circuit

Annual Report

September 2022-2023

“Sharing God’s Love”

“As God’s people we seek to work together to celebrate and share God’s love in Christ for all”.

Superintendent's Report

This year has been one when, as a circuit, we have had to face some significant challenges, making difficult decisions that have inevitably meant we have faced, and are facing, significant changes. The year began with us entering the stationing process. The outcome of this process is that I am leaving and Rev Andrew Stead is arriving in August 2023. In addition to this, we end the year with the closure of two of our church buildings, with the congregations dispersing to other churches.

For those (buildings) that remain, it has been important that they continue to offer a space to the many different groups that use them. From Toddlers at Horton Bank, to uniformed organisations and slimming groups in a number of venues, to Memory Tree at Aldersgate, to Ping at Clayton and MHA at Wibsey (these to name just a few), as a circuit, we are able to offer something for groups of all ages, interests and abilities.

Until March 2022 we continued to offer worship online across the various social media platforms (Facebook, Twitter, our website and Youtube) as had been established during the pandemic. Recognising the impact of changes as from September 2023, it was decided to revisit how we stayed connected to those who regularly worship with us in this way. We are currently offering worship live via zoom, with the service being recorded and made available to a wider audience via facebook.

As a circuit we continue to serve a diversity of communities within the city, from social housing estates, to communities on the margins of the city who prefer to identify themselves as urban villages, to those where maintaining a Christian presence feels particularly challenging. By virtue of our online presence, our reach has stretched much further than the boundaries of our circuit, stretching even beyond our shores to other countries.

With Cornerstone LEP and Southfield Lane having both submitted their Reasoned Statements to Synod in support of their request for permission to 'cease to meet', the circuit now consists of 7 worshipping communities. Six of these continue to gather in their own buildings, with the seventh (the community associated with St Arnold's) meeting in the Peacock Bar and other city centre venues, where Sunday morning worship is held twice a month and Beer and Hymns is held once a month.

Despite the challenges of living with uncertainty and change, our annual report is testimony to the fact that Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents, and a willingness to offer them to God and the church. All this bears witness to our passion for shared discipleship, through worship and mission, in ways that fulfil our calling to make Christ known in the world through our words and deeds of love.

I commend this report to you as evidence that the people of Bradford South Methodist circuit continue to remain faithful and hopeful, facing challenge and change in the knowledge that, as long as we remain faithful and prayerful, God will continue to bless us and the city in which we witness.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Superintendent Minister

Statement of Core Values

Bradford South Circuit 27/33

- All we do as a circuit is within the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church.
- Each person is created in the image of God.
- All people are therefore valued and respected regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ability, cultural background or faith.
- We are responsible, under God, for each other and our social, spiritual and personal needs.
- All members of groups or churches should be allowed and enabled to participate in decision making, within the proper process.
- We adhere to the United Nations rights of the child in our work with young people.
- All should be kept safe from harm and it is the responsibility of us all to work towards this together, with particular attention to the requirements of the Methodist Church.
- We respect and value the work of all, paid and Voluntary, in the circuit.

Circuit Staff Team 2022-23

Ministerial Staff

Revd. Lyn Gregg —Circuit Superintendent

Churches: Southfield Lane, Wibsey, Wyke

Revd. Graeme Dutton (half time in circuit and half time in City Centre ministry)

Churches: Ebenezer (Dudley Hill).

Revd. Albert Gayle

Churches: Aldersgate (Low Moor), Clayton, Cornerstone, Horton Bank

Revd. Caroline Ryder (Team Leader at Touchstone and part time in Circuit until Feb 23)

The support ministers across the circuit are Revd. Lyn Gregg and Revd. Graeme Dutton

Lay Staff

Mrs. Alison Terrell– Circuit Administrator

Mr John Andrew—Circuit Finance Officer (From December 2022)

Circuit Office

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www.bradfordsouthcircuit.wordpress.com

Normal office hours: Mon-Wed 10am-4pm, Thur 10am-1pm

Office usually open Mon and Tues 10am -1pm, Wed 1-3pm

Circuit Stewards

In September 2022 we welcomed two new Circuit Stewards – Jean Sheard and Richard Sheard – and we thank them for their contribution to our work. We currently have five stewards in total, the other three being Richard Walsh, Derek Marshall and Suzanne Allsop. At the end of August Suzanne will step down and Richard Walsh will move into the role of Senior Steward. Thank you to all the stewards for their work this year. A new steward, Teresa Lunn, will join the team on the 1st September, and will bring her own gifts.

It has been a busy year in a number of ways and a lot of changes have been made in the circuit, and continue to happen.

Following the retirement of our Finance Team a new Finance Officer, John Andrew, was appointed, who is employed by the Circuit. A Steward was required to oversee the Finance of the Circuit and we are grateful to Richard Sheard for volunteering for this role. Richard Walsh has taken on the role of Property Steward, and we are grateful for his work.

We continue to ensure that the Circuit properties – 4 manses and a rented cottage in Highgate Road – are kept in good repair. The manse in Hollingwood Drive has been sold, subject to contract, and the manse in Thorncroft Road will be placed on the market shortly. A new manse has been purchased in Clayton and our new Minister, the Revd Andrew Stead, and his wife Anne, moved in on the 31 July. We look forward to welcoming Andrew to the Circuit and to his ministry amongst us. Thank you to Richard Walsh for his work with the sales and all the stewards for their part in preparing the new manse.

We express our grateful thanks to the ministers for their hard work as they continue to serve us well. Changes are taking place in the staff team: The Revd Caroline Ryder left us in early 2023 to take up a position in Manchester and our Superintendent, the Revd Lyn Gregg, will leave the Circuit on the 8 August, when she will move to the Barnsley Circuit to continue her ministry there. We thank Lyn for all her hard work, seen and unseen, over the past 10 years. She will be missed and we wish her well for the future.

In January we will welcome a half-time Deacon, whom we will share with the Bradford North Circuit. She will reside in a manse in the North and in our circuit will work with Ebenezer Methodist Church to enable their Soup and Sandwiches work, which until recently has been held every Friday, to be moved forward. She will also work with the Wyke Churches Together project.

The Staff Team from the 1 September will be the Revd Graeme Dutton (Superintendent), the Revd Albert Gayle and the Revd Andrew Stead. Our Administrator, Alison Terrell, continues to support the ministers in their work and we thank her for her valuable contribution.

Two churches in the Circuit have asked to cease to worship and at the beginning of May Southfield Lane Methodist Church unfortunately had to close. Cornerstone Methodist Church will have their final service on Sunday, 27 August. We note these closures with sadness and at the same time look to the future of our Circuit, trusting that God will lead us and guide us according to his will and purpose for individuals and as a Circuit.

Our Circuit Churches continue to serve the community in numerous ways, for example: The support of Food Banks, Table Tennis, Drop-ins, Children's work, especially during the school holidays. The work in the city centre continues under the umbrella of St Arnold's, with Graeme and two Chaplains continuing to be a Christian presence in the bars and coffee shops. A service – 1 @ 11 – continues to be held in the Peacock Bar on

North Parade and during Graeme's sabbatical (May, June and July this year) a number of people have stepped up to lead and we are grateful to them.

This year has not been an easy one for Ministers, Congregations and Circuit Stewards and changes will continue to take place as we move forward into the new Connexional Year. Let us move forward keeping our eyes fixed on God, trusting him to lead us on in the right way for all so that the Circuit may flourish and be a true witness for Jesus Christ and his love.

May God bless us all

Suzanne Allsop, Senior Circuit Steward

Property

Continued thanks to all of those in our Churches and Circuit who manage our property, which includes manses and church buildings. There have been a number of schemes that have required circuit approval this year. There have been a number of changes in the Circuit which have again raised significant questions about the continuing suitability and indeed, necessity of our buildings, particularly as the Methodist Church as a whole moves towards a NetZero Carbon future. Reductions in staffing have led to a reduced need for housing and as such a rationalisation of housing has allowed a more fitting and sustainable property to be purchased.

Further planning is underway to review the structure and management of the Circuit Churches as a number of Churches formally cease to worship. We give thanks for all that God has done in those places and as those congregations disperse we are thankful that Christ will always be at their side in the continuing journey of their Christian faith.

It is clear that as we continue to discern God's will for our Circuit, the way in which we use and invest in our properties will, quite rightly, come under an increased sense of scrutiny. This process has the potential to be one which is exciting, challenging, painful and joyous, all in equal measure.

May our prayer be that God guides us every step of the way into our future together.

Richard Walsh, Steward

Finance

Annual Finance Report – year ended 31 August 2023

At the time of writing this report we still await confirmation of the amounts of some items of expenditure including significant levies which are subject to an ongoing negotiation. Accordingly, some values included in this report are estimated based on the greatest likely amount of expenditure but the lowest anticipated amount of expected income.

This has been a year of careful consolidation. Two churches have ceased to meet, and the circuit will, shortly, take over the continuing costs of those buildings until they are sold. This has resulted in a reduction in circuit income.

That reduction has been offset by a welcome increase in interest received and some savings in expenditure. Thus, our deficit arising from normal activities has shown a reduction to £91,230 as against our original budget of a deficit of £101,329.

The circuit has had the benefit of net receipts outside our normal activities. We have recently sold the Manse in Hollingwood Drive having previously disposed of the Thornbury Methodist Church, levies may be due on the whole of those receipts, but that is subject to negotiation. Bank balances remaining unused upon the closure of churches have been transferred to the circuit's accounts. This additional net income has been used to continue to support the successful mission project at St Arnolds and to make grants to some of our churches to help with building repairs. We have also spent £438,668 on the purchase and equipping of a new manse.

The net effect of those transactions which are outside of our normal activities has been a net income of £45,621. Thus, our total net deficit for the year has been £45,609. The result is that we continue to have a healthy balance in our bank accounts, together with trusts held to our account by the TMCP, amounting to £671,737.

There is one manse and two church buildings now surplus to requirements which we intend to put on the market shortly. With these additional funds we may well cover our estimated budget deficit of £92,093 for 2023-24 and still leave our cash reserves in excess of £1,000,000. Such a reserve will support the many exciting projects being discussed to further the circuit's mission into the future.

On a personal note – I have been in post since early December 2022. The transition was made very easy by the help and provision of copious notes by the previous Circuit Finance Team, Trevor Kerhaw and Melanie Walsh. Their pre-existing working papers and files of documents and procedures have been a great help and a sure sign of the professional approach which I hope that I can emulate.

John K Andrew
Finance Officer

Safeguarding

We are pleased to be able to report that everyone who needed to do the Foundation Safer Space module has completed it. Many of those who are required to do the Advanced Safeguarding module are up to date with their training, with others in the process of updating their training as opportunities to do so arise. It can feel like a lot of work, and we do appreciate the effort people have made to refresh their knowledge.

Those who do the advanced safeguarding module hear the words of Marcus Erooga, and the research he has done with sexual offenders. His research shows that a children's home, with some of the most vulnerable children in society, was able to keep children safe by its very culture.

The idea that someone, who had a predilection for abusing, would not do so in our churches because of the culture of respectful uncertainty and a willingness to challenge any words or actions that were below the standards we expect, is very worthy of our efforts.

Alison Terrell, Circuit administrator

Administration

As all of you who do any administrative tasks in the church know, this is an ever expanding task! I am aware that in churches, this falls on an ever decreasing and older group of people. I try to ease that burden where I can and am happy to help in any way I can. People are asking for that help more frequently which is good.

The joy of this work is being at the heart of the Circuit and hearing all that happens in different places. Although we are shrinking numerically, there is still a lot happening, as people quietly get on with the work they have been given to do, whether in schools, church hospitality, listening, volunteering with other organisations. I try to bring these things to your attention in the newsletter.

Being able to keep our weekly prayer group going with Suzanne, while Graeme has been on sabbatical, has been a new privilege.

A special thanks to the church safeguarding officers, who had to complete a new audit in a short space of time. But also thanks to all those to whom I send information to disseminate, or ask for information from, who quietly get on with it.

Alison Terrell, Circuit administrator

Pray First

Our weekly prayer time continues on a Wednesday morning. Until May a small group met at Java Joe's, while Graeme took it live on Facebook, with a small but regular number joining by phone.

While Graeme has been on sabbatical, Teresa has been putting prayer points and pictures on facebook each week, while also maintaining a prayerful presence at Java Joe's. Suzanne and myself have kept the prayer on the phone going.

It feels like a good practice to stop, and turn to God together, midweek. We use the Northumbria community Morning Prayer.

Alison Terrell, Circuit Administrator

Youth Work

This year we have supported a number of our young people as they have attended connexional events i.e. 3 Gen, which was held in Birmingham, and district events, including a youth weekend of activities and other fun events. The young people continue to support the Circuit by attending Circuit events eg the Celebration of diversity, as well as actively supporting their local churches.

Rev Lyn Gregg

The Plan

The Plan – LCAs

During the past 12 months, we have been able to operate with a reasonably healthy preaching plan. Inevitably, there have been occasions when churches have been asked (often at short notice) to make alternative arrangements due to changing circumstances for our preachers, ministers and/or church stewards, but this has been handled with grace and creativity.

There has continued to be a large proportion of LCA's across the plan. However the burden of these has been eased greatly with the continued weekly provision of online services: these have been available to stream, as well as transcripts of the online service or resources from The Vine, providing a 'Reader's Service' on a weekly basis. There has been opportunity for some congregations to share worship with other congregations in the circuit, using LCAs as an opportunity to travel around the circuit, visiting other churches. These have helped to strengthen relationships between the churches and across the circuit.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Online Worship

We began this Methodist Church year (September 2022) continuing the online presence that had developed over the previous 2½ years. A service, led each week by a member of staff, was recorded and uploaded onto Facebook and YouTube allowing people to watch as it premiered at 10.30am on a Sunday morning or at a later time as they were able. In addition to this, transcripts of the service were distributed to those who were unable to join electronically but who wished to stay connected to us through worship. We also began providing an audio version of the service to those for whom this was the more accessible option.

With Rev Graeme having a sabbatical May-July 2023, and with the changes to staff responsibilities effective from September 2023, it became apparent that this was not sustainable in the long term, needing us to review and rethink our online presence.

As a result, from April 16th the Sunday service has been available to join live via zoom. This service is recorded and uploaded onto Facebook for others to watch at a time of their own choosing. Whilst the number of those joining on zoom remains relatively low, the number we reach via Facebook continues to affirm this is a much needed and most welcome expression of our witness and mission.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Local Preachers

Local preachers and Worship Leaders activities 2022/2023

The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently (end August 2023) stands at 20, 7 of whom are not taking appointments, be that temporarily or permanently.

There are 7 Worship Leaders spread across the circuit, 6 at Cornerstone LEP and 1 at Wibsey. Of these 7, 6 are regularly involved in leading worship in their local church.

There are currently no Local Preachers 'on Note' or 'on Trial', and no Worship Leaders in training, but if you feel you are being nudged towards becoming a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, please speak to someone about it. We would very much like to explore with you your call to this particular ministry.

Rev Lyn Gregg

LP at St Arnold's

After a recent St Arnold's service we had a discussion about what in the Local Preacher training prepares you for leading worship at St Arnold's One@11.

For those of you that aren't fully aware of what St Arnold's is – it is the mission activity of the Bradford South Circuit in Bradford City Centre (named after the Patron Saint of hop-pickers and brewers). One@11 is one of the activities and is an act of worship that takes place twice a month in the Peacock Bar on North Parade.

The biggest differences between worship at One@11 and a "normal" Methodist service are that there is no sermon and mostly there are no hymns. (Traditional or otherwise – if this is what you are after try "Beer and Hymns" last Sunday of the month in the same venue.)

However, for me preparation starts in the same way, often a week or two in advance because I need to listen to what God needs me to hear.

Working from either the lectionary readings or a topical theme I use similar resources to those I used to use for "ordinary" services.

The challenge is finding a way to engage the "congregation" in a different way. This can involve discussion, video clips, quizzes and almost anything else that isn't a sermon!!!

Music plays a big part in One@11 but the music tends to be more secular and less religious but can come from any genre. The selection of the music is one of favourite parts. The words and music together can often say more about God than I could ever say myself.

And when people say "great music" at the end they get the same answer as those who used to complement me on my hymns. "I just chose them I didn't write them!"

Sarah Hudson, St Arnold's

St Arnold's



Our St Arnold's community was approached to be part of something new. The Connexional Evangelism and Growth team started a new podcast which is all about 'inclusive conversations that change things'.

Every week Trey Hall, head of the Evangelism and Growth team (and ever so American), hosts a number of studio guests who talk through some of the big, interesting or just amusing news stories of the week. They use those stories as a jumping off point to explore spirituality, inclusion and welcome.

Guests for the first episode included broadcaster and author Emma Goswell, theologian Nadia Bolz-Weber, tattoo artist Soheyl Astangi and our very own Leonie from The Peacock Bar.

The idea is that there's a real mix of studio and real world comment on the stories of the week, providing the listeners with a chance to hear about how diverse theology, spirituality and the Methodist Church can be.

I've loved being part of it so far because it's given me a chance to show off our city and the work our circuit is doing to a wider audience. It also means I get to introduce the world to some of our excellent Bradford characters like in this week's episode when Luke, Bradford's 'Punk Poet', reads us his love letter to the city.

We were meeting at The Peacock bar from 6pm each Monday. Trey and his team joined us at our Harvest Festival Beer and Hymns at The Peacock Bar on October 23rd, which, on that occasion featured a pop up bar from Boar and Fable serving loads of different tasty none and low alcoholic beers. The final episode was in December.

In December there was also carol singing outside the Lefteris café at 12 noon on the 17th December, as well as the traditional Curry and Carols on the 18th at the Peacock Bar at 7pm.

Another great few months at St Arnold's has seen growing congregations at our Sunday morning One@11 services, with some new faces joining us (and coming back!)

We've also been getting a good number for our Beer and Hymns afternoons, with some staying on after the singing to be part of our quizzes. It's been great to get Tank and Courtney, some of the staff from various North Parade bars, involved in sourcing and delivering the questions for us.

The sense of 'presence' St Arnold's continues to create has led to several invitations to be involved in events such as Graeme sharing a mix of funny and/or faith inspired poetry at the regular 'Talking In Tongues' open mic night at Boar and Fable. It also continues to allow Graeme the opportunity to engage in key pastoral moments in people's lives, both the happy times that have already been mentioned, but also in times of great pain and sadness.

The summer months see more change for St Arnold's as we prepare to welcome a new presbyter into the team. There has also been a great number of opportunities for our talented chaplains, worship leaders, local preachers and musicians to get more involved in leading services and events, as Graeme enjoys his sabbatical. St Arnold's is continuing with its regular events and work in the city centre, just slightly differently.

1@11 is still on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, at the Peacock bar – although we did have to switch to Lfteris in May. That was a bit different, having a communion service in a busy café, but it worked very well.

Thursdays see two activities in town: Solid at 11am in Lfteris, which is a discussion/ Bible study which is very much led by those who attend, so doesn't follow a regular pattern as such. It lasts about an hour, but is very flexible, so if you can only stay for part, you'd still be very welcome. Then craft club at The Exchange bar in Market Street, a lovely relaxed atmosphere where a few of us knit, sew, or do crosswords each week, from 2pm until we're ready to go home!

Finally, Pray First has continued for the circuit while Graeme is away, just not live on Facebook. The phone line is still available, and is offered at 9.30am on Wednesdays for those who wish to join. Also on the Bradford South Facebook page, a set of prayer pointers and images are posted every Wednesday morning at 9am, designed to give a focus to our prayers for the week.

Graeme and Teresa

Equality and Diversity

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly."

— Martin Luther King Jr.

"I want our future leaders to know what's possible and to be part of a world where diversity and gender equality aren't special programs but the natural way of operating."

- Pierre Nanterme

Celebration of Equality, Diversity & Inclusion

I attended the above celebration on Shrove Tuesday and thoroughly enjoyed the event. The programme was thoughtfully put together involving three short worship sessions with songs from different cultures sung by Free Spirit and appropriate readings and prayers.

I enjoyed a sumptuous meal prepared by Godfrey and Onli with contributions of desserts from people who attended.

There were 4 stations set up to help us understand about equality, diversity and inclusion with videos, leaflets and writings and we were invited to watch and listen individually to the videos by means of headsets. One centred on the experiences of prejudice experienced by Jamaican people arriving in London in the 1960s and becoming a community in Notting Hill. Another on the experience of a gay couple and the tragic suicide of one of the partners which led to the setting up of a charity to help others and the third related to people who suffer from a range of mental health issues with a really good video giving an insight into the mind and feelings of people with dementia. The fourth station enabled people to experience how it felt being wheeled round in a wheelchair.

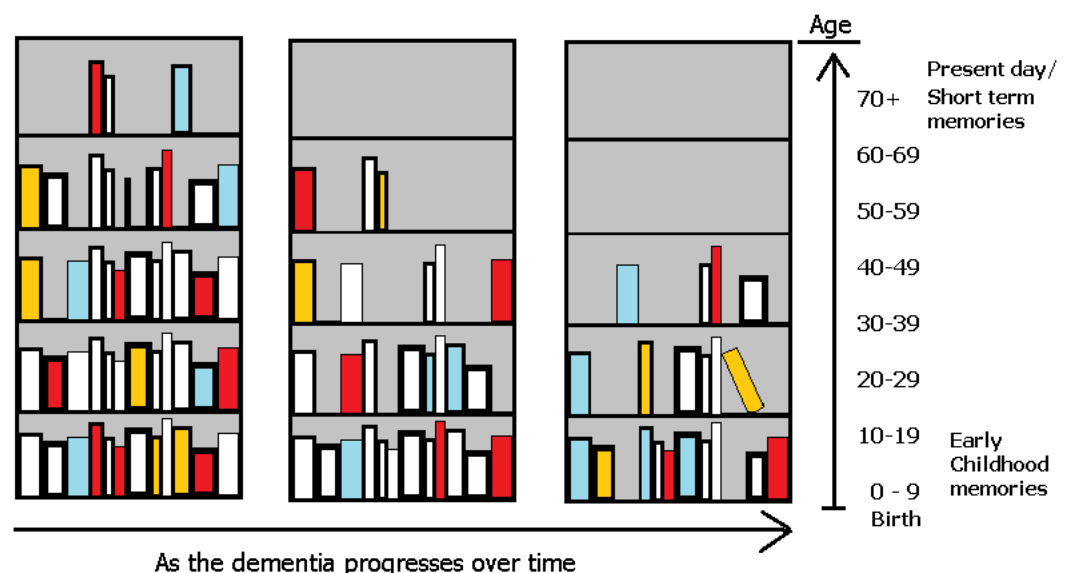
There was a jigsaw showing a diversity of faces which people could complete and a quiet room for personal prayer and contemplation with chaplains Teresa and Suzanne on hand to talk to. There was even a stall for people to buy fairly traded goods.

A big thank you to the circuit and especially the EDI working group for raising the importance of these issues to everyone who attended.

Christine Peacock



“The beauty of anti-racism is that you don’t have to pretend to be free of racism to be anti-racist. Anti-racism is the commitment to fight racism wherever you find it, including in yourself. And it’s the only way forward.” – Ijoema Oluo



We also learned a bit about neurodiversity.

As a church, recognising and understanding the different neurodivergent conditions can help best support neurodiverse members.

Holy Week

A journey through Holy Week

Before this year the only Holy Week services I have attended have been on Good Friday. This year I undertook the full journey through the days leading up to the cross and around the circuit.

The theme for the week was the 'I am' statements of Jesus.

The journey began at Clayton on Monday evening, where through images and music we reflected quietly and prayerfully on Jesus THE LIGHT. Through the lighting and extinguishing of candles we experienced the light of Christ's message and the darkness of our rejection of Him.

On Tuesday at Ebenezer, we considered Jesus THE DOOR. We sat in a large circle, representing a sheep pen, with a gap for the door through which the sheep would enter and where the shepherd would lie at night to keep out danger. Through images and music we considered the function of the door as a way in and as a barrier to keep out harm. We wrote on slips of paper our fears, which were then symbolically burned, and wrote our hopes on scraps of seed paper which we brought home to plant and grow.

Wednesday at Wibsey brought us Jesus THE GOOD SHEPHERD. We examined a job advertisement for a shepherd on a large modern sheep station with a flock numbered in thousands. A far cry from the life of a shepherd in 1st century Palestine or even the 21st century Yorkshire Dales, but the qualities required were just the same; dedication to the welfare of the sheep, the ability to deal with danger, an unlimited capacity for hard work often in difficult circumstances.

We considered a selection of images of Jesus the good shepherd from the traditional to the strikingly modern. In the different artists interpretations we were each able to find an image that spoke to us. (See opposite)

On Maundy Thursday at Aldersgate, we encountered Jesus THE BREAD OF LIFE. We shared communion and heard a story of incredible faith and forgiveness from the Truth and Reconciliation process in South Africa. A moving and humbling experience.

At the end of our journey on Good Friday, at Southfield Lane, we arrived at the foot of Christ's cross. Through the words of Psalm 22 we reflected on Christ's suffering on the cross and the price he paid for our salvation.

Our travels concluded with a time of fellowship sharing hot cross buns and cups of tea.

Would I undertake the journey again? Yes I would. During the course of the week I was encouraged to reflect on the ways Christ helps us to understand the extent of His love for us. I've reflected on my response to His love, been humbled by a story of faith in the most difficult circumstances and enjoyed the fellowship of my fellow travellers.

Lesley Marshall, Cornerstone



Schools Work

The Circuit has continued to have close connections and warm relationships with a number of primary schools in our part of Bradford. We have been welcomed into schools to lead collective worship and have been able to welcome pupils into our buildings for special events on a number of occasions also.

At Low Moor Primary school we have been welcomed to help participate with "Open the Book" for their collective worship time each Monday morning. "Open the Book" tells Bible stories through drama, with the children, teachers and members from the Circuit (ordained and lay) and Holy Trinity church taking on the various roles.

At Hill Top Primary school Revds Albert, Graeme and Lyn, along with leaders of other churches in the area have delivered collective worship on a rota basis once a week, on a Tuesday afternoon, during term time. There have also been a number of Messy Church events held as after-school activities throughout the year, offering a wonderful opportunity for families to learn together through story and craft before enjoying a meal together. Pizza and Cheesy Pasta always go down well.

Revd Graeme has led worship on a regular basis at St John's Primary School, Bierley, and Revd Lyn has led worship by invitation on a number of occasions. Being one of the largest primary schools in Bradford, and not having a space large enough to host the whole school on site, Wibsey Methodist Church have once again been able to host the 'whole school' assemblies for Wibsey Primary School. An opportunity for the whole school to sing together.

We continue to value the opportunity to work with schools in this way, and look forward to continuing to do so during the next year.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Fair Trade Matters

At a time when we focus on Fair Trade, it is sad to hear that Traidcraft, the fair trade pioneer in the UK, has gone into administration and ceased trading.

Since its foundation in 1979, Traidcraft has put justice at the heart of trade, supporting smaller producer groups and seeking to trade ethically within a system which was fundamentally unjust.

However, Transform Trade - a global community of farmers, workers, collectives, campaigners, donors and supporters, working together for trade that values people not profit - carries on.

Founded in 1986 as Traidcraft Exchange and a sister charity to Traidcraft, it has built on the good work done by that organisation over the years.

Its mission is to transform trade so that everybody benefits, wherever possible taking its lead from people with direct experience of injustice in trade and partnering with them to move towards a better system and a better world. It is aiming through its campaign and advocacy work to level the playing field by demanding change to the entire trading system.

Horton Bank Church has raised money for Transform Trade by holding a Bread and Soup Lunch after the united Fair Trade service with Cornerstone and Southfield Lane in February and fairly traded goods were available at the Circuit Celebration at Cornerstone, but we can all support Transform Trade throughout the year by buying fairly traded goods whenever possible, responding to its petitions online and raising awareness of the good work they do.

Jean Tomlinson, Horton Bank

Touchstone

Over the past year, things have changed quite dramatically at Touchstone, impacting the involvement we, as a circuit, have with the building and the project.

Whilst the building continues to host a number of groups, i.e. Beacon, Abigail Housing and the Yorkshire West District office, the number of Touchstone projects/initiatives has greatly reduced.

The counselling service, which opened in September 2022 continues, offering a counselling service for those who have experienced trauma and abuse, especially that which is linked to faith/beliefs and/or spirituality. To find out more or make a referral, visit our website at www.touchstone-bradford.org.uk or call 01274 721626 to speak with one of their counsellors.

As a result of all these changes, the involvement Bradford South Circuit has with Touchstone has changed also. With Rev Caroline Ryder leaving Bradford to take up a new post at the beginning of the year, we no longer have any formal ministerial input into Touchstone, although a number of our folk continue to be involved in the projects mentioned above.

Rev Lyn Gregg



Chattabox Holiday Club

We aim to have 3 events over the year one in the October half term, Good Friday and the first week of the summer holidays. The October and Good Friday are ½ day and the summer 3 x ½ days. Since Covid the numbers of children are slowly increasing again and this summer we had an average of 11 children each day. Some are regular attenders at all sessions. The sessions involve a Christian message with games, crafts, songs, quizzes.

In October last year our theme was 'Light' and Jesus is the Light of the World for everyone. It included making lanterns, light cards, stained glass windows, games and we always end with the Messy Grace.

Easter 2023 we told the Easter Story through paintings done by an Ethiopian Artist, Nebiyu Assefa to give the children a different perspective from the usual pictures of Holy Week. The children went into church and the symbols under the cross put there during Lent were explained. Activities involved making cards, chickens, painted eggs, making an Easter Garden and spiders web. Word searches and colouring are always available. Prayers involved a bowl of nails to remind the children of the things we have done wrong and stick on hearts to show that Jesus died for everyone to take away the sins of the world. The highlight for the children is a treasure hunt with clues based on Holy Week.

This Summer's theme was 'Space Academy' and the programme involved training the children to be astronauts. The story was about Daniel and his friends Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego. The stories were all about the four men at the King Nebuchadrezzar's palace in Babylon. The first day was entitled 'Forbidden Fruit' and great fun was had learning about zero gravity and trying to eat sloppy food and identify different foods. Our story was about the four refusing to eat the meat at the Kings palace because they wanted to stay firm to their faith.

The second day was 'The Difficult Dream' and fun was had in figuring out what certain objects were and trying to carve up a blancmange without disturbing the sweets on top. The story involved Daniel having to tell the king what he had dreamt about and explain it as well. Daniel and his friends turned to God and he was able to tell the king what the dream was all about.

The third day was 'The Stunning Statue' and the groups had fun creating spacemen out of cardboard boxes. The story involved Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refusing to bow down to the king's statue and being thrown into the fiery furnace. The message being if we trust in God he will help us to do the right thing.

The groups were Star Bases and we all had astronaut names. Buzz Brain gave us space facts and we had an exercise session to make us fit for space travel. Universe Challenge was a quiz to see if the children remembered the space facts and stories. The activities involved making fruit and vegetable magnets, creating a robot, making a photo frame and decorating biscuits. The children had fruit and vegetable snacks for refreshments each day as well as biscuits apart from the last day when as a treat we all had an ice cream cornet. Games are also an important part of the sessions too. Our theme song was Dare to be a Daniel and we included other songs as well which by the end of the sessions the children were singing lustily. Our space capsule was full of jokes about vegetables and space supplied by both children and adults. We finished as always with prayers and Messy Grace.

Although the Holiday Club involves a lot of planning, the children who come certainly enjoy it and we have older children, who can no longer attend, but who come back to help us. It would not take place without the support of the volunteers and church and thanks go to all involved.

Christine Peacock , Horton Bank





Vision

BEACON's vision is that the Bradford district becomes a hospitable community where people seeking asylum and refugees are welcome, enjoy access to justice and fair treatment and are supported on their journey to independence and integration.

Reflection

from BEACON's team leader in our last Annual Report (year ending September 2022)

"It has been another challenging year for many reasons. No sooner did it seem like the pandemic was largely behind us and a level of stability could ensue, than we witnessed the devastation of the war in Ukraine, and the resulting wave of refugees. Politically, we saw the passing of the Nationality and Borders Act, with the threat of deportation to Rwanda weighing heavy on the minds of many. Numbers arriving in the UK soared this year, and we have seen numbers accommodated in Bradford rise considerably. Whilst there was great public sympathy towards refugees when the Ukraine crisis took hold, the media continues to devalue the plight of people seeking asylum and hostility remains high.

Despite the turmoil playing out on the international stage, BEACON has continued to offer welcome and support to those who have fled their countries seeking safety and sanctuary, thanks to our dedicated team of staff and volunteers: opening homes to offer shelter and warmth, providing access to legal support to navigate an increasingly complex system, and offering opportunities to learn English & enjoy social activities.

We were granted additional support from the Lloyds Bank Foundation to work with a fundraising consultant to refine our financial monitoring procedures and develop a fundraising strategy, which we hope will enable us to secure funding to realise our future development plans.

Our commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion was progressed, with anti-racism training for our staff and volunteers delivered by 'brap', an organisation specialising in equality and diversity training, which we commissioned and co-hosted in partnership with Abigail Housing, to ensure this approach is embedded in our work. We also hosted training on working with people who identify as LGBTQI+ which was delivered by Rainbow Migration and attended by professionals from across the UK. We have diversified our volunteer base and undertaken a full review of skills and diversity within our board of trustees, in order to shape our future recruitment plans to ensure we are inclusive and representative as an organisation. Similarly, we took steps to set up a user involvement group, carried out consultations with users in relation to future strategy & planning and recruited people with lived experience to our employment recruitment & selection panels.

Our relationships with partner agencies in Bradford remain strong and have enabled us to work together to support those who need our help. We end the year with plans for a local sector review & planning day to ensure we are able to meet the needs of the increasing numbers arriving in Bradford, both in the immediate term, as well as creating the infrastructure to respond quickly and with agility as a sector to future changes in the longer term.

We find ourselves in unpredictable times at the end of the year, with exponential

numbers of people stuck in a broken system and ongoing uncertainty in relation to the government's future plans. Despite this context of apprehension and a rapidly changing political arena, the BEACON team will continue to stand in solidarity and hope with those who need us as we move into the coming year." (Katy Armitstead)

Figures

Home Office figures published in September 2022: over half of the top 10 nationalities applying for asylum have a grant rate above 80% (Iran 82%, Afghanistan 98%, Syria 98%, Eritrea 98%, and Sudan 87%). These figures speak for themselves!

Migration Yorkshire figures at September 2022. Bradford had some 1,342 individuals living in Home Office accommodation (hotels and housing). These are people living with the trauma of fleeing violence and persecution and the fear of an uncertain future.

Current context

Parliament has now passed The Illegal Migration Act, which according to Refugee Action 'is a significant and difficult milestone for anyone who believes in treating people fairly and providing safety and security to those in need' The United Nations High Commission for Refugees warned that the act is at variance with the country's obligation under international human rights and refugee law and will have profound consequences for people in need of international protection.

Inspiration

Through the **Together with Refugees** coalition, of which BEACON and the Methodist Church are members, I came across the comments of Sabir Zazai OBE, who came to the UK in search of asylum. Now, chair of Together with Refugees he says, 'the community welcomed me and the society invested in me for which I am grateful And every person arriving here also has so much to contribute. We must truly welcome them, celebrate them as equal citizens and invest in their potential. Every refugee has a powerful story of courage, resilience and hope; and every refugee and the people that welcome them deserve an OBE!'

Commitment

The BEACON team, volunteers, staff, trustees will continue to stand in solidarity and hope with those who need us. We will continue to offer hospitality and 'welcome the strange'. Thank you for your support: time, prayers and donations. They are truly appreciated.

Rev Sarah Jemison (Chair of BEACON trustees)

Rowanberries

Another year has passed by so quickly and it's good to be able to reflect on our time here at Rowanberries. We always look back and think about the residents that are no longer with us and we give thanks for those who have passed on and continue to think about those who have moved from us because they need a little more care than we are able to give within the scheme. With all of them they leave us with lovely memories of the time they have spent in our family here. But we also look to the present and give thanks for the residents who have come to live with us during this year. They all bring so much to our fellowship and we continue to have lots of fun and laughter as we build new friendships and share together around the scheme.

After a few very frustrating years it now feels like we are at last able to share together as we used to. We have welcomed new members of staff during this time, and as I have taken on different responsibilities the decision was taken to share the role of chaplain which has brought opportunities for Alistair and I to work together getting to know new residents and meeting the needs of both staff and existing residents. We are so grateful to the ministers and church members who continue to visit us on a Wednesday morning to lead our worship and we are always eager to welcome those who would like to share with us in this way. Please speak to Alison if you are able to add your name to the rota to help. If you don't feel able to lead worship we always appreciate help with making cups of tea or just sitting with residents during the service. We would also welcome volunteers at any time who would like to come along and sit and chat with our residents and bring something new to what we can already offer, especially to those who are unable to leave their flats or have no church background. Sometimes just seeing a different face can mean so much. Please feel free at any time to call in and see us and have a chat. I am around the scheme at some point on most days and Alistair is here on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and Tuesday evening. If you have any particular interests or skills you could share with us at any time we would love to hear from you (our residents particularly would appreciate anyone who could play the piano for them from time to time as one of the good things about allowing visitors back into the scheme is that we now have a newly tuned piano just waiting to be used!). You can also call us on the Rowanberries number (01274 884889) or email me (dawn.harris@mha.org.uk)

Once again we are so grateful for all the support we have received and continue to receive from the circuit and look forward to another year working and sharing together.

With our love and best wishes for the year ahead,
Dawn Harris & Alistair Pugh , Chaplains

Ping

As the Minister of Clayton Methodist church, it was good to hear at the church council, the encouraging news from the different groups who use the space provided by the building to encourage community life and kingdom opportunities.

We continue to find joy and encouragement at Ping (table tennis) at Clayton. But how do people who want to keep fit and stay alert feel when they come to table tennis for the first time?

Here's what (Helen Whitehead and Julie George) who came to table tennis and stayed, have to say:

'Chatting with a friend after seeing a poster at Clayton Library promoting table tennis at Clayton Methodist Chapel, we made the decision to give it a go. We went with trepidation as one of us hadn't played before and the other last played at youth club. The latter being the case for many of the other players, as it turns out.

We had no need to be worried as we were met with friendly smiles along with introductions to the game and rules of table tennis. We soon realised that this would keep us active both mentally (keeping score) and physically. All abilities are catered for and there are plenty of words of encouragement and help if you want to improve your game. There are lots of laughs with great company as well as a welcome cup of tea. All this enjoyment and wellbeing for £2.00 a session. What's not to like'.

Rev Albert Gayle



Open Doors

Tuesday mornings at Clayton MC are times to which we look forward .

We know that from 10am there will be a steady stream of people coming through our doors eager to meet and chat.

People share with one another their experiences good and sad. They ask each other "What would you do"?

One guest described it as her "highlight" of the week

It is a good opportunity to chat to people from other local churches, our neighbours, and those who just pop in following others as they enter our "welcoming space. "

Drinks and biscuits are popular and then a light lunch is served to those who wish to join us.

Still talking they leave at 1pm

All are Welcome. Come and join us.

Joy Donkin



The total raised for Action for Children at the coffee morning in April was £352.

The Collection at the Action for Children service and money from the coffee after the service in July was £405.

Thank you to everyone who attended these events for their generosity.

Lynda McLindon

Soup and Sandwiches

Thank you for everyone who joined us for Communion or soup and a sandwich on a Friday morning. It was again well attended and well received and we hope people enjoyed it as much as we did, good to meet old and new friends.

For anyone who hasn't been we provide a simple lunch, originally soup and a sandwich, now with chips and cake or buns included.

We have finished now for the summer but will be back in October, we have a bit more funding this year so are hoping to do soup and a sandwich, with usual additions on Fridays and hopefully a few meals in the colder months especially around Christmas – watch our for advertising posters .

Over summer we have been given some funding to provide a welcome space , this will be alongside coffee morning and Sunday worship, we will be looking at providing papers and a lending library as part of this from end of July if not sooner , other suggestions are ice creams or ice lollies in the hot weather .

Thanks to everyone who has been and a warm welcome to everyone who joins us from now on

Thank

Rosie on behalf of the team



SOUP AND SANDWICH

EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

Fridays 11:30am -1pm

Homemade Soup and a Selection of Fresh Sandwiches

No charge but donations are welcome



Would you like to come for a walk?

The Wednesday Friendship Walk will reach its second anniversary at the beginning of September and we would love to welcome you to walk with us.

We are a mixed bunch of friendly people from different churches in the circuit who meet on Wednesday afternoons to walk along the greenway (part of the Great Northern Railway Trail) from Thornton as far as the site of the old Queensbury station, stopping on the return trip for refreshments at the cafe near to the magnificent Thornton viaduct. As a rule there are six of us, sometimes just two of us and on occasions there have been as many as ten

The route is gently undulating and the tarmacked footpath provides an accessible path. There are benches along the route for anyone who would like a rest, views of the countryside and across the city, and peacocks and chickens to look at along the way.

We meet at 1.30 every Wednesday afternoon on Thornton Road, at the end of the path that starts by the gates to Thornton Primary School. We are usually back at our starting point by 3.30pm

Lesley Marshall, Cornerstone

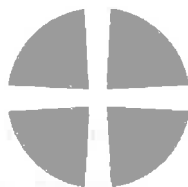
Looking forward to 2023-2024

“Neither is new wine put into old wineskins; otherwise, the skins burst, and the wine is spilled, and the skins are destroyed; but new wine is put into fresh wineskins, and so both are preserved.”

Matthew 9 v 17

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we may continue to explore how the two circuits can be a unit for mission across the City of Bradford.
- For a circuit that engages in, and lives by prayer.
- For St Arnold's, and other city Centre work, that relationships developed, will continue to deepen, and our presence in the City Centre will be cemented.
- That our circuit and churches will continue to nurture our young people, and their voices will be heard.
- That we will seek ways to reach out and build relationships with the communities around our churches.
- That we will be unafraid to explore new initiatives around the circuit.



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022-23**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Graeme Dutton

Rev Albert Gayle

Rev Andrew Stead

Circuit Stewards

Teresa Lunn

Derek Marshall

Jean Sheard

Richard Sheard

Richard Walsh

Circuit Treasurer

John Andrew

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	5,900	-	-	-	-	5,900	5,900
4 Assessments on Churches	5	117,494	-	-	-	-	117,494	132,370
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	68,195	407,608	-	862	24	476,689	333,710
8 Total income		191,589	407,608	-	862	24	600,084	471,980
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	4,000	-	-	-	-	4,000	8,799
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	139,077	-	-	-	-	139,077	151,212
11 Property maintenance	9	20,498	11,218	-	-	-	31,716	42,799
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	44,540	-	-	-	-	44,540	45,336
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	26,931	-	-	-	-	26,931	24,095
16 Other outgoings	12	17,223	221,319	-	80	2	238,624	151,963
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	1,701	-	-	-	1,701	9,720
17 Total charitable expenditure		252,269	234,238	-	80	2	486,589	433,925
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		28,693	-	-	-	-	28,693	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		31,986	173,371	-	782	22	142,187	38,056
21 Transfers between funds		55,698	3,638	-	52,037	23	0	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		23,711	169,732	-	51,255	1	142,187	38,056
24 Total funds brought forward		1,572,275	68,040	-	51,255	752	1,692,322	1,654,266
25 Total funds carried forward		1,595,986	237,772	-	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	1,150,908					1,150,908	970,090
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908	970,090
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	10,296					10,296	14,919
Loans by the Circuit		5,716					5,716	6,251
Investments with TMCP			237,772			751	238,523	96,867
Central Finance Board Deposits		423,959					423,959	620,271
Cash at Bank and in hand		17,095					17,095	10,029
Total current assets		457,067	237,772	0	0	751	695,590	748,336
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	11,989					11,989	26,104
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	
Total current liabilities		11,989	0	0	0	0	11,989	26,104
Net current assets/liabilities		445,078	237,772	0	0	751	683,601	722,232
Total assets less current liabilities		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,595,986					1,595,986	1,572,275
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			237,772				237,772	68,039
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,833,758	1,640,315
Restricted Funds					0		0	51,255
Endowment Funds						751	751	752
Total Funds		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit **Bradford South Circuit**

Circuit No **1157285**

4. Investment Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Rental income	£ 5,900	£ -	£ -	£ -	5,900	5,900
Total	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	5,900

5. Assessments on Churches

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Assessments	£ 117,494	£ -	£ -	£ -	117,494	132,370
Total	117,494	-	-	-	117,494	132,370

6. Other Charitable Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Interest	16,507	7,634	862	24	25,026	3,522
Benevolence	160	-	-	-	160	32
Connexional City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
District City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Bradford North City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Jubilee Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	480
Bequests/Donations	-	-	-	-	-	43
Clayton Heights Balance Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	10,456
Trinity Balance Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	5,565
Other Income	843	-	-	-	843	637
Sale of New Hey Road	-	-	-	-	-	291,975
Sale of Thornbury Methodist Church	-	399,975	-	-	399,975	-
Comerstone	5,600	-	-	-	5,600	-
Thornbury Church	20,251	-	-	-	20,251	-
3Generate	760	-	-	-	760	-
St Arnolds	3,675	-	-	-	3,675	-
5 Falls Approach	20,400	-	-	-	20,400	-
Total	68,195	407,608	862	24	476,689	333,710

7. Grants and Donations

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Touchstone Grant	£ 4,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	4,000	4,000
Jubilee Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Aldersgate Grant	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Wibsey Grant	-	-	-	-	-	599
Total	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	8,799

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	105,126	114,838
Employer's national insurance costs	9,067	9,082
Pension costs	23,032	26,050
Expenses	1,852	1,242
Total	139,077	151,212
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	-	5,200	-	-	5,200	15,484
Southfield Lane Project Payments	-	768	-	-	768	12,265
Clayton Heights Costs	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	1,800
Highgate Road Costs	1,153	-	-	-	1,153	7,228
Ney Hey Road Costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,085
Thornbury Costs	-	-	-	-	-	4,936
Wyke Church Costs	-	5,250	-	-	5,250	-
5 Falls Approach Costs	13,705	-	-	-	13,705	-
Wibsey Church Costs	3,840	-	-	-	3,840	-
Total	20,498	11,218	-	-	31,716	42,799

10. District Assessment and Levy

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	44,540	-	-	-	44,540	45,336
Total	44,540	-	-	-	44,540	45,336

11. Manse Costs

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	9,105	-	-	-	9,105	8,618
Water Rates	2,625	-	-	-	2,625	2,268
Insurance	3,006	-	-	-	3,006	2,472
Repairs	12,195	-	-	-	12,195	8,343
Total	26,931	-	-	-	26,931	21,701

12. Other Outgoings

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	598	-	-	-	598	673
St. Arnold's Expenses	560	-	-	-	560	1,281
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	221,125	-	-	221,125	92,770
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	194	80	2	276	779
Quinquennial Inspections	2,041	-	-	-	2,041	6,317
Office Costs/Rent	1,689	-	-	-	1,689	1,493
Telephone/Broadband	1,978	-	-	-	1,978	2,372
Travel	59	-	-	-	59	22
Postage, Printing & Stationery	735	-	-	-	735	1,100
Preaching Fees	-	-	-	-	-	125
URC	180	-	-	-	180	180
Benevolence Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,780
Bank Fees	60	-	-	-	60	91
Audit Fee	2,220	-	-	-	2,220	2,100
Youth Costs	225	-	-	-	225	615
Pension Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	39,000
Other Expenditure	2,226	-	-	-	2,226	785
Computers for Ministry	572	-	-	-	572	-
Hospitality	34	-	-	-	34	-
Removals	2,268	-	-	-	2,268	-
Roots	52	-	-	-	52	-
3Generate	600	-	-	-	600	-
Valuation & Legal Fees	750	-	-	-	750	-
Total	17,223	221,319	80	2	238,624	151,963

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	1,701	-	-	1,701	9,720
Total	-	1,701	-	-	1,701	9,720

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,220	2,100
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,220	2,100

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

16. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			970,090					970,090
Additions			424,963					424,963
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)			-244,145					-244,145
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090
Carried forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	10,296	14,919
Total	10,296	14,919

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	11,989	26,104
Total	11,989	26,104

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2023.

Bradford South Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

21.8.24

Name of Treasurer

Mr John Andrew

Address

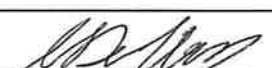
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Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on
and were approved.

21/03/24

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date

21/03/24

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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 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.

Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

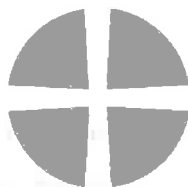
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Date

5/4/24



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2022-23**

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Graeme Dutton

Rev Albert Gayle

Rev Andrew Stead

Circuit Stewards

Teresa Lunn

Derek Marshall

Jean Sheard

Richard Sheard

Richard Walsh

Circuit Treasurer

John Andrew

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	5,900	-	-	-	-	5,900	5,900
4 Assessments on Churches	5	117,494	-	-	-	-	117,494	132,370
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	68,195	407,608	-	862	24	476,689	333,710
8 Total income		191,589	407,608	-	862	24	600,084	471,980
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	4,000	-	-	-	-	4,000	8,799
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	139,077	-	-	-	-	139,077	151,212
11 Property maintenance	9	20,498	11,218	-	-	-	31,716	42,799
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	44,540	-	-	-	-	44,540	45,336
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	26,931	-	-	-	-	26,931	24,095
16 Other outgoings	12	17,223	221,319	-	80	2	238,624	151,963
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	1,701	-	-	-	1,701	9,720
17 Total charitable expenditure		252,269	234,238	-	80	2	486,589	433,925
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		28,693	-	-	-	-	28,693	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		31,986	173,371	-	782	22	142,187	38,056
21 Transfers between funds		55,698	3,638	-	52,037	23	0	-
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		23,711	169,732	-	51,255	1	142,187	38,056
24 Total funds brought forward		1,572,275	68,040	-	51,255	752	1,692,322	1,654,266
25 Total funds carried forward		1,595,986	237,772	-	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Notes to the Accounts		General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	1,150,908					1,150,908	970,090
Investment properties							0	
Investments							0	
Total fixed assets		1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908	970,090
Current Assets								
Debtors	17	10,296					10,296	14,919
Loans by the Circuit		5,716					5,716	6,251
Investments with TMCP			237,772			751	238,523	96,867
Central Finance Board Deposits		423,959					423,959	620,271
Cash at Bank and in hand		17,095					17,095	10,029
Total current assets		457,067	237,772	0	0	751	695,590	748,336
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	11,989					11,989	26,104
Grants payable within 2018-19							0	
Total current liabilities		11,989	0	0	0	0	11,989	26,104
Net current assets/liabilities		445,078	237,772	0	0	751	683,601	722,232
Total assets less current liabilities		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2018-19							0	
Loans to the Circuit							0	
Net assets		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,595,986					1,595,986	1,572,275
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			237,772				237,772	68,039
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0			0	0
Total Unrestricted Funds							1,833,758	1,640,315
Restricted Funds					0		0	51,255
Endowment Funds						751	751	752
Total Funds		1,595,986	237,772	0	0	751	1,834,509	1,692,322

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued in October 2019), the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, and UK Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit **Bradford South Circuit**

Circuit No **1157285**

4. Investment Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Rental income	£ 5,900	£ -	£ -	£ -	5,900	5,900
Total	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	5,900

5. Assessments on Churches

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Assessments	£ 117,494	£ -	£ -	£ -	117,494	132,370
Total	117,494	-	-	-	117,494	132,370

6. Other Charitable Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Interest	16,507	7,634	862	24	25,026	3,522
Benevolence	160	-	-	-	160	32
Connexional City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	10,000
District City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	5,000
Bradford North City Centre Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Jubilee Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Youth Income	-	-	-	-	-	480
Bequests/Donations	-	-	-	-	-	43
Clayton Heights Balance Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	10,456
Trinity Balance Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	5,565
Other Income	843	-	-	-	843	637
Sale of New Hey Road	-	-	-	-	-	291,975
Sale of Thornbury Methodist Church	-	399,975	-	-	399,975	-
Comerstone	5,600	-	-	-	5,600	-
Thornbury Church	20,251	-	-	-	20,251	-
3Generate	760	-	-	-	760	-
St Arnolds	3,675	-	-	-	3,675	-
5 Falls Approach	20,400	-	-	-	20,400	-
Total	68,195	407,608	862	24	476,689	333,710

7. Grants and Donations

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment	£	£
Touchstone Grant	£ 4,000	£ -	£ -	£ -	4,000	4,000
Jubilee Grant	-	-	-	-	-	3,000
Aldersgate Grant	-	-	-	-	-	1,200
Wibsey Grant	-	-	-	-	-	599
Total	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	8,799

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	105,126	114,838
Employer's national insurance costs	9,067	9,082
Pension costs	23,032	26,050
Expenses	1,852	1,242
Total	139,077	151,212
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	5	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	-	5,200	-	-	5,200	15,484
Southfield Lane Project Payments	-	768	-	-	768	12,265
Clayton Heights Costs	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	1,800
Highgate Road Costs	1,153	-	-	-	1,153	7,228
Ney Hey Road Costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,085
Thornbury Costs	-	-	-	-	-	4,936
Wyke Church Costs	-	5,250	-	-	5,250	-
5 Falls Approach Costs	13,705	-	-	-	13,705	-
Wibsey Church Costs	3,840	-	-	-	3,840	-
Total	20,498	11,218	-	-	31,716	42,799

10. District Assessment and Levy

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	44,540	-	-	-	44,540	45,336
Total	44,540	-	-	-	44,540	45,336

11. Manse Costs

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	9,105	-	-	-	9,105	8,618
Water Rates	2,625	-	-	-	2,625	2,268
Insurance	3,006	-	-	-	3,006	2,472
Repairs	12,195	-	-	-	12,195	8,343
Total	26,931	-	-	-	26,931	21,701

12. Other Outgoings

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2023 Total	2022 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	598	-	-	-	598	673
St. Arnold's Expenses	560	-	-	-	560	1,281
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	221,125	-	-	221,125	92,770
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	194	80	2	276	779
Quinquennial Inspections	2,041	-	-	-	2,041	6,317
Office Costs/Rent	1,689	-	-	-	1,689	1,493
Telephone/Broadband	1,978	-	-	-	1,978	2,372
Travel	59	-	-	-	59	22
Postage, Printing & Stationery	735	-	-	-	735	1,100
Preaching Fees	-	-	-	-	-	125
URC	180	-	-	-	180	180
Benevolence Fund	-	-	-	-	-	1,780
Bank Fees	60	-	-	-	60	91
Audit Fee	2,220	-	-	-	2,220	2,100
Youth Costs	225	-	-	-	225	615
Pension Reserve Fund	-	-	-	-	-	39,000
Other Expenditure	2,226	-	-	-	2,226	785
Computers for Ministry	572	-	-	-	572	-
Hospitality	34	-	-	-	34	-
Removals	2,268	-	-	-	2,268	-
Roots	-	52	-	-	52	-
3Generate	600	-	-	-	600	-
Valuation & Legal Fees	750	-	-	-	750	-
Total	17,223	221,319	80	2	238,624	151,963

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Circuit Model Trust				2023 Total	2022 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	1,701	-	-	1,701	9,720
Total	-	1,701	-	-	1,701	9,720

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,220	2,100
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,220	2,100

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

16. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			970,090					970,090
Additions			424,963					424,963
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)			-244,145					-244,145
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090
Carried forward	0	0	1,150,908	0	0	0	0	1,150,908

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	10,296	14,919
Total	10,296	14,919

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	11,989	26,104
Total	11,989	26,104

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2023 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2023.

Bradford South Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

21.8.24

Name of Treasurer

Mr John Andrew

Address

125, HILGHAVE RD, QUENSBURY RD B3 1DT

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on
and were approved.

21/03/24

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date

21/03/24

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2023.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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 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.

Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

Thornhill Brigg Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4AH

Date

5/4/24

BRADFORD SOUTH METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1157285

Accounts

Bradford South Circuit

Annual Report

September 2021-2022

“Sharing God’s Love”

“As God’s people we seek to work together to celebrate and share God’s love in Christ for all”.

Superintendent's Report

For yet another year we have had to deal with the challenges and changes brought about by the Coronavirus pandemic, which has continued to have an impact on everything on a local, national and global scale.

This year we are thankful that our church buildings have been able to remain open, with external users, as well as our church groups, being able to resume their activities. Although some groups have, by necessity, reformed or reshaped, we are thankful that our buildings continue to offer hospitality to a variety of interest groups who meet for fellowship, entertainment and well-being. From Toddlers at Horton Bank, to uniformed organisations in a number of venues, to Memory Tree at Aldersgate, to Knit and Natter at Cornerstone, to Ping at Clayton and MHA at Wibsey (these to name just a few), as a circuit we are able to offer something for groups of all ages, interests and abilities.

During the early months of the pandemic we established a pattern of worship and staying connected using online platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, our website and Youtube, providing hard copies of texts to those who were not able to access the material on line. This continues to be valued by a significant number of people, from within the circuit and beyond. As such they have continued throughout the past year and will continue to be provided for as long as we are able.

As a circuit we serve a diversity of communities within the city, from social housing estates, to communities on the margins of the city who prefer to identify themselves as urban villages, to those where maintaining a Christian presence feels particularly challenging. By virtue of the pandemic and our online presence, our reach has stretched much further than the boundaries of our circuit, stretching even beyond our shores to other countries.

Trinity (previously meeting at Touchstone) and Thornbury have both formally 'ceased to meet', and New Hey Road has formally joined (becoming a 'class') of Ebenezer. As a result of these changes, the circuit now consists of 9 worshipping communities. Eight of these continue to gather in their own buildings, with the ninth (the community associated with St Arnold's) meeting in the Peacock Bar and other city centre venues. St Arnold's has continued to evolve, with worship now held twice a month and Beer and Hymns held once a month.

Despite the challenges of living with uncertainty and change, our annual report is testimony to the fact that Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents, many of which have been used and expressed in new and exciting ways. All this bears witness to our passion for shared discipleship, through worship and mission, in ways that fulfil our calling to make Christ known in the world through our words and deeds of love.

This report is evidence that the people of Bradford South Methodist circuit continue to remain faithful and hopeful, facing opportunity and change with the assurance that God continues to have plans for us and for the city in which we witness.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Superintendent Minister

Statement of Core Values

Bradford South Circuit 27/33

- All we do as a circuit is within the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church.
- Each person is created in the image of God.
- All people are therefore valued and respected regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ability, cultural background or faith.
- We are responsible, under God, for each other and our social, spiritual and personal needs.
- All members of groups or churches should be allowed and enabled to participate in decision making, within the proper process.
- We adhere to the United Nations rights of the child in our work with young people.
- All should be kept safe from harm and it is the responsibility of us all to work towards this together with particular attention to the requirements of the Methodist Church.
- We respect and value the work of all, paid and voluntary in the circuit.

Circuit Staff Team 2020-21

Ministerial Staff

Revd. Lyn Gregg —Circuit Superintendent

Churches: Southfield Lane, Wibsey, Wyke

Revd. Graeme Dutton (half time in circuit and half time in City Centre ministry)

Churches: Ebenezer (Dudley Hill), New Hey Road (East Bowling),

Revd. Albert Gayle

Churches: Aldersgate,(Low Moor), Clayton, Thornbury,

Revd. Sarah Jemison (part time minister)

Churches: Cornerstone, Horton Bank,

Revd. Caroline Ryder (Team Leader at Touchstone and part time in Circuit)

Church: Trinity (Manningham)

Revd. Patricia Malham (Supernumary)

The support ministers across the circuit will be Revd. Lyn Gregg and Revd. Graeme Dutton

Lay Staff

Mrs. Alison Terrell– Circuit Administrator & Lay Pastoral Worker

Circuit Office

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Normal Office Hours: Mon—Wed, 9am-4.20pm, Thurs 9.30am-12.30pm

Office open: Mon and Tues 9.30-12.30am, Wed 1-3pm

Circuit Stewards

We began this year with six Circuit Stewards: Elizabeth Smith, Richard Walsh, Derek Marshall, Suzanne Allsop and the Finance Team – Trevor Kershaw and Melanie Walsh – with Suzanne Allsop serving as senior steward.

Elizabeth will be standing down as circuit steward at the end of August and we express our thanks to her for her work over the past 6 years. We look forward to welcoming in September Jean and Richard Sheard, who will bring their own gifts and experience to the team.

Trevor and Melanie, our Finance Team, are also stepping down and we extend to them our grateful thanks for the excellent work they have done with Finance matters over the years. We await the appointment of a new Finance Officer and Finance Steward.

We continue to ensure that the manses and the rented cottage in Highgate Road are kept in good repair.

We are grateful to all our ministers, who continue to serve us well throughout the circuit. They continue to ensure regular worship is accessible for as many as possible through the online service, including the transcripts of these which are circulated weekly via email, hand delivery and post. This important ministry is very much appreciated and we thank all who are involved in it.

The Revd Sarah Jemison will sit down at the end of this Connexional year and we express our thanks to her for all her hard work. She has served the circuit well and will be missed.

Permission was granted for both Trinity at Touchstone and Thornbury to cease worship and the church building at Thornbury was put on the market. We still await the sale of that building. We are thankful that the sale of the building at New Hey Road was completed. We extend our grateful thanks to Trevor Kershaw, who took the lead in these matters on behalf of the circuit.

Finally, we are always on the lookout for people who would be interested in becoming circuit stewards. Our term of office is six years maximum, so we will always need people to replace any who may be stepping down. Please think and pray about this. If anyone is interested in finding out more please speak to Suzanne, or any other steward, and we will be happy to answer any questions and explain what the role entails.

Let us all, as a circuit, move forward in the coming year, working together, united in the desire to show God's love to all, seeking to do his will and to bring glory to him.

God bless
Suzanne Allsop

Property

Continued thanks to all of those in our churches who manage our property. There have been a number of schemes that have required circuit approval this year. While a few of these schemes have led to improvements being made on our church sites, many more have been repair projects including a number of schemes to repair storm damage.

There have been significant questions asked about the suitability and necessity of our buildings this year, particularly as we have returned from prolonged absence. Some of this questioning is born out in the Dreaming and Discerning document received by the June Circuit Meeting. It is clear that as we continue to dream dreams and discern God's will for our circuit the way in which we use and invest in our properties will, quite rightly, come under an increased sense of scrutiny. This process has the potential to be one which is exciting, challenging, painful and joyous all in equal measure. May our prayer be that God guides us every step of the way into our future together.

Graeme

Finance

Annual Finance Report 2021-22

This report is written just after the financial year end, 31st August 2022. Due to a delay in receiving the annual figures from Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP), we are unable to report any actual financial results for 2021-22. Suffice to say the circuit balances are probably higher than they've ever been, due to the sale of a number of trust properties in recent years. However it is important to remember that the circuit operates with an annual deficit budget of around £100,000.

The sale of New Hey Road Methodist Church completed in December 2021 with net sale proceeds of £199,184.76 deposited in the circuit's Model Trust Fund at TMCP. We have been dealing with the sale of Thornbury Methodist Church for most of the year and are pleased to report that the sale completed on 5th September 2022, with net proceeds of £263,984.88, and these funds were deposited in the Model Trust Fund at TMCP in the first week of the new financial year, 2022-23. Whilst Thornbury has continued to cover the cost of utilities and any other running costs since closure, the circuit has paid the insurance premiums, which over the year has amounted to approximately £5,000.

Early in the financial year, churches, circuits and districts were asked and encouraged to make contributions towards a shortfall in the Methodist Ministers Pension Reserve Fund. Our Circuit Meeting agreed to make a contribution of £39,000 to this shortfall which was duly discharged in December 2021.

During the year the circuit agreed to make grants to some churches for whom the cost of necessary property repairs had become financially restricting. Southfield Lane were granted a total of £35,000 to cover two outbreaks of dry rot and the installation of disabled toilets. Cornerstone were granted a total of £31,000 (from the proceeds of sale of the cricket field) towards various property repairs and refurbishments. Aldersgate were granted £1,200 towards roof repairs, Wyke £8,000 towards similar work and Wibsey £599 for a new projector.

The St. Arnold's project has now been running for over five years. For the majority of that time it has been funded by a Connexional grant of £10,000 pa, a District Grant of £5,000 pa and a grant from our neighbours in Bradford North Circuit of £3,000 pa. Both the Connexional and District grants have now concluded but the Bradford North contribution continues for the time being. It therefore remains with the circuit to fund the majority of this project going forward.

Assessments will always be the circuit's main source of income but we are becoming increasingly aware of the burden this places on some of our churches. Over recent years some churches, in order to balance their own books, have asked for a reduction in their assessment payments and the Circuit Meeting has always tried to look favourably on these requests. During this financial year Cornerstone have reduced their assessment twice due to shortfalls in their own budget.

The circuit's main expense continues to be ministerial stipends. We currently have three full time presbyters, Revd Lyn Gregg (superintendent), Revd Albert Gayle and Revd Graeme Dutton; Graeme's time being split equally between the circuit and St. Arnold's. Revd Sarah Jemison served us on a half time basis until the end of this financial year but has now sat down, with Revd Caroline Ryder serving us on a 25% basis alongside her work at Touchstone. With stationing underway it is possible that things will change and the circuit must be ready to respond to that. Alison Terrell continued to be our only lay employee in 2021-22, but we are on the point of

employing a Circuit Finance Officer to replace the current Circuit Finance Team.

It is important to remember that each individual's contribution whether financial, practical or spiritual is worth a great deal and helps the churches and circuit to continue to do God's work together. Our churches, our circuit and our mission will inevitably evolve over the coming years, and already we have some exciting plans on the drawing board. Collectively we need to be ready to respond to these challenges positively and trust God to support us in everything we do.

And finally ... this will be the last Annual Report produced by the current Circuit Finance Team as we are standing down once the new Circuit Finance Officer is in post. We have served the circuit in a voluntary capacity over many years, and have hopefully presented the (sometimes complex subject of) accounts in a clear and transparent way that everyone can understand. We sign off with the circuit accounts in good order, albeit that the healthy circuit bank balances are offset by an ongoing deficit budget.

Trevor Kershaw & Melanie Walsh
Circuit Finance Team
September 2022

Administration

This year I have been able to settle in to working at the office in Clayton. Enjoying the sounds of the "Ping" group downstairs on a Monday, and being invited down to share lunch at Open Doors on a Tuesday.

With the closure of a number of churches, the amount of paperwork that descended on the office was huge. With the help of local volunteers and the advice of the District Archivist, I have been able to sort out what needs to be kept and what can go.

As those of you who are involved with the administration in local churches know, the paperwork seems to constantly expand, and there are always new things to learn. Do remember I am here to support the Circuit. If any of you are drowning under administrative tasks, do get in touch and we can work out how to deal with them together.

Alison Terrell, circuit Administrator

Holy Week

One of the things I have found enriching during my time in Bradford South Circuit, has been the practise of sharing daily acts of worship during Holy Week.

Each year we try to offer something different, be that by way of theme and/or content. Then each evening in any given year offers the same variety by way of content and style whilst remaining true to the overall theme chosen for the year.

Looking back over the years we have used themes based on the events of the week that led to Jesus' death, colours, emotions, words and images - these to name just a few. In 2022 our theme took us into the places Jesus visited during his final week - Jesus in the Temple, the market place, the home and the garden.

As a team of ministers, it is deciding upon the overall theme (within the specific context of 'Holy Week' of course) that usually presents us with the most challenging part of the preparation process. Once the theme is settled upon, it is then a matter of deciding what aspects of the theme we can (or would like to) explore. After this we decide which particular subject fits best on which day of the week and who would like to do what. Sometimes it is our individual availability that dictates which day and topic we take responsibility for, sometimes (if we have a preference) it is the particular topic that dictates the day we take responsibility for.

Once the theme for the week and the topics for the days have been decided and allocated to individuals, it is then down to each minister to prepare their own material. It seems to be a process that works well, allowing God to guide and inspire us, so that the overall week offers worship that is meaningful and varied without being repetitive.

We hope those who have attended any of our offerings over the years, especially if they have attended a number in any given year, have found them a helpful resource for reflecting on their journey through Holy Week.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Free Spirit—Good Friday

Just before the Good Friday Service it was uncertain whether Free Spirit would be able to take part because the dreaded virus was busy stalking a lot of our singers. . . .

So for the 2 weeks before the service we did not practise but luckily we had been schooled to within an inch by the very faithful Angie, so everyone knew what they should be singing at each point! (even me).

Luckily the planning of the service allowed The Good Friday Service to flow quite smoothly to the congregation who were present. I know that the Service was enjoyed and brought a little different perspective to the events of Good Friday. It made me reflect on the events of that day and realise what a busy day it was and so important to the Bible narrative.

The speakers were good, the singers were good and the whole coalesced into a brilliant whole - with God's blessing it went well. Feedback good as well. Well done to all who took part.

Sarah Moses, Member of Free Spirit

Pray First

Our weekly circuit prayer meeting has continued to meet on site at Java Joe, online via Facebook live and on the phone via a conference calling platform called Whypay. Most weeks we have at least one other person joining through all of the available platforms. Depending on the weather, other events and other circumstances, people are able to pick and choose which platform is most appropriate for them week-by-week. Some weeks we have had up to 15 people attending the live event, other weeks we might be down to 4 or 5. There are also a number of people who catch up with the Facebook video recording later in the day (or even later in the week).

For those who attend, the use of the Northumbria Community liturgy for morning prayer has become an important anchor point in their week. Gathering around prayer in this way adds a sense of stability and community to the church life of those who attend, and our presence at Java Joe roots us in the community we are praying for.

Graeme

Online Worship

While obviously not reaching the same numbers of regular attenders as it was at the height of lockdowns, the online circuit service remains an important place for a number of people at different times of the week. There are still a number of people who are logging in at 10:30am to watch either the Facebook service or the YouTube video (via the circuit website). There are also a larger number of people who are watching these services later in the week. Across Facebook and YouTube the videos are still gathering between 35 and 50 views each week, suggesting that these services also remain a useful window into the activities and mission of the circuit. Thanks to the hard work and willingness of the circuit staff we are able to produce very professional-looking media content which shows our circuit in a very good light. In terms of numbers engaging, this service probably still has the largest numerical congregation in our circuit.

Graeme

Youth Work

Over the last year we have shared in a number of youth activities between Bradford North & Bradford South circuits, including a fortnightly Sunday evening fellowship group and youth-focused Lent course based on the film "The Greatest Showman", which were online activities. We have also taken part in a face to face escape room session, and trip to LaserZone, as well as taking part in some events organised by the District Youth team, including Inflatation inflatable theme park and the annual District Youth weekend to Carlton Lodge near Thirsk. We have had a small but regular core group, plus a few young people who have dropped in and out at different points.

Whilst our numbers have been low as we have navigated our way out of the worst of the pandemic, they have been fairly consistent, and we look forward to being able to build on those relationships, as well as forging new relationships as we move forward into the new year.

Laura Tunnacliffe

The Plan

During the past 12 months, despite the uncertainties that have continued to surround us, we have been able to operate with a reasonably healthy preaching plan. There have been occasions when churches have been asked to make alternative arrangements due to the illness of preachers, ministers and/or church stewards, but this has been handled with grace as we have continued to live within the unpredictability of a continuing pandemic.

Although there continues to be a large proportion of LCAs across the plan, the burden of these has been eased greatly with the continued weekly provision of online services and transcripts of the online service, which have provided a very useable 'Reader's Service'. There has also been the opportunity for some congregations to resume the practise of 'visiting' other churches in the circuit, which has helped to strengthen relationships across the circuit.

Lyn Gregg

Local Preachers

Local Preachers and Worship Leaders activities 2021/2022

During this past year we have seen significant changes amongst those accredited as Local Preachers in our circuit. The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently (end August 2022) stands at 21, 8 of whom are not taking appointments, be that temporarily or permanently.

The number of local preachers remaining consistent throughout the year disguises a number of changes that have occurred during this time, including transfers in and out and one withdrawal from the Local Preacher's training programme.

At the beginning of September 2021 we held the accreditation service for one of our recent 'on Trial' preachers. This had originally been planned for April 2020, so it was long overdue. It was an uplifting service, at which we were able to engage in robust hymn-singing as well as hear moving and challenging testimony. The preacher was Revd Louise Carr (a past superintendent) who was delighted to be able to accept the invitation to join us for this special occasion.

We currently have no Local Preachers 'on Note' or 'on Trial', but if you feel you are being nudged towards becoming a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, please speak to someone about it. We would very much like to explore with you your call to this particular ministry.

Lyn Gregg

As a Local Preacher returning to take services after the relaxation of restrictions, this was very welcome to me as I had really missed the discipline of preparing for and leading worship. I had also missed seeing members of our various congregations.

When it became possible to resume taking services it was very interesting to discover the various ways the churches were minimising any lingering risks from the virus.

From the different seating arrangements to only singing the last hymn outside as it was forbidden to sing indoors, and it was so difficult sometimes not to burst into song!!

Sometimes it was necessary to take a bottle of water (or something) as some churches didn't provide that essential glass of water (but some did!)

When all restrictions were finally removed it was still not the same as before 'lockdown' as a number of people didn't return to the churches; looking at a rather depleted congregation in some of the Circuit was rather sad.

Of course a number of members continued to access the on-line services and I understand that this has been a great encouragement to many.

I have been grateful for the Monday morning Circuit letter from Lyn and a copy of the service for the following Sunday which has been a great help at times helping me to 'kick-start' sermon prep. However, if I had already done my sermon I often found a passage in the Circuit service to which I referred as I preached (always explaining the origin of the section which I used of course).

So once again it is a joy and brings personal faith-building as I prepare for and lead worship and in many ways it is almost 'back to normal', however, we don't seem to be doing as much hand shaking or hugging and I confess, not much enthusiasm for the elbow greeting!

It has been a challenging two years in so many ways and as a local preacher, it is only by God's grace that it is possible to continue to serve Him in this way.

I would add that I am grateful to the Stewards in each church for making contact prior to the Sunday for the hymns and readings, and also to those who provide the music – not forgetting those who help with tea and coffee making.

It is so good to be enjoying fellowship around the Circuit once more.

Christine Milner

EGG



The acronym EGG (in Bradford South Circuit language) means: Evangelism and Growth Group. It is an open group that meets periodically in order to share ideas and explore possibilities for mission within the circuit. With the aim of keeping the importance of evangelism and growth high on the agenda of what we, as churches, should be doing, it has given the impetus to some important expressions of discipleship. Southfield Lane sent Christmas cards and Easter cards to all its membership and near neighbours. A regular walking group has also been established, this being people gathered from across the circuit rather than from one individual church. (See the report below).

Lyn Gregg

Fresh Air, Friends, Fellowship and Fun.

After having felt enriched by the fellowship and companionship of the walkers for Christian Aid, Jean mentioned to EGG (the Evangelism and Growth Group) that this could be something we could continue. Up to eight of us, but not always the same eight, have met up from the beginning of September to walk along Thornton Viaduct meeting by Thornton Primary School each Wednesday at 1.30pm.

Our aim is to speak to people we meet en route if only to say "Hello", which we have achieved. At this moment in time we haven't met any regulars, but time will tell.

This group is open to all. Some of our group live alone, or walk alone, and it's good to be together. So far the group have managed to walk both sides of the viaduct. However, if you can only manage part of the way you will still be welcome and won't be left alone. We have representatives from a few of our Churches in the Circuit, not all women.

After our walk to the station house at Queensbury and nearly back we stop for a cuppa at the Junction Lodge.

A comment received: "Enjoyed this afternoon again, lovely group"

For further details please ring Lesley on 07709669998 or Jean on 07948372807

Lesley and Jean were asked by the group in attendance on 29th October if they would make a decision whether to walk if the weather is inclement. Please be in touch by 12.30pm on the day, or a message will be sent to you if you let one of them have contact details.

St Arnold's

It feels like such a lot has changed recently. We're now in a position where, as rules and restrictions have been relaxed, we are emerging and re-engaging in all sorts of new and exciting ways. I'm sure that's the case for many of our established churches and it's certainly the case for St Arnold's.



It has been wonderful to welcome new people to both our Sunday morning 'One@11' services and our beer and hymns events. We've also seen a deepening of established relationships and a blossoming of new partnerships.

You may have seen our most recent appearance on national TV, a slot on BBC One's 'Good Morning Live'. Broadcast on Good Friday morning, the section told the story of the presenter, Mike Sweeney's, visit to One@11. You'll have seen some of the things we get up to, including our prayers of confession set to secular music, crafting paper crosses, sharing communion and our (now quite legendary) community meal of bread and cheese. What you won't have seen were the reflections, after the event, from one of the camera men (who used to work on Songs of Praise).

In a message to me on social media he was quick to point out two things which he has seen as incredibly significant: the first was about 'the young couple who I was marrying in summer' and his assertion that he felt there was no way they would have found their way into 'The Church' without a fellowship like St Arnold's. An assertion that was certainly backed up by their answers to our recent review survey.

The second thing he mentioned was how obvious the friendship between Mits (landlord at The Peacock), the rest of the staff and I was. He could tell instantly that we weren't just using the bar as a venue for our events but that we were truly and fully embedded in the fabric of The Peacock Bar and its community. Again, this was backed up by the filming team's experience when they tried to film a series of 'vox pops' (short opinion based interviews) after they had filmed our service and interviews. The original plan was to ask people on North Parade a number of similar questions about our involvement in the bar. The opening question was usually some variation of 'what would you think if a bar was holding a church service on a Sunday morning?' They ended up not using any of the responses, as nearly everyone just replied by saying 'Oh, you mean like Graeme does at The Peacock!'

Our Chaplains, Teresa and Suzanne, have also been incredibly busy getting to know people and exploring the needs and salient concerns of people within our city.

Teresa offers this reflection on her role...

Adventures of a chaplain

Being a St Arnold's chaplain is a life where you never know what to expect from day to day. Whilst at the moment I'm still building relationships with those that I see regularly or occasionally, these are just some of the things that have happened over the past few months.

We started a Craft Club on Thursdays (2pm if you want to join) at the Exchange Bar in Market Street. At the moment, there are just 2 of us who meet each week to knit (and mostly natter if I'm honest). But last Thursday, 2 people asked to join – one to learn to knit, and one new knitter who wants some company/guidance – so we're slowly

growing. But as well as the knitters, we have several regular 'others' who sit with us and join in conversation. One person who joins us occasionally is someone who, I hope, will one day enter into a 'proper' conversation; at the moment he just leaves with a throw-away comment about various spiritual ideas – it's sounds like he's a sceptic, but is thinking about things. Time will tell.



Then there's the non-regulars, those who just happen to be in the bar on a Thursday afternoon. We quite often get someone coming to just say hello and see what's going on, but on one occasion we were more than just something a bit different. A young lad came up to us to let us know that watching us had lifted his spirits after a very hard week. Various things had happened to bring him down, but he happened to be in Bradford and decided to come to the Exchange. Chatting to him for a while, he said that he felt that he'd been drawn there, and that when he'd seen us he realised why, as he'd had a real spiritual boost. Little things like that make what I do so worthwhile.



At Lefteris café, some days can be quiet, but usually there's somebody there who spots the badge and starts talking. Then there's days like today, when a few people that I had seen before were in, so conversations happened. Two ladies 'who lunch' are regulars (and I often see them around town at times and we always stop and say hello); some students, one of whom I had seen a few times working on assignments etc, whose exams are next week, so well wishes were given – after we had dealt with the spider that wanted to join them but which they didn't really want there! And then there were the three young lads,

who had a guitar with them, which needed to be checked for tuning, so an impromptu concert, very good. Apparently they had played at the café before lockdown, so I hope they'll be able to do something again like that in the future, they were very good. Before the concert, one of them was chatting with me about being a chaplain, where and how etc. Finally, one of the staff had asked me to pray for her stepson – having used the WhatsApp chaplains group to involve Suzanne and Graeme, I was able to pass on the good news quite quickly that all was well, the problem had been solved. All in all, a good day today.

Being there for the staff is useful in other ways too – like the day when I arrived to find someone who was obviously having difficulties. The staff were trying to help him but not managing to (it transpired later that he was under the influence of something, but that wasn't obvious at the time). The neighbourhood wardens were really needed, so that the café could continue to run, so I said that I could keep an eye out for them, while also making sure the gentleman was ok (he had actually fallen asleep on the floor, but out of the way of customers, and everyone there was just concerned that he was ok). An ambulance had been called, but as he was breathing and sleeping naturally, it wasn't deemed an emergency so it could have been a while before they arrived. As soon as I spotted the wardens, I ran out to catch them and explained what was happening, and they managed to wake him and deal with him. All was well, the local PCSOs got involved and returned to let us know that he had been put on a bus home and told to sleep it off there.

I usually go to Lefteris on a Monday, but every now and then, things happen to make me go in on a different day. That last day I mentioned was a Wednesday, and I very nearly didn't make it as I'd just finished the mental health first aid training the previous evening, so I was tired, but something told me to go there – so that I could be the right person in the right place at the right time. Which is what I feel God wants me to be, so that while relationships are still relatively new, I might just be the someone who

plants a seed, or waters a seed already planted. I'll more than likely never know, but for me that's not the point, and if I was looking for results, I'd feel disappointed. But people rarely disappoint me, and God never does, so that's what keeps me going and spurs me on each day.

Suzanne has also been having a number of important conversations with people at various venues around the city. She's also been making very good use of our WhatsApp chaplains' group to ask us to pray for all sorts of important situations. The kind of things she's asking us to pray about-from job interviews, to legal situations, to people seeking spiritual guidance, show just how deep some of those conversations are going and how her careful listening is able to give people a meaningful outlet for their worries. Her listening skills have also led to a number of new friendships which, in turn have led to those new friends asking about church services and joining Suzanne at both One@11 and Clayton.

Recent events have included 'Hymns from the terraces' our sporting themed Beer and Hymns which, this year, also had a focus on supporting the Rob Burrow Foundation for research into Motor Neurone Disease and one of our friends who was diagnosed with the condition early this year. We also held our 'Annual Beer and Hymns Beach Party' and had a presence at the North Parade Street Party. We also trialled a new meditation and prayer event with Boar and Fable, another of the bars on North Parade, which will now be continuing as a midweek event two Wednesday evenings of the month from September onwards. We are also already planning some fun events in partnership with venues on the street for a spectacular Christmas.

Saint Arnold's Prayer Points

Hospitality venues as they continue to recover from financial and operational difficulties

Organisations we partner with inc. TSO Promotions and Bradford BiD

Our Chaplains and those they are having conversation with

The review which will be presented at Circuit Meeting in September

Our new attendees at One@11 and Beer and Hymns

Graeme

Schools Work

Presence and Partnership 2022

As I write this, I'm thinking about the wonderful opportunities that we have been given as Christians to make known the good news of God's love in a variety of ways in the life of the communities in which we serve. It's a great honour and privilege to be invited into various parts of the community to be God's hands, voice, feet and ears, but also God's heart. If we have a heart of love then God can work through us.

Graeme Dutton, recently mentioned the phrase 'presence and partnership' in a meeting. It seems to me that this is what we are about as Christians. We are called to be God's presence in the world and to work in partnership with others.

As you may know Ministers and some of our Local Preachers (Beverley and Jenny Hardy and Mary and Geoff Twentyman) are involved in Low Moor schools, and the Ministers' work goes beyond to other schools and other places as well.

At Low Moor we are particularly engaged in the C of E and Hill Top Schools. We are able to work with children, Teachers and other staff in meaningful ways. Low Moor C of E School, where they follow Open the Book (Bible Stories), is particularly impressive because as you enter the building you know that the ethos of the school is positive. There is an atmosphere of positivity because those who have been doing this work for some time have set a tone.

Those of us who are involved in the school are standing on the shoulders of giants. The tone is of course set by the headteacher Mrs Yvonne Broadbent. She delegates responsibilities so that gifts and skills can be utilised as necessary to make the function of the school as effective as possible.

Recently, I was asked by the staff to help them with a graduation ceremony. It was good that Bev and Jenny Hardy were able to come and support that opportunity. The school wanted to mark the transition for the year sixes as they move to a new school. Transition isn't easy. There's sadness, excitement, apprehension and other emotions at work. But it's such a wonderful development that we can be trusted to deliver what is been asked for.

I think that we are at an opportune time for things to happen. We have reached the point where conversations are taking place between the school and the two churches in Low Moor, Aldersgate and Holy Trinity. It's an exciting phase in our partnership. It's a partnership that has been set in motion since the 1950's. Aldersgate church has given this development its blessing so we have started conversations about the way ahead with the school.

We were brimming with ideas so we need to now take some baby steps and work out a plan of action.

In addition, on the 14th July a conversation took place between the church wardens and the acting archdeacon of Bradford, Rev Cat Thatcher, church stewards and a representative from the school. It was a fruitful conversation which focused on working together in mission and ministry. But more importantly, worshipping together when there are five Sundays in the month and at various other points in the year including at covenant services.

It is hoped that we will be able to use the Aldersgate building as a community hub supported by finance, personnel and a structure that will last. We need to think creatively about how we can generate an income stream to strengthen the mission and ministry of our work together and at the same time continue to maintain our building. At the moment we are trying to discern a vision for our work together through prayer and conversation.

It seems to us that God is at work and is wanting us to join in that work. The churches together group are going to meet and pray about this project with the hope that we will be able to see the way ahead more clearly.

At the Hill Top School, the Head, Des Martin, has just retired. Lyn, Greame and myself were invited to his retirement. Julie Ball has been appointed as the new Head.

If we are to enable God's kingdom to develop and grow, we have to be present and reach out in partnership. We are in the process of planting God's love in people's minds and hearts. It's good to be involved with people who are agents of God's love, but we need to be catalysts to encourage God's Kingdom to grow.

We need to remember our schools and other educational establishments in our prayers.

God, you who hold us in your love and care, we thank you for the rich opportunities to work in partnership with those who are in institutions of learning. We pray for Teachers and support workers and all those who work to make better the lives of young people in their care. We praise you for resourcing those in education with wisdom and insight so that they can nourish and nurture young minds and hearts with values which will form and shape character.

We pray at this testing time for teachers as some of them struggle to make ends meet. We pray that as public servants, they may be given what they need to ease the challenges that they face.

We pray too for those with responsibility for the pastoral wellbeing of students, that they may be given the knowledge and sensitivity that they need to do their work.

We pray for children whose lives are overshadowed by unhappiness, abuse, pain or anxiety and fear. May they be given reassurance, comfort in an environment that will enable them to have their full potential realised.

We pray for those who are struggling or unsupported and for those who are overwhelmed by their workload. We acknowledge their hard work and the joy, the stresses and strain that they experience in their work.

We pray for those in special schools and in further education, that they may be given energy commitment and a sense of purpose. Lord may we as a community show the support and care that those teaching in schools and others institutions need through Jesus Christ our Lord.

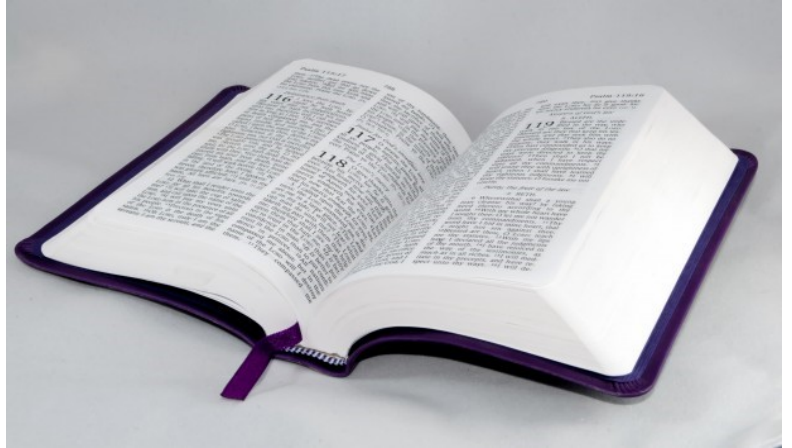
Amen.

Revd Albert Gayle.

Open the book—Aldersgate

You could have heard a pin drop!

You could have heard a pin drop! No, I was not darning a hole, but sharing in a school assembly. Between 180 and 420, children sitting crossed legged on a Monday morning in the hall (not large enough for the whole school in one go).



Over the last few years (excluding Covid restrictions) Jenny and I, Mary and Geoff Twentyman, Rev Albert and occasionally other clergy have been privileged to share in worship with Low Moor First School. As non-teachers, we have found it to be a great experience. We have shared reading from '*Open the Book*' (Lion Bible stories) and some of our congregations have heard the New Testament readings on a Sunday morning take by either Jenny or myself.

The format (script already provided) in *Open the Book*. In our case Jenny has been the narrator with the speaking parts taken by the Year Six worship group and I have become typecast in taking the words of Jesus, even at Easter. There is minimal dressing up and on Palm Sunday one scholar wore a donkey's head (imitation).

It's a real moving time watching the intensity of the faces of the school (and not because the head teacher, Mrs. Broadbent, was present.) It is a very rewarding experience and a privilege to share.

Beverley & Jennifer Hardy

Church and Society

Over recent months our Circuit has been active in fulfilling Our Calling in seeking to challenge injustice.

We've been encouraged to 'speak up' for Climate Change ahead of COP 26 in Glasgow in November. We've made green hearts to deliver to our local councillors and MPs, we've learnt more about practical ways of tackling the climate emergency, seeking justice for those most directly affected, and we've prayed for those with the power to effect change. We've walked to raise funds for Christian Aid, we've walked and signed petitions to raise awareness of the issues.

We've supported the work of BEACON. We're learning more of the effects of the Nationality and Borders Bill that is going through Parliament and the effect it will have on some of the world's most vulnerable people as they seek safety and refuge in the UK.

We've prayed for those in our Bradford District and across the world who are homeless, supporting the work of Nightstop.

'Walking with Micah'

At the beginning of this Methodist year, Rachel Lampard, *former leader of the Joint Public Issues Team and past Vice President of the Methodist Conference*, began facilitating this new Methodist project -

'Walking with Micah' <https://www.methodist.org.uk/walking-with-micah/>.

She writes. It's hard to avoid the call to justice in the Bible. I wonder what springs to mind for you? Perhaps it is the call of the prophets or the laws to protect widows, orphans and strangers. Or perhaps it's the way in which Jesus deliberately overturned the world's expectations, drawing the poorest and most marginalised into the centre. Or perhaps you are inspired by the vision of God's Kingdom.

I, along with many others, have always been stirred by the words of the prophet Micah.

When asked how God wanted his people to worship, to respond to God's love, Micah replies:

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

Acting justly (as God does) and loving mercy (or loving in the way that God loves) are at the heart of becoming more like God. And we learn this by walking humbly alongside God.

For Christians, therefore, acting in ways that increase justice, promote fairness and right relationship, and tackle injustice is part of our discipleship. Indeed, in *the Methodist Way of Life* we are asked to reflect regularly on how we have “challenged injustice”.

As Methodists we find this response to God’s love through acting justly present in our tradition. John Wesley, one of Methodism’s founders, was a vocal opponent of the slave trade and excoriated those who condemned the poor for being lazy without knowing or understanding them. The Tolpuddle Martyrs – many of whom were Methodist lay preachers – were early activists in the trade union movement. A disproportionate number of Methodists have served in Parliament. Sybil Phoenix OBE is one of many community activists and anti-racists. The work of All We Can, Action for Children and MHA speak powerfully of the commitment of Methodists to see justice for all people in God’s world.

What does “challenging injustice” look like in your own life? Methodists are involved in responding to needs in our communities or the world, through running debt advice centres, giving to foodbanks, raising money for charities, writing to political prisoners. Sometimes we use our consumer power, through buying Fairtrade bananas or avoiding excess plastic wrapping. And through our protesting, writing letters to MPs or community organising we try to change problems at their source.

But as humans we find that “justice” isn’t a simple concept. Some things we can agree on – poverty isn’t good, people shouldn’t face discrimination because of their ethnicity, climate change is happening. The challenges often come when we get into more detail, or try to decide how to respond. Then there are some issues where there is little agreement at all. There are Christians in all the major political parties, for example, all trying to “do justice”. We have different lenses, priorities, experiences and understandings of what justice means and looks like.

So, if we truly believe that we are called to “act justly” and to be a justice-seeking Church, then how can we recover our passion for justice amidst all the pressures we face, find ways of speaking and acting together, and make justice real in our communities?

The Methodist Church has set up – **Walking with Micah: Methodist Principles for Social Justice** – to explore what it means to be a justice-seeking church. Over the next two years, I will be working to help the Methodist Church to focus on our principles and priorities for justice, and through that increase our practical ability to seek God’s justice, as a Church and in our own Christian lives.

How can we recover that passion for justice, and what practical tools do we need as individual and as a Church to live as a justice-seeking people of God?

Sarah



BEACON works to a vision of Bradford district as a hospitable community where asylum seekers and refugees are welcome, enjoy access to justice and fair treatment and are supported on their journey to independence and integration.

".. problems are not resolved and coexistence improved by building walls higher, but by joining forces to care for others."

Pope Francis

BEACON's vision is that the Bradford district becomes a hospitable community where people seeking asylum and refugees are welcome, enjoy access to justice and fair treatment and are supported on their journey to independence and integration.

Over the last twelve months the challenges faced by people seeking asylum in the UK has increased. The tragic drownings in the Channel seek to emphasise the risks desperate people seeking asylum must take. With so few legal routes to safety, they have no alternative. With the doors closed to child refugees, family re-unions have become more difficult. The situation in Afghanistan has forced thousands of people to flee persecution, reminding us of so many others, out of the public gaze, yet in a similar position. The proposals in the Nationality and Borders Bill, should they become law, will have devastating consequences for people seeking sanctuary here.

It's within this context that BEACON has continued to fulfil its charitable objectives.

Relieving Hardship

McKenzie Friends, Hosting, CHAT and Next Steps projects have continued. Our committed volunteers are the backbone of BEACON, so despite Covid restrictions we're proud to have recruited and trained new volunteers. The CHAT English club has expanded to include various social activities. For the first time, we have been commissioned by the Local Authority to undertake a piece of work as part of the Next Steps Accommodation Project. This ensured that those people seeking asylum within the Covid 19 'Everyone In' scheme were able to access move on accommodation when the scheme ended. We've featured in a short film commissioned by the University of Bradford as part of their 'Unify Festival'.

Raising Awareness

BEACON hears many heart-breaking stories. Life threatening journeys to safety are made by desperate people, in fear of their lives, with no other option. So, we've sought to counter the 'hostile environment' by continuing to support the 'Lift the Ban' campaign and joining the 'Together with Refugees' and 'Hands Up for Our Health' coalitions. We've contributed to the consultation process for the Nationality and Borders Bill by making a submission, as a relevant organisation, in the process. Our experience is that a wide range of people and organisations do want to join forces to care for people seeking asylum who arrive in the UK and here in Bradford.

Increasing Capacity

If you read our Annual Report (beaconbradford.org or request a hard copy), you will see what BEACON, with a small staff team and committed band of volunteers, has achieved. However, we are conscious that many needs have gone unmet. With increased capacity, we could do even more! We're grateful for the support of the

Enhance programme which has enabled us to work with an external consultant to create an organisational development strategy and business plan. We're excited to be working on our fundraising strategy to ensure that the necessary financial resources are available for the changes we need to make.

We're looking forward to being able to achieve even more!

We say a big 'thank you' to our many Volunteers, Board of Trustees, Staff Team, Funders and all who support us with their commitment and prayers. You help BEACON as we seek to 'Welcome the Stranger'.

Sarah Jemison. Chair of Trustees



I'm not sure when my interest in fairtrade first started, but I learned about Traidcraft, and their objective to help those in developing countries receive a fair price for their products from companies in the developed world. This resulted in my seeking fairly traded products, and wanting to encourage others to do the same.

This led to my promoting Fairtrade by having products for sale after monthly Parade services at Horton Bank church, the Christmas Fair there and after Circuit services. I also encouraged churches to use Fairtrade marked tea and coffee. (I still do!). When Fairtrade Fortnight comes around, I hold a coffee morning to raise money for Traidcraft Exchange and this year for Fairtrade Foundation, selling both Traidcraft and Fairtrade marked products from the shelves of local supermarkets. On one occasion I organised a Circuit fairtrade lunch. These sorts of events help raise awareness of fairtrade and are an opportunity to provide more information about fairtrade projects and campaigns. I've also taken goods to sell after services at other churches in the Circuit and occasionally provided and sold fairtrade products at District meetings.

Over the years, Fairtrade has widened its scope and has been campaigning for better conditions for farmers and for workers such as those in the clothing industry. I have signed several petitions on line in connection with this and I'd like to involve the Circuit more in this sort of action. This year Fairtrade Fortnight is again highlighting the challenges that climate change brings to farmers in the communities Fairtrade works with.

Being the Fairtrade representative for the Circuit and seeking more information to pass on to events has led to an increase in my knowledge of fair trade.

I feel very strongly that God wants fairness and justice to be extended to everyone, whatever their backgrounds or beliefs. Jesus showed in very practical ways his love and care for all, regardless of their position in society. I feel it is only right that I attempt to do the same.

Jean Tomlinson , Circuit Fair trade representative

Ping

Table Tennis at Clayton Methodist Church

When Table Tennis England contacted me in 2017 to say that they were 'on a mission to bring ping to the people', I was sceptical and thought how much would this cost? 'Nothing', they said. 'All you have to do is provide the people and promote table tennis'. I thought this was too good to be true. They were serious. They said they would provide the tables, nets, balls bats, banner and anything else that we may needed. They were right it has cost nothing, but we have gained everything.

We started off just opening in the morning, but due to demand now remain open from 10.30am to 3.30pm and have three tables rather than one. We opened the church on Mondays to anyone in the community who wanted to play.

Before lockdown, we had over thirty people on the register. At the last count, we had only half that number as some people haven't yet returned, having lost their confidence, but we have gained new ones in the meantime.

I am delighted that the sessions have been going so well. People seem to enjoy the exercise and the fellowship. They come from different churches and none and from a wide area. They support each other and look forward to meeting and networking. It is the place to hear what is going on in the community and in the lives of people. Sometimes people come even when they're not well as they would not see anyone for days otherwise. They come not necessarily to play, but meet face to face, to have company, to be in fellowship and have a cup of tea.

People who have not played much table tennis before enjoy it as much as those who play on a regular basis. I have seen great improvement in the beginners. Those who took it seriously in the past are keen to re-establish themselves and keep fit at the same time.



We used to provide a sandwich lunch once a month and hope to get back to that when conditions allow. We may even try to start a lunch club as some people have expressed interest in it once a month to begin with.

One of the most memorable days for me was when the ex-chair of district, Roger Walton, was invited to come to Clayton and play. I had not realised how good he was

at playing until I gave him a couple of games. We had very good games, but he was clearly in another league to me.

You may want to know why I was keen to set up a table tennis club in the church. Well, apart from the fact that I used to play a long time ago, there are several reasons:

to be alongside people who are in need, to discover what those needs are, to work on meeting those needs, to create an environment which is welcoming, warm and friendly, to journey with people who find it hard to cross the church threshold, to improve the quality of life for people in the community, to provide useful information to people, to use the church building more effectively, to broaden the range of activities in the church etc.

One of the practical outcomes is that people have a deep desire to be helpful and a longing to have their spiritual needs met without being in a formal setting. They help with the washing up and tidying away of things or helping to fix things and make tea. Some have come to worship from time to time. The aim though is to show people the

love of God in our words and actions and draw people into God's kingdom not necessarily to draw them into church. If that happens then we are blessed. I sometimes get invites to speak in other places which is a great blessing.

Rev Albert Gayle

Open Doors

From 10am each Tuesday morning people start to come through our doors at Clayton to meet up with friends and make new ones. They bustle in ready to share their news even before they take their coats off. The constantly changing topics keep everyone involved.

Our team of helpers take turns to prepare cups of tea and coffee with biscuits, prepare a light lunch or sit and join in the chat and laughter.



Clayton Methodist Church
Bradford South Circuit

A warm welcome to everyone
Pop in and out or stay and enjoy both sessions

**OPEN
DOORS**

Tuesdays
10am - Chat and Cuppas
11:45am - Light Lunch
Open until 1pm

The Methodist Church

At 12 noon we move to sit at the tables set ready for a light lunch. During August we served different salads, but September sees the return of soups, usually two different ones to give people a choice.

People are free to join us at any time and leave when they wish. Some stay from 10am until we close at 1pm. Others join us at 12 noon for lunch. Do come and join us, you will be very welcome.

Joy Donkin

Soup and Sandwiches



For a long time we were thinking of doing a simple free lunch at Ebenezer, for anyone who wanted to come and have food and fellowship, we were due to start it in 2020 but lockdown came and it got shelved, eventually we started on a Friday 11.30 to 1pm last September with a view to it running over the winter.

It started slowly but gradually people came, we averaged about 12 people a week, some people joined us from Ebenezer, some from circuit churches, and we welcomed some people we hadn't met before who became regulars. We were thankful to Tim's boss who provided free vegetables, and we made interesting soups from whatever arrived, not sure we could repeat many of them but they were interesting combinations .

We met people from Poland, one man from Manchester who had been made homeless, we met our neighbours from Munster Street and old friends who usually come to our events who saw the notice. It was a great experience, we enjoyed welcoming everyone and providing fellowship along with a simple soup and a sandwich which became a soup, a sandwich and a piece of cake or two,

We closed over summer but aim to restart, same time same place in October. We hope people will come back and we will have new friends joining us as well. Its free but donations are always welcome

This year, the church will be open from 10 am for a service for people to join in if they wish or time for quiet prayer, we hope you will join us for either or both of these events.

Thanks Rosie, Leslie, Dennis, and Natalie

Rowanberries

Another year seems to have flown by and time to tell you a little of what's been happening at Rowanberries. As I'm sure for many the last 2 years were really difficult for both residents and staff, but over the last 12 months we have finally managed to move back to some sort of 'normal' life. After a very quiet few months, with a number of flats empty as we were unable to take in new residents, we are now once again welcoming new members to our Rowanberries family. There have been lots of changes to get used to for all our residents and staff, with a restructuring across MHA, and changes to job roles for a number of staff. We have also finally welcomed MHA communities into the scheme, and we continue to look at ways to work together under the umbrella of One MHA, both in the scheme and in the community surrounding us.

We have welcomed a new chaplain to the scheme, sharing the role with myself. Alistair Pugh is Pastor at New Beginnings Community Church in Halifax and has already settled in well and getting to know our residents. As a chaplaincy team we are now once again able to provide wellbeing calls as we visit flats or meet with the residents in the lounge, and it has been so good to welcome back in friends from the circuit to share in leading our services.

Activities are now once again taking place throughout the week in the communal areas, with Lizzie or Sue Ellen, and they are already planning events both within the scheme, and trips out.

We are looking forward to planning the months ahead as we work together as an activities and chaplaincy team to give thanks at Harvest, take time to remember during November, and then celebrate Christmas.

Please do call in and see us if you are in the area. Our residents love to chat and the kettle is ready at a moments notice. We'd love to see you and thank you for the support we are given through the circuit.

With love and best wishes

Dawn Harris

Chaplain Rowanberries



Touchstone

Connecting People at Touchstone

Over the past year, we continue to give thanks for new pieces of work and the wonders of technology. Both the events below helped people stay connected and share learning.

In partnership with Methodist Women in Britain, we organised an online, women-led conference: 'Interfaith Perspectives on the Environment'. This interactive conference encouraged faith-based learning around environmental issues and climate change; empowering women to lead the change.

Our 'Food Stories' sessions brought together a diverse group of women from different faiths and cultures to cook and then share a meal. The project generated a blog and we added stories and recipes about special meals and memories from members of different faith communities from around the District.

You can check out our Faithful Food Stories blog here; <https://faithfulfood863021319.wordpress.com/>



Another major piece of work this year has been setting up our in-house counselling service. We are delighted to announce the launch of our new counselling service which opens in September 2022.

Individuals (18 years or over) who wish to work with and through the impact of trauma and/or abuse particularly linked to any faith/beliefs/spirituality. We recognise that each person's experiences are unique and the effects of trauma and/or abuse can be far-reaching and extensive. We offer a confidential, supportive and non-judgmental space in which to help individuals explore their thoughts, emotions and feelings around their experiences. For those accessing counselling, we also offer a number of additional options to facilitate wellbeing, reflection and connection (e.g. creative activities and retreats).

We are a small service and initially counselling will be available during the day on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

To find out more or make a referral, visit our website at www.touchstone-bradford.org.uk or call 01274 721626 to speak with one of our counsellors.

Thank you to all who support the work in so many different ways.

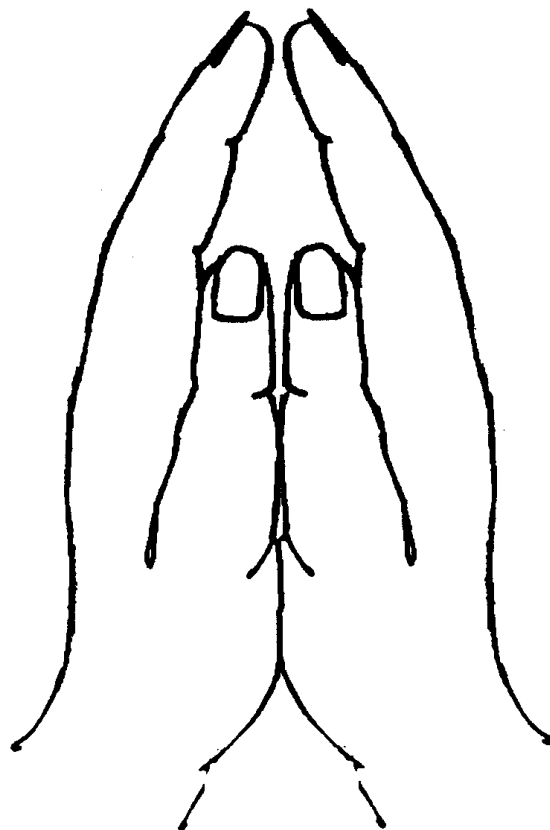
Rev Caroline Ryder

Prayer diary

Daily prayer focus:

1. Our ministers and their families.
2. Our administrator and circuit leadership who strive to ensure the circuit is not just a unit of business, but one of vision and mission also.
3. Our church stewards, our treasurers who take care of our finances, and all those who work to keep our churches going.
4. Our congregations, especially those most vulnerable, that we can all continue to know we are a part of the church family.
5. We pray for those who God might be calling to work with us, that together we will hear that call.
6. Our District, our Chair of District Rev Kerry Tankard and his family and all district office holders.
7. The housebound and those in supported living. For the pastoral visitors and all who maintain contact with them.
8. Our local preachers and worship leaders
9. For our children and young people that they will experience your love, and we will listen to what they have to say to us. That those who work with them will be encouraged and supported.
10. Our uniformed groups and those who work with them.
11. Local schools, and the continuing relationships our ministers and members are able to strengthen with them.
12. Aldersgate, as they work and witness to further the work of God in stimulating and thoughtful ways, in schools and with other churches.
13. Clayton as they reach out into the community through Open Doors and Ping.
14. Cornerstone as they begin to explore with HB and SFL, how they can be a faithful, relevant and effective witness in their particular part of Bradford.
15. Ebenezer that they may discern a clear way forward, and as they reach out through the community group and uniformed organisations.
16. Horton Bank as they begin to explore with Cornerstone and SFL, how they can be a faithful, relevant and effective witness in their particular part of Bradford.
17. Southfield Lane, as they begin to explore, with Cornerstone and HB, how they can be a faithful, relevant and effective witness in their particular part of Bradford.
18. Wibsey, that their relationships with the community may be broadened and strengthened.
19. Wyke, for the work done as 'churches together', especially the work of the food bank as it faces exciting but challenging times ahead.
20. St Arnold's as it continues to build a community of faith within our city centre. Supporting local businesses by worshipping and praying with them.
21. For the Immanuel Project, working in the city centre with the most vulnerable; the staff, volunteers and guests.

- 22.As circumstances change, those who seek new Christian communities where they feel welcomed.
- 23.We pray for those who are part of the online community of this circuit. May all who gather virtually feel the warmth of welcome, the heights of worship and the depth of God's love surrounding them.
- 24.For peace, justice and harmony between the diverse communities within Bradford.
- 25.For the ways we are able to work together with other Christian groups.
- 26.BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern) seeking to address the needs of destitute people seeking safety in the UK.
- 27.Chaplains around the city working in universities, hospitals, Marie Curie, and the Courts.
- 28.Rowanberries, all who live, work and volunteer there.
- 29.Touchstone, for the new counselling service and other listening opportunities.
- 30.Inn churches and those who work with the homeless and with the foodbanks.
- 31.Methodist Connexion and Worldwide mission.



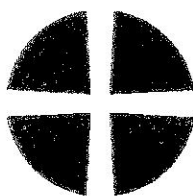
Looking forward to 2022-2023

I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43 v 19

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we may continue to explore how the two circuits can be a unit for mission across the City of Bradford.
- For a circuit that engages in, and lives by prayer.
- For St Arnold's, and other city Centre work, that relationships developed, will continue to deepen, and our presence in the City Centre will be cemented.
- That our circuit and churches will continue to nurture our young people, and their voices will be heard.
- That we will seek ways to reach out and build relationships with the communities around our churches.
- That we will be unafraid to explore new initiatives around the circuit.



Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2021-22

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Caroline Ryder

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mr Richard Walsh
Mrs Melanie Walsh
Mr Derek Marshall

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	5,900	-	-	-	-	5,900	4,941
4 Assessments on Churches	5	132,370	-	-	-	-	132,370	148,616
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	39,913	293,566	-	228	4	333,710	667,194
8 Total income		178,183	293,566	-	228	4	471,980	820,751
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	8,799	-	-	-	-	8,799	4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	151,212	-	-	-	-	151,212	147,321
11 Property maintenance	9	15,050	27,749	-	-	-	42,799	24,508
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	45,336	-	-	-	-	45,336	46,260
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	24,095	-	-	-	-	24,095	15,504
16 Other outgoings	12	19,415	132,466	-	80	2	151,963	223,324
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	9,720	-	-	-	9,720	1,726
17 Total charitable expenditure		261,513	169,936	-	80	2	431,531	462,643
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-	83,330	123,630	-	148	1	40,450	358,108
21 Transfers between funds		262,760	-	300,000	-	37,241	-	1
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		179,430	-	176,370	-	37,389	1	40,450
24 Total funds brought forward		1,392,845	244,410	-	13,866	751	1,651,872	1,293,764
25 Total funds carried forward		1,572,275	68,040	-	51,255	752	1,692,322	1,651,872

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	970,090				970,090	970,090
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets		970,090	0	0	0	970,090	970,090
Current Assets							
Debtors	17	14,919				14,919	15,609
Loans by the Circuit		6,251				6,251	6,251
Investments with TMCP			68,040	28,075	752	96,867	273,185
Central Finance Board Deposits		597,091		23,180		620,271	404,759
Cash at Bank and in hand		10,029				10,029	12,783
Total current assets		628,289	68,040	51,255	752	748,336	712,587
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	26,104				26,104	30,805
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities		26,104	0	0	0	26,104	30,805
Net current assets/liabilities		602,185	68,040	51,255	752	722,232	681,782
Total assets less current liabilities		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,572,275				1,572,275	1,392,845
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			68,040			68,040	244,410
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,640,315	1,637,255
Restricted Funds				51,255		51,255	13,866
Endowment Funds					752	752	751
Total Funds		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872

Name of Circuit **Bradford South Circuit**

Circuit No **1157285**

4. Investment Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941
Total	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941

5. Assessments on Churches

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Assessments	132,370	-	-	-	132,370	160,475
Assessments rebate	-	-	-	-	-	11,859
Total	132,370	-	-	-	132,370	160,475

6. Other Charitable Income

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Benevolence	32	-	-	-	32	-
Connexional City Centre Grant	10,000	-	-	-	10,000	10,000
District City Centre Grant	5,000	-	-	-	5,000	5,000
Bradford North City Centre Grant	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	3,000
Jubilee Grant	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-
Youth Income	480	-	-	-	480	25
Bequests/Donations	43	-	-	-	43	2,163
Clayton Heights Balance Transfers	10,456	-	-	-	10,456	3,576
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Other Income	613	25	-	-	637	1,809
Sale of New Hey Road	-	291,975	-	-	291,975	-
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Sale of Cornerstone Cricket Field	-	-	-	-	-	45,073
Total	39,913	293,566	228	4	333,710	667,194

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Wibsey Grant	599	-	-	-	599	-
Total	8,799	-	-	-	8,799	4,000

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Total	151,212	147,321
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	6	6

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	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
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Total	15,050	27,749	-	-	42,799	24,508

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Repairs	8,343	-	-	-	8,343	7,177
Total	24,095	-	-	-	24,095	22,681

12. Other Outgoings

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Youth Costs	615	-	-	-	615	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	500
Pension Reserve Fund	-	39,000	-	-	39,000	-
Other Expenditure	785	-	-	-	785	1,643
Total	19,415	132,466	80	2	151,963	218,689

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	9,720	-	-	9,720	1,726
Total	-	9,720	-	-	9,720	1,726

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,100	2,100
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,100	2,100

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

16. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			970,090					970,090
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No **1157285**

17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	14,919	15,609
Total	14,919	15,609

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	26,104	30,805
Total	26,104	30,805

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

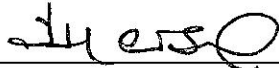
No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2022.

**Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date

19/1/23

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Address

75 Shelf Moor Road, Shelf, Halifax, HX3 7PL

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 16/03/2023 and were approved.

Comeston RLP

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date

16/03/2023

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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 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.

Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

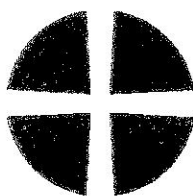
Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

Thornhill Briggs Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4AH

Date

19/1/2023



Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2021-22

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

Yorkshire West

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Caroline Ryder

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mr Richard Walsh
Mrs Melanie Walsh
Mr Derek Marshall

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000. The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 Income from monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3 Income from investment properties	4	5,900	-	-	-	-	5,900	4,941
4 Assessments on Churches	5	132,370	-	-	-	-	132,370	148,616
5 Capital Receipts		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 Grants received		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7 Other charitable income	6	39,913	293,566	-	228	4	333,710	667,194
8 Total income		178,183	293,566	-	228	4	471,980	820,751
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	7	8,799	-	-	-	-	8,799	4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	8	151,212	-	-	-	-	151,212	147,321
11 Property maintenance	9	15,050	27,749	-	-	-	42,799	24,508
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13 District Assessment & Levy	10	45,336	-	-	-	-	45,336	46,260
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Manse costs	11	24,095	-	-	-	-	24,095	15,504
16 Other outgoings	12	19,415	132,466	-	80	2	151,963	223,324
17 Contributions to the district advance fund	13	-	9,720	-	-	-	9,720	1,726
17 Total charitable expenditure		261,513	169,936	-	80	2	431,531	462,643
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)	-	83,330	123,630	-	148	1	40,450	358,108
21 Transfers between funds		262,760	-	300,000	-	37,241	-	1
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		179,430	-	176,370	-	37,389	1	40,450
24 Total funds brought forward		1,392,845	244,410	-	13,866	751	1,651,872	1,293,764
25 Total funds carried forward		1,572,275	68,040	-	51,255	752	1,692,322	1,651,872

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	16	970,090				970,090	970,090
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets		970,090	0	0	0	970,090	970,090
Current Assets							
Debtors	17	14,919				14,919	15,609
Loans by the Circuit		6,251				6,251	6,251
Investments with TMCP			68,040	28,075	752	96,867	273,185
Central Finance Board Deposits		597,091		23,180		620,271	404,759
Cash at Bank and in hand		10,029				10,029	12,783
Total current assets		628,289	68,040	51,255	752	748,336	712,587
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	18	26,104				26,104	30,805
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities		26,104	0	0	0	26,104	30,805
Net current assets/liabilities		602,185	68,040	51,255	752	722,232	681,782
Total assets less current liabilities		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,572,275				1,572,275	1,392,845
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			68,040			68,040	244,410
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,640,315	1,637,255
Restricted Funds				51,255		51,255	13,866
Endowment Funds					752	752	751
Total Funds		1,572,275	68,040	0	51,255	1,692,322	1,651,872

Name of Circuit **Bradford South Circuit**

Circuit No **1157285**

4. Investment Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Rental income	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941
Total	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941

5. Assessments on Churches

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Ney Hey Road Costs	1,085	-	-	-	1,085	358
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Thornbury Car Park Costs	-	-	-	-	-	1,687
Cornerstone Cricket Field Costs	-	-	-	-	-	3,067
Trinity Costs	-	-	-	-	-	827
Total	15,050	27,749	-	-	42,799	24,508

10. District Assessment and Levy

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
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Total	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	46,260

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Insurance	2,472	-	-	-	2,472	2,225
Repairs	8,343	-	-	-	8,343	7,177
Total	24,095	-	-	-	24,095	22,681

12. Other Outgoings

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
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Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	673	-	-	-	673	530
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Quinquennial Inspections	6,317	-	-	-	6,317	-
Office Costs/Rent	1,493	-	-	-	1,493	872
Telephone/Broadband	2,372	-	-	-	2,372	2,542
Travel	22	-	-	-	22	-
Postage, Printing & Stationery	1,100	-	-	-	1,100	1,178
Preaching Fees	125	-	-	-	125	-
URC	180	-	-	-	180	208
Benevolence Fund	1,780	-	-	-	1,780	105
Bank Fees	91	-	-	-	91	87
Audit Fee	2,100	-	-	-	2,100	2,050
Youth Costs	615	-	-	-	615	-
Donations	-	-	-	-	-	500
Pension Reserve Fund	-	39,000	-	-	39,000	-
Other Expenditure	785	-	-	-	785	1,643
Total	19,415	132,466	80	2	151,963	218,689

13. Contributions to the District Advance Fund

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	Endowment	2022 Total	2021 Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Advance Fund Levy	-	9,720	-	-	9,720	1,726
Total	-	9,720	-	-	9,720	1,726

14. Payment to Trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting	-	-
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	-	-
Total	-	-

15. Fees for Examination or Audit of the Accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,100	2,100
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	-	-
Total	2,100	2,100

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

16. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward			970,090					970,090
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land	Other land	Manse	Other buildings	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Name of Circuit

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17. Analysis of Current Assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments	-	-
Accrued income	-	-
Other debtors	14,919	15,609
Total	<u>14,919</u>	<u>15,609</u>

18. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors	-	-
Other creditors	26,104	30,805
Total	<u>26,104</u>	<u>30,805</u>

19. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2022 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

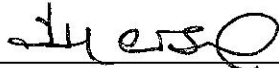
No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2022.

**Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer



Date

19/1/23

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Address

75 Shelf Moor Road, Shelf, Halifax, HX3 7PL

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on 16/03/2023 and were approved.

Comeston RLP

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting



Name of the Chair of the
meeting

REV GRAEME DUTTON

Date

16/03/2023

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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 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.

Name of independent examiner

Jonathan Stead FCCA

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

Thornhill Briggs Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4AH

Date

19/1/2023

Accounts

Bradford South Circuit

Annual Report

September 2020-2021

“Sharing God’s Love”

“As God’s people we seek to work together to celebrate and share God’s love in Christ for all”.

Superintendent's Report

It has been another challenging year for us in the Bradford South Circuit, with the Coronavirus pandemic continuing to have an impact on everything on a local, national and global scale.

Our church buildings have been closed during part of the past year. When they have been open, for most of the time it has been for worship only, with normal activities suspended as far as in person presence has been concerned, although some groups have found new and alternative ways of staying in touch and providing services for their members.

Having already established a pattern of worship and staying connected using online platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, our website and Youtube, providing hard copies of texts to those who were not able to access the material on line, this has continued throughout the year.

As a circuit we serve a diversity of communities within the city, from social housing estates to communities on the margins of the city who prefer to identify themselves as urban villages, to those where maintaining a Christian presence feels particularly challenging. By virtue of the pandemic and our online presence, our reach has stretched much further, even beyond our shores to other countries.

The circuit consists of 12 worshipping communities within the circuit, with New Hey Road joining with Ebenezer since the beginning of the pandemic, Trinity (Manningham) meeting at Touchstone and 1@11 (the Sunday Morning worship element of the St Arnold's project) meeting in the Peacock Bar.

Whilst some things had to be cancelled for the second year running (e.g. Holiday at Home), this year has offered us new opportunities. We have welcomed Rev Caroline Ryder as part-time presbyter within the circuit, her district role being that of Team Leader at Touchstone. Caroline shares her time 75% at Touchstone and 25% within the circuit, with some overlap of work and shared opportunities for evangelism and growth.

Despite the uncertainty and change, our annual report is testimony to the fact that Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents, many of which have been used and expressed in new and exciting ways. All this bears witness to our passion for shared discipleship, witness and mission in a way that fulfils our calling to make Christ known in the world through our words and deeds of love.

This report is evidence then, that through all the challenges we have faced, the people of Bradford South Methodist circuit continue to remain faithful and hopeful, facing opportunity and change with the assurance that God continues to have plans for us and for the city in which we witness.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Superintendent Minister

Statement of Core Values

Bradford South Circuit 27/33

- All we do as a circuit is within the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church.
- Each person is created in the image of God.
- All people are therefore valued and respected regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ability, cultural background or faith.
- We are responsible, under God, for each other and our social, spiritual and personal needs.
- All members of groups or churches should be allowed and enabled to participate in decision making, within the proper process.
- We adhere to the United Nations rights of the child in our work with young people.
- All should be kept safe from harm and it is the responsibility of us all to work towards this together with particular attention to the requirements of the Methodist Church.
- We respect and value the work of all, paid and voluntary in the circuit.

Circuit Staff Team 2020-21

Ministerial Staff

Revd. Lyn Gregg —Circuit Superintendent

Churches: Southfield Lane, Wibsey, Wyke

Revd. Graeme Dutton (half time in circuit and half time in City Centre ministry)

Churches: Ebenezer (Dudley Hill), New Hey Road (East Bowling),

Revd. Albert Gayle

Churches: Aldersgate,(Low Moor), Clayton, Thornbury,

Revd. Sarah Jemison (part time minister)

Churches: Cornerstone, Horton Bank,

Revd. Caroline Ryder (Team Leader at Touchstone and part time in Circuit)

Church: Trinity (Manningham)

The support ministers across the circuit will be Revd. Lyn Gregg and Revd. Graeme Dutton

Lay Staff

Mrs. Alison Terrell– Circuit Administrator & Lay Pastoral Worker

Circuit Office

Clayton Methodist Church, Clayton Lane, Clayton, Bradford BD14 6PA

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For more information about the Circuit, visit our website:

www.bradfordsouthcircuit.wordpress.com

Core Opening Hours:

Monday and Tuesday, 9.30-12.30, Wednesday 1-3pm

Circuit Stewards

We began this year with seven Circuit Stewards, Elizabeth Smith, Joy Donkin, Richard Walsh, Suzanne Allsop, and the finance team – Trevor Kershaw and Melanie Walsh.

At the end of August, Nancy Hare stepped down having completed her 6 years and we thank her for all her work. Suzanne Allsop became senior steward. At the March 2021 Circuit Meeting, Derek Marshall's offer to be a steward was accepted and approved and he will join the team on 1st September 2021. Joy Donkin stepped down during the year and we thank her for her work. We continue to ensure that the manse is kept in good repair. Following the closure and sale of Clayton Heights Methodist Church the circuit has taken on responsibility for the rented cottage in Highgate road and work on this property to bring it up to standard is ongoing.

The Revd Albert Gayle will commence his extension of 3 years in September 2021 and the Revd Sarah Jemison will commence her extension of one year. We look forward to their continuing service in our circuit. Sarah has decided not to seek a further extension and will sit down at the end of August 2022.

In September 2020 we welcomed to our presbyteral team the Revd Caroline Ryder, new team leader at Touchstone. Caroline spends a quarter of her time in our Circuit and we are grateful for her input.

In September 2021 we will be joined by a supernumary minister, the Revd Patricia Malham, and her husband Damian Boddy, who is a Local Preacher and organist.

We are grateful to all our ministers for their hard work, particularly during this very difficult year. Each one has worked hard to adapt her/himself to the unusual circumstances which have prevailed due to Covid 19. They have ensured that all church members can be included in services and other events during lockdown. We thank them all, and in particular the Revd Lyn Gregg for her helpful and inspiring letters each week, including during her sabbatical. Also the Revd Graeme Dutton for working so hard to provide us with online services, the circuit coffee morning on Saturdays and afternoon tea on Sundays. The latter began as coffee after the morning service. Sarah and Albert have kept bible study groups functioning on zoom. All these services produced by the ministers each week and other events, have been, and still are very much appreciated. Other benefits to the circuit including the formation of the Evangelism and Growth Group (EGG) are reported elsewhere.

We also thank Alison Terrell and Christine Peacock for their continuing work printing and distributing the paper copies of the service and all the volunteers who take them out to church members. Many people in the circuit have found themselves working harder than usual to keep things going in church and circuit and we extend a grateful thanks to them all.

Sadly this year we have lost people to Covid and other causes. Trinity who were meeting at Touchstone have decided to request to cease to worship, as have Thornbury. Trinity and Clayton Heights have sold their buildings, New Hey Road have put theirs on the market and Thornbury will be doing so in the next Connexional year. We continue to remember all those who have been affected by these changes.

I would like to extend a personal word of thanks to my fellow stewards who have given of their time and energy during the year to serve the circuit in so many ways, and in particular their attention to detail in dealing with manse repairs and finance. Thank you for all your help and support. We look forward to welcoming Derek to the team on the 1st September.

Finally we are always on the lookout for people who would be interested in becoming circuit stewards. Our term of office is six years maximum, so we will always need people to replace any who may be stepping down. Please think and pray about this and if anyone is interested in finding out more, please speak to Suzanne or any other steward and we will be happy to answer any questions and explain what the role entails.

Let us all, as a circuit, move forward in the coming year, working together, united in the desire to show God's love to all and to bring glory to Him.

God bless,

Suzanne Allsop

Senior Circuit Steward

Holy Week

Holy week this year was all online on Facebook The circuit website, YouTube, anywhere but in church. Each day the key word began with 'A' and Holy Monday was 'Anger'.

Holy Monday - Anger

Jesus was very angry when he was in the temple, a righteous anger about the way people were using the temple for cheating the public in every way they can for as much as they can. The Pharisees were angry at Jesus for challenging their easy lives and their authority. Some people today are angry that Covid is keeping them indoors or away from work or visiting relatives. It's a waste of time being angry about something that can't be helped, best to put that energy into a righteous anger to improve something for somebody.

Holy Tuesday - Authority

Jesus knew all power comes from God. God is the authority to bring darkness to light. Jesus reasoned with the Pharisees to question his authority. The same has happened all through the ages people asking 'by whose authority are you doing this?' Because we know Jesus we know where authority comes from.

Holy Wednesday - Anointing

Mary (sister of Martha) anointed Jesus's feet with expensive oil. Anointing was kept for dead people, it was the norm to wash visitors' feet. Mary could show no greater love than by anointing his feet and drying them with her hair. Such a loving, extravagant gesture.

Maundy Thursday - Acceptance

Jesus prayed 'not my will but thine' He was accepting his father's will. God's will to wash the disciples' feet. God's will to break bread for the last time. God's will to go into the garden that night. When we do something to help others we are accepting and carrying out God's will.

Good Friday - Atonement

Simon of Cyrene took up the cross of Jesus and followed him to Calvary. It was a big deal! We should do the same, but would we? I think I'm too much of a coward. Jesus stopped in the middle of his journey to speak to others. In the middle of this horrendous trial he thought about others first. Do we stop and think of others in the middle of our grief? Three worship leaders read the script that was interspersed with music and readings. It was a beautiful service and I urge you all to watch it again.

Holy Saturday - Alone

Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea took his body away because law said they had to rest on the sabbath. How can they rest when they're feeling so alone? How can Mary and Martha rest when they are so bereft? How can the disciples rest when they feel so guilty at leaving Jesus? So much loneliness, and Jesus died alone. During the Covid pandemic many people have been feeling lonely and forgotten. Some like Jesus died alone.

Each of the days of holy week were enhanced by pictures that I can't describe. Each one beautiful and meaningful in its own way. It's well worth visiting the websites and viewing them all again.

Nancy Hare Cornerstone

The Plan and LCA's

The plan has been a particular challenge this year, not least because of the uncertainty surrounding our buildings and our preachers. Plans have been prepared as expected, but it has been only the 'online' arrangements that have remained unaffected by Covid changes and lockdowns.

With LCAs filling nearly 50% of the most recent plan (May-August 2021), this past year has been a particularly challenging one for church stewards and worship leaders. It was hoped the weekly provision of online services and transcripts of the online service would ease the burden of LCAs, which has largely been the case, with only a small number of churches choosing to remain closed during those weeks when an LCA was planned. For those who have used the online resources offered, some churches have taken the opportunity to watch the service as a gathered congregation whilst others have used the text as a 'Reader's Service'. Having these additional resources so readily available has been particularly useful when changes have been forced upon us at short notice.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Local Preachers

During this year we have seen significant changes amongst those accredited as Local Preachers in our circuit. The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently (end August 2021) stands at 21 including 1 preacher 'on Trial'.

Although we have not been able to hold the accreditation service for one of our recent 'on Trial' preachers, we have now been able to plan it for the beginning of September 2021.

Of the 21 preachers, 10 (either temporarily or permanently) were not taking appointments.

During the pandemic 3 Local Preachers have gone to glory, one having received only recently a certificate honouring 60 years' service. Although we would have preferred to present it in a more public manner, it was comforting to know the certificate had been received rather than having it sittin, undelivered, in a filing cabinet somewhere.

We currently have no Local Preachers 'on Note', but if anyone feels they are being nudged towards becoming a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, please speak to someone about it. Who knows, you might be hearing a 'call to preach', and we would very much want to welcome and encourage you to test that calling.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Administration

This has been a challenging year again for us all. My health issues meant that the Ministers had to carry the administrative burden for a good part of the year and I have appreciated how gracious they were about this. I have reduced my hours from 28 to 24 hours per week and I am now back in the office at Clayton on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There has definitely been an increase in paperwork, particularly in regard to GDPR, and requiring information that I don't have, putting an added burden on church secretaries. However, I am only a phone call away and am always happy to help.

Alison Terrell Circuit Administrator

Property

A huge thank you to everyone who has continued to look after our properties throughout these months of the pandemic. Your diligence and vigilance has ensured that, when the time came, we had safe and secure buildings to return to.

Of course, the difficulties this season has presented to us has hastened the need for some difficult decisions to be taken at a number of our fellowships. Thornbury have decided to cease to meet and the building will be placed on the market. New Hey Road are now meeting for worship with Ebenezer each week so the chapel building at New Hey Road will also be sold.

Whenever we sell a building there is a great deal of sadness because, as we let go of the bricks and mortar of a chapel we also let go of a spiritual home. This process always carries with it a great deal of grief. However, we remain hopeful that the resources released by these sales of property will mean that the circuit is able to fund new initiatives in mission, worship and ministry.

After a difficult year of death we look forward to new life springing forth.

Isaiah 35:1

The desert and the parched land will be glad; the wilderness will rejoice and blossom.

Graeme

Schools Work

As with everything else over the last 18 months our schools work has had to change dramatically, and I don't just mean the challenges of home schooling my own kids!

We've been able to continue leading collective worship sessions using videos on YouTube. Whilst this has sometimes felt quite difficult, it has also allowed us as a staff team to be quite creative. We've tried to rise to the challenge of providing good quality, fun and engaging worship for the schools we visit.

You can see the results on the Circuit YouTube channel, but beware of lions!

Obviously, schools have had an incredibly difficult time with teachers and support staff having to learn to respond quickly to ever changing rules and regulations. A big part of our work with schools during this period has been offering much welcomed pastoral support to staff members.

Hopefully, we will soon be able to visit school halls and classrooms again to continue building the relationships we have been nurturing with staff and students.

Please do continue to pray for all the schools in our city as they enter the next stage of change.

Graeme

Pray First

A little oasis of calm and structure in the middle of the week. Since we started our weekly Circuit Prayer meeting it has had a number of different homes and structures. However, it has always been an opportunity to speak and listen to God and find balance. Like so many things this last year, Pray First spent a while as a virtual meeting with people joining on the phone or live on Facebook as I led us in prayer from my study. It gave an opportunity for those who gathered to hear a friendly voice or two, see the face of someone they knew (even if it was mine!) and bring their concerns and their hopes to the foot of the cross. As restrictions eased I returned to Java Joe, broadcasting our prayers live from a table at the cafe. Now, we're back meeting physically but are still using the new skills we have learned to be 'present' each week on the phone, on Facebook and in person. This 'hybrid' nature has allowed, not only a connection with those who may not be physically able to attend, but also a sense that our prayer is more publicly visible. Anyone can watch either live or after the event on Facebook and hear what we have been praying about. This has led to a number of encounters of gratitude from people I had no idea were watching.

Graeme

Circuit Youth Work

As with all else, our youth work has been greatly affected by the pandemic.

Meetings ceased mid-March 2020 and have not been able to resume since.

There has, however, continued to be opportunity for our young people to engage online with activities and events organised by Bradford North Circuit, District and Connexion, offering a valuable link with other young people of faith.

A number of our youth group members and other young people from around the circuit were able to participate in the Jesse Tree liturgy provided online by the circuit for advent 2020. Although none were visible, it was good to be able to hear them all once again. It certainly provided a meaningful and spiritual depth to our journey to see the new-born Christ in his crib.

Rev Lyn Gregg

EGG

(Evangelism & Growth Group)



Concerned about the number of churches closing around the circuit, the Evangelism & Growth Group was launched at the March 2020 Circuit Meeting in the hope that those churches which remain open might find ways to engage with their local community, share their faith and boost their congregations.

EGG began with a relatively small number of people from around the circuit who had this shared concern, but it has since grown to include representatives from almost all of our circuit churches. We're keen to increase our numbers further, to share ideas for wider community engagement and begin to grow God's Kingdom in Bradford South.

Some church congregations have already shared ideas and some small shoots of progress can be seen. We're keen that all our churches engage with the EGG programme so that it can truly be a circuit-wide initiative. We have some funding, thanks to a legacy left to the circuit by Dot Lightowler of Horton Bank. We hope to put this to good use as opportunities for mission arise.

Despite lockdown we have already led three online services which have been well received, and we're now keen for work to begin to further connect our churches with their local communities. If this kind of evangelism is appealing to you and your church please join us. We have meetings every couple of months at which we share ideas and celebrate progress. Going forward we will make sure that meeting dates are publicised across the circuit to make EGG as widely accessible as possible.

Our aim is to inspire churches to find ways to grow and share the love of Jesus with their neighbours. If you think your church could benefit from such a programme and you'd like to get involved, EGG is open to all. Please be in touch and join in.

Trevor Kershaw (on behalf of EGG)

August 2021

Online Presence

Online Statistics –a snapshot. Taken during May

YouTube 47 subscribers who are alerted every time a video is uploaded to our channel

Total views 9.4K Total watch time 1.7k hours

Average view duration is 10:40 across all videos

Given the differing durations of videos we have published the average view duration is only slightly lower than the average video length for the channel. This means that the majority of people are watching the whole video.

Circuit Website

Significant number of views are channelled through the circuit website and the videos which are embedded there. It is probably safe to assume that most watching via this medium are 'churched' people. The high watch duration/average video length ratio here suggests people are seeking out these videos rather than being presented with them during their usual internet and social media activity. (Although there are three people who subscribe who are part of the Saint Arnold's congregation only. They have no links to traditional churches in the circuit or anywhere else)

Two service videos

23rd May

58 views Watch time 15.2 hours

16th May

57 views Watch time 16.6 hours

Compared to January

151 Views Watch time 34.7 hours

This will be a reflection of people returning to worship in person.

Facebook - Circuit 129 page 'likes' who will probably be alerted each time the page 'goes live'

23rd May

18 watching when it goes live.

600 minutes total viewed time

Over the month

3.1k minutes (*over 50 hours*) total viewing time

Highest performing video was Sunday 2nd May

770 minutes viewed in total Post engagement 43

Compared to highest performing video in January

Sunday 10th Jan (Covenant Service)

1.3k minutes viewed in total Post engagement 32

Facebook videos garner more immediate engagement than YouTube videos seem to, with a number of people offering comments as videos premiere.

Although the total watch time for videos on Facebook remains reasonably high, there seems to be a much lower duration/average ratio on Facebook. This is, in part, due to the way that videos are presented and shared. On Facebook people are much more likely to encounter previews of our videos but are less likely to watch the whole thing.

As time goes by, we are seeing a slight increase in the number of post engagements on Facebook. I believe this is being driven by two factors. Firstly, some people are now more confident in using technology which was new to them at the beginning of the pandemic. Secondly, we are seeing a slight increase in younger people, engaging with our videos.

Facebook - St Arnold's

Beer and hymns - A New Hope
Total minutes viewed 2664 Post engagement 112

Beer and hymns - Harfest
Total minutes viewed 3706 Post engagement 184

These online Beer and Hymn events have had a good sense of reach and engagement, partly due to the help of our partner venues sharing the livestream. Again these engagements have come from a good mix of both those attending established churches, St Arnold's and the 'unchurched'.

Our online presence has a wide reach to both old and new.

From an elderly member who can no longer physically attend church:
"Not having been able to go to church for so long, I've really enjoyed the Sunday service services on my phone. Thank you."

All of this online presence has led to our circuit being discovered by a student from America who is due to arrive in Bradford to study this coming September. He has already been attending services and events online and has indicated that he wants to become a member of one of our churches when he arrives in the country.

Graeme

Finance

Annual Finance Report 2020-21

As in previous years, this report comes immediately after the financial year end and, due to a delay at TMCP, our year-end figures are not yet finalised and cannot therefore be included in this report. It's safe to say however that the year 2020-21 has been like no other, as the COVID pandemic has affected us all. The Church has been no exception; for much of the year our churches have been closed, our services have been online and our church income has been adversely affected. Throughout this period the Circuit Finance Team have tried to support churches in any way they could.

During this unprecedented year the circuit has tried to reach out to churches and help them financially wherever possible. To that end, in September, we offered churches an assessment rebate of one half of a quarter's assessment. This was taken up by six churches, at a cost to the circuit of almost £12,000. We introduced a loan scheme to allow churches to undertake work should they need to do so, and we continue to keep in touch with church treasurers and support them in any way we can. The circuit recently granted Southfield Lane £20,000 to enable them to undertake emergency dry rot treatment and begin the long awaited scheme to install disabled toilets.

Assessments remain our main source of regular circuit income, although we realise that as churches close or become financially stretched it will affect their ability to pay in full, so we would like them to know we are here to help and support them.

In years past we might have been concerned about our reserves and our ability to continue to manage a deficit budget over a sustained period. However, in the current year, thanks to receipt of the net proceeds of sale of Trinity (£268,919) and Clayton Heights (£128,338) our reserves have increased. This trend will continue into 2021-22 when New Hey Road and Thornbury will also be sold. From a financial point of view this helps our circuit reserves, but it is concerning that we continue to close churches at the rate we do. Since the closure of Clayton Heights, the circuit has taken over the responsibility for the former caretaker's cottage on Highgate Road. Whilst providing a regular monthly income, it will also incur high maintenance and repair costs during the coming year.

Our main expense continues to be ministerial stipends. We currently have three full time presbyters, with Graeme's time split equally between the circuit and St. Arnolds. The funding we receive for the St. Arnold's project will end in a year's time and we will need to seriously consider the future funding of this project in the coming months. We also have one half time and one quarter time presbyter. Alison Terrell continues to be our only lay employee and supports the circuit through her administrative work at the Circuit Office.

There will undoubtedly be some challenges for us in the coming year, not least a shortfall in the Methodist Ministers' Pension Fund, which Conference agreed should be boosted with a contribution of up to 15% of the reserves of each church, circuit and

district in the Connexion. We will need to make a decision before the end of December 2021 as to the level of our contribution.

So balancing the books continues to be a challenge for churches and circuits alike. We will continue to ensure that the circuit budget is sound and underpinned by tight controls and sufficient reserves. Our longer term future may depend on difficult and courageous decisions having to be made as our circuit responds to ever changing ways of being church in the 21st Century.

We acknowledge that finance is not everyone's cup of tea and is sometimes difficult to understand and you may have questions which you prefer to ask privately. The Finance Team are always happy to discuss the finer workings of the circuit's finances and answer any questions you may have.

We hope to be able to present the unaudited version of the income and expenditure account at the forthcoming September Circuit Meeting. The accounts will be fully audited by 31 December 2021 and presented for signature, along with our Reserves Policy, to the March 2022 Circuit Meeting.

As individual members of our various churches, it's important to remember that your contribution whether financial, practical or spiritual counts for a great deal and helps us to continue to do God's work together. Our churches, our circuit and our mission may change shape over the coming years, but we must be ready to face up to these challenges positively and trust God to support us in everything we do.

Trevor Kershaw & Melanie Walsh
Circuit Finance Team
September 2021

When and where do you go to church?

For some, the traditional time of 10.30am on a Sunday is not easy, maybe even impossible, especially when the day starts late and slow. Add to this the difficulties experienced in trying to leave the house and travel to church, to then be part of a gathering of folk in a church building, and 'going to church' really isn't feasible at all. For some 'going to church' can be problematic or nigh-on impossible for any number of reasons.

But over the past 15/16 months church has become something different and more accessible to people in ways previously unimagined, accessible also to some who have been living with the grief of losing 'traditional' church from their lives.

And so it is, in a living room on a Friday, a lap top is opened and placed on a chair so that the screen can be seen clearly by a small congregation of two. There is no set time, and this flexibility is essential because the routines of the day are anything but routine and predictable.

With the pressing of a few buttons, the picture on the screen changes from familiar family members to an image that has become just as familiar, and when accompanied by recognisable music (like a theme tune for a well-loved TV show), there is the recognition that we are 'going to church'.

As the music and the image of a flickering candle fade, a friendly face that has also become familiar over the past few months appears on the screen, and we settle down to worship.

*It isn't always possible to join in the singing of the hymns. Sometimes the songs are unknown, at other times the words might be familiar but the music is different and, although we might give it a go, it's not always easy to join in if the melody is not easy to pick up along the way. But when they are well known we can join in confidently, knowing we are participating fully in worship, albeit an octave lower than when we sang in the church choir. When we can't sing along, we can still enjoy listening to others singing, following the words on the screen, or taking in the images displayed. The Lord's Prayer **is** something we can join in with – well, most of the time!*

Familiar Bible readings and the message can all be heard and pondered upon without distraction. And all in the comfort of an armchair in a warm living room overlooking a garden and the bird feeding station.

And where once café church was something special and occasional, now it is the kind of church we attend every week, with a cup of tea easily within reach. Not that it is anything warmer than tepid by the time it is drunk, as it remains untouched until the service draws to a close. We've been far too busy worshipping to think about a cup of tea!

We know many people have benefitted from our weekly online services, and although, for a good number, it has merely been a stop back until churches reopened, for others it has become much more as they have been able to reconnect with church, once again feeling as if they belong to a fellowship of believers. This, for them, is their church – a church that comes to them rather than them going to church. In our modern technological age isn't this what Jesus would have us do – go to where people are, even into their own living rooms!

Lyn Gregg

Since the beginning of lockdown I have been printing out the weekly service and taking it to Mary, a neighbour. Her husband was in a nursing home during the first lockdown and she would take him a copy and they would read it at the same time on a Sunday morning. Her husband has since passed away but she tries to read it on a Sunday morning at 10.30 when she know others will be doing the same. Then on a Wednesday the fish man calls, Mary gives the service to him, who takes it to his next call- a friend of Mary's who lives in Bingley. What happens to it after that I am not sure, but I know it is very much appreciated by Mary and her friend.

Elizabeth Smith Clayton

Church and Society

Since the beginning of 2021 as individuals and as churches, we've been involved in a variety of projects and concerns. Despite the many restrictions, we have been very active!

On **Holocaust Memorial Sunday** in January, we were joined in our online worship by Mr Rudi Levor, who was interviewed by Joseph Rainbow. Mr Levor is in charge of the Jewish Reformed Synagogue in Bradford. He came to the UK as a child, with his parents, to escape the Nazi persecution. In our service we remembered victims of the Holocaust and other genocides.

In Spring, as vaccines in the UK were being rolled out, many sent donations to the District Appeal, in partnership with Christian Aid, to 'Give Thanks for Your Vaccine'.



And in May, we took on Christian Aid's 300,000 steps challenge, raising a total of £2,542. Funds this year will help build dams in Kenya, to enable local communities preserve a water source for domestic and agricultural use. Climate change has made rainfall unpredictable, so this is a way of helping combat the effect of the climate emergency

Christian Aid Walk

300,000 steps challenge

On the 1st May 2021 I remember being breathless on my first walk.

This was to my local Co-op store in Wibsey and back - about 3000 steps.

Did I have the energy after a painful year (including family illness and bereavement) to do 300,000 steps?

And yet I did not want to let down those whom we are walking for, or indeed Rev Sarah who was leading the way. The lack of water supply meant that women were walking miles every day to bring water home. I could not even imagine how hard that must be especially when there was a world pandemic. Our challenge seemed so small when I thought about this injustice and basic poverty.

To my surprise the challenge became a transformative experience. I will never forget: -

Knowing every step was making a difference.

Walking into my first church service (in a building) since March 2020 at Wyke Methodist Church. We arrived and sat amongst those already present as the hymn "Lord They Church On Earth Is Seeking" was being played. It's a favourite. *"In the streets of every city, where the poor and homeless dwell, let us show the Saviour's pity, let us of his goodness tell"* spoke to us all. What a significant moment!

Quiet walks as the sun set.

My son, Jack, counting my steps when my phone battery went dead.

Seeing bits of Bradford that we would rather not be walking through on a hot sunny day.

As we moved between the circuit churches strangers stopped us and gave generously.

Building my steps up in Broadway as I looked for my car - on the wrong floor!

My husband, Andrew, analysing progress on the laptop and encouraging more steps!

Joining with the Scouts, Cubs and Beavers on their first big walk after numerous zooms. What noise and utter joy!

Watching the total raised soar and being humbled by the kindness of so many, including Jean Sheard, who was quietly getting on with it.

Chatting with folk from the circuit as we walked - and being inspired!

Hitting 300,000 steps a day early after doubting I would make it a week earlier!

Drawing closer to our God, finding healing, and a new confidence.

This last weekend, as a family, we climbed Snowden which was my first mountain.

Unthinkable on the first of May at my fitness levels! Why did I take 53 years to do this? With such incredible views, how could I not feel even closer to God both on the journey and at the top? That's why I took my time! **My prayer is that the walking makes an even bigger difference to those living in poverty - than it did to me!**

Thanks for your support and inspiration.

Joy Rainbow Wibsey

When the Rev Sarah Jemison and Joy Rainbow decided to do the 300,000 steps challenge in the month of May I thought it was very ambitious, because to me it sounded an awful lot of walking. How wrong I was! I am not a walker apart from up to the paper shop and back most days but I decided it was a good cause and I wanted to be part of it and support them. So I did the three separate walks around the circuit churches. We were very visible wearing tabards and carrying a couple of collection boxes and lots of people did show interest as we passed by.

The second walk was on a Sunday morning and at first I felt a bit guilty about missing church. However I had committed myself to doing all three. One particular highlight for me was on this Sunday, as we walked to Wyke church, when a cyclist going the other way turned round and came back to talk to us. He gave us a generous donation and wished us well on our journey. This was just one of similar incidents that we encountered. Truly a walk of witness showing the love of God locally, and by supporting the work of Christian Aid, to more people than I would have, attending the Sunday Morning Service.

Another highlight was on arriving at Wyke church the doors were open and the last hymn was playing and we quietly entered the church and took our seats, self-distanced and with masks on to listen to the end of the hymn and the blessing. It was a special moment.

Another highlight for me was discovering Bowling Park and the trail of the three bears. Not everybody did all three walks and some people joined for part of the walks, but it was lovely to talk with different people and to share news and stories.



The success of the fund-raising with the walks connecting all the churches in the circuit, and the welcome we received at each, has surpassed all my expectations and in my view made our circuit feel more connected as a community.

Congratulations to Sarah and Joy for completing the challenge.

Christine Peacock Horton Bank

When Rev Sarah first mentioned that Joy and she were taking up the Christian Aid walking challenge, I thought to myself "I could do that", so I did. Most of the time walking alone but sometimes with friends and also two of the Circuit walks. The other Circuit walk was arranged with a friend on another day.

The walking wasn't really a challenge for me as I've always encouraged the children I have cared for to walk. However, whilst walking I have spoken to people on route some known as friends, others in passing whom I see on a regular basis, and some complete strangers who have seen me coming and passed me by, moving to be at a safe distance, and saying Hi or nodding to one another, sometimes both moving and then laughing as we passed. I have also thought about the friends I deliver the printed service to, occasionally knocking to have a doorstep chat. Sometimes I've been the only person they have chatted to face to face for a few days. In my mind I

have been around Church and thought about the members Richard and I have in our care, and many others as well, including the people who usually use the building.

Then, because I was walking for Christian Aid, I thought about all the countries still without running water and sanitation having to carry water for miles (a small bottle weighs heavier than you may think); longing for a drink and one not being available, (when I've forgotten to put mine in). It has given me a SLIGHT connection with these people. We are so lucky and not always grateful for all we have available to us. All this in the glory of our countryside awakening from its winter sleep, including a few walks by the coast.

I have managed 369,929 steps alone, 29,560 with friends, two circuit walks 29,346 total 428,835. These are approximate figures as step counters vary slightly. I am overwhelmed by the generous donations I have been given for Christian Aid from close family, and friends along with Church family. One person because she can no longer walk as well as she used to informed me she had set time and money aside each day to think about me as I walked and the people I would meet, along with the people that the donations were going to. The total amount I have raised amounted to £700.

THANKYOU

Jean Sheard Wibsey



Christian Aid says 'Thank you!'

People like Rose, in our photo, need every last drop of rain to survive this climate crisis.

Your donations of **£2,542** will help communities, like hers, build better earth dams to harvest more water; sow drought-tolerant crops that grow even with the fewest of drops; or set up an advocacy group to demand change at the highest level and put a stop to this climate crisis.



BEACON works to a vision of Bradford district as a hospitable community where asylum seekers and refugees are welcome, enjoy access to justice and fair treatment and are supported on their journey to independence and integration.

Church & Society Round up!

The work of **BEACON** (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern) has continued throughout the lockdowns and restrictions. Below are snippets from Katy, BEACON's Team Leader.

Restrictions 'have stretched and shaped BEACON's work and challenged us in many positive ways.' Although, we weren't able to celebrate as we would have wished, 2020 marked BEACON's 15-year anniversary and 'we are pleased to have been able to support many thousands of people seeking asylum since the charity began its work in 2005'.

As the pandemic took hold in March 2020, we successfully adapted our services to continue safely and remotely to meet the needs of those seeking asylum in Bradford.

'It goes without saying that this was only possible due to the hard work, resilience and commitment of our staff and volunteers, who have worked incredibly hard, despite changes and ongoing challenges in their own lives.

We have continued to support and raise awareness of the campaign to 'Lift the Ban' on the right to work for those seeking asylum, and BEACON was featured as a case study in a national activism pack for our work in raising awareness on the issue. The pandemic has also enhanced our partnership working this year – both locally with other agencies supporting people seeking asylum and nationally through our NACCOM (No Accommodation Network UK) membership and through networks set up by national charities such as Refugee Action.

These partnerships have greatly enhanced our work through the sharing of good practice and access to specialist advice. We were also really pleased that towards the end of 2020 we secured funding from Refugee Action's Respond & Adapt grant programme to set up a remote digital legal advice surgery in partnership with Fisher Stone solicitors.

We have also continued to raise awareness of the changing needs of people seeking asylum since the pandemic began, through the delivery of online talks and presentations to local groups.'

And on June 16th, a group of fifteen 'Walked Together' from Bradford to Leeds in solidarity with refugees and people seeking sanctuary in our area. It was great to walk again, bathed in sunshine, as sadly last year that was not possible.



So many people have been involved in these, and a myriad other projects, seeking to be a good neighbour to those in need.

Rev. Sarah

Touchstone

Touchstone is a district project committed to providing transformational listening opportunities for individuals and groups. In doing so, we seek to increase mutual understanding, strengthen community cohesion and nurture healing and reconciliation. The building itself also stands as a significant Methodist presence in the heart of the city centre.

Throughout this last year, I have endeavoured to build stronger links with the circuit. The team at Touchstone are thankful to the circuit for their faithful financial and volunteer support over many years. Currently, there are several different streams of work currently being undertaken.

1: Women Breaking Free: Following a review of our work with those who have experienced trauma and abuse, I am delighted to report we have been granted permission to develop this important aspect of our work further. I believe this is timely and significant as we have the opportunity to help shape (and be shaped) the Methodist Church's commitment to creating safer-spaces within the church and society as a whole.

In addition, even before the pandemic, the need for support in the area of mental health was high. This has become even more prevalent and will remain so for the foreseeable future. How the church speaks in to this and supports people's wellbeing is crucial and especially if we are to be truly committed to nurturing life in all its fullness (John 10:10).

2: Presentations/Talks

The team have been sharing their listening ministry and interfaith work in numerous ways, including;

- Talks for the Methodist Women in Britain Forum and on International Women's Day.
- A virtual visit to Bradford was given to a group of Danish Pastors from the Lutheran Church, entitled 'Interfaith from the field'.
- Teaching on the MA module at Luther King House, Manchester. Seminar on listening and emotional literacy.
- Ministerial Development Day for the YW District. Workshop on embodied practices.

3: Group work

'LiT': The team received a grant from Bradford Council for an art installation as part of their winter LiT program. We completed delivery on this in February following a number of interfaith Zoom sessions on the theme of 'Wonder'.

'The Art of Friendship' group marked Holocaust Memorial Day. The women commemorated the victims and survivors of the Holocaust and subsequent genocides by listening to and reflecting upon the stories of survivors. They also led creative arts and writing sessions for Remembrance Sunday.

'Loving Earth': In partnership with the Quakers. The team ran sessions for a group of

women from different faiths which included: a guided meditation, sharing our fears and hopes around environmental issues and creating a textile panel on the theme.

'Virtual Harmony': A project examining how community music brings people together in an online environment. In partnership with the Music Dept at Leeds Beckett University.

'Women's Ways to Wellbeing': A 5 week-course helping women with caring responsibilities reflect on their wellbeing and the importance of self-care. Feedback has included:

'It's been certainly life giving and I've appreciated how others have shared parts of their lives and helped one another grow to make this a better place to live'.

'It's been such a support in our sharing and commonality. It's good to know we aren't on our own. We've enriched one another's lives'.

'Mindful Walking Group': In partnership with 'Aging Well' to support people over 65 in their wellbeing journeys. We are delighted to welcome back some of our volunteers who are supporting this activity.

-Partnering with others: The Immanuel Project (working with the most vulnerable and homeless). Alongside providing wellbeing workshops, I was also invited to coordinate and lead their Easter celebration. I am also working with BEACON and Abigail Housing on community building and hospitality opportunities for the autumn.

Looking ahead: The summer will be a busy time as we prepare to re-open. As a team, we are working towards producing a programme of activities to be launched Autumn/Winter, including 'Loaves and Dishes' a monthly Sunday lunch for those on their own. If you are interested in attending or volunteering please drop me a line.



Revd Caroline Ryder

Team Leader Touchstone

Mindful walking

Over the last four weeks my husband and myself have spent about an hour on Monday afternoons being led in a walk by Caroline (who is based at Touchstone and is also the Minister for Trinity).

First we spent a few minutes thinking of the theme for the week and doing a few short exercises.

The walking was under the theme of Mindfulness with a different aspect of this highlighted each week.

Mindfulness means 'paying attention in a particular way - on purpose, in the present moment and non-judgmentally'.

The walks were followed by a drink and healthy snacks which were very welcome, especially as the first two weeks were very wet.

We walked in the area near Touchstone and it was very interesting to see much of the University Campus with an amazing amount of trees and plants, including a herb garden.

We also saw many different styles of buildings and some very old properties in Horton Green.

Some (all really!) weeks I started off feeling tired and why was I doing this!! However a few minutes into the walk the benefit of exercise, deep breathing (when we stopped to think about something we saw en-route) and remembering to be 'in the moment', all served to help me feel so much more alert and alive as we returned to Touchstone.

It has been a very interesting and positive use of time during the recent four Monday afternoons and something I would like to repeat on a regular basis.

I would encourage anyone (for this course you had to be over 65 but this could possibly be different in the future) to join in as the benefits are worth making the effort to get out and about.

Christine Milner New Hey Road

The offer of a chance to join a small group of people walking a short distance was too perfect for me to turn down. I was looking forward to getting moving properly again and being in the company of 'real' people, not just faces on a screen. So I was really looking forward to the Mindful Walking group led by Caroline and the staff at Touchstone during May.

I didn't really have an idea what mindfulness was; I'd always imagined it as something that focused on inner wellbeing by blocking out all that is going on around. I couldn't have been more wrong! Whilst inner wellbeing is important, mindful walking involves taking notice of what is going on around – the sounds, sights, smells – and recognising how they make you feel. I've found that it really helped me to take more notice of what's going on around me when I'm out.

The walking was at a steady stroll type of pace, which was perfect for me, and followed slightly different routes each week, always involving the University Peace Garden at some point. They were about a mile long, with a short stop halfway through to follow a meditation.

Each week had a different theme, and the last week's theme was gratitude. We were given a piece of paper with an E.H. Shepard illustration of Winnie the Pooh and Piglet – I've always been a huge fan of the stories – "Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude". I was certainly very grateful for the idea and being able to take part.

Teresa Lunn Wibsey

St Arnold's

A huge thank you to anyone who has joined us for our online Beer and Hymns events during the last year. We've had beach parties, harvest festivals, acts of remembrance, Easter celebrations and a presidential visit, all while enjoying a great mix of traditional hymns, modern choruses, Bible readings, prayers and fellowship. Although it's not been quite the same as being down at The Peacock bar with you, all those events have certainly given me something to look forward to and I hope they helped you happily while away a few lockdown hours too.

With the relaxing of some restrictions we have now been able to move forward with our One@11 Sunday morning services at The Peacock bar. These are now happening twice a month, on the 2nd and fourth Sundays, which our regular attenders are very happy about. We're hoping that spending more time worshipping in the city centre will help to encourage some new faces to join us too.

Just before the first lockdown, which feels like it happened about 100 months ago, we welcomed the first official member to St Arnold's and commissioned two city centre chaplains: Suzanne and Teresa have been looking forward to when they could safely start visiting coffee shops in the city centre, ready to offer friendship and prayer to anyone in need. They have been welcomed with open arms into a number of places including the very lovely Lefteris Coffee and Tearoom on Tyrrel Street and the wonderful plant shop/cafe/home from home 'Plant One On Me' on the outside of John Street Market. (I know it's supposed to be called the Oastler Centre now but no one knows where I mean if I call it that!)

Please do pray for them as they offer hope and healing acting as representatives of our church in those places outside the comfort of our own walls.

Please also continue to pray for our hospitality industry. They have been hit so hard by this pandemic. I have gone back to offering chaplaincy in the physical spaces of the bars in the city. While there I have seen just how difficult a balancing act they are having to endure, to keep customers happy while ensuring they stay within the restrictions to keep everyone safe.

Beer and hymns made a physical return to North Parade on the 29th of August as part of a Street Festival and it is hoped that we will continue to meet at The Peacock bar to sing each month, including a very special session of Curry and Carols as part of the first ever North Parade Christmas market. More, very exciting, details to come soon!

Graeme

Rowanberries

Almost 18 months has gone by and in one way it has flown by and in another it seems to have been a very long 18 months since the day the decision was made in the first lockdown to close the scheme to all but essential visitors. At that point we all thought it would be a few weeks and we would be back up and running but 18 months later we still find ourselves living day by day and handling the challenges that COVID brings.

Throughout the time we have been fortunate to this point that, for the most part we have remained safe and well throughout across the scheme, and continue to pray that this will continue. For staff the year has been extra busy – sanitising the full building at regular intervals through the day, delivering post, shopping, medication to flats, covering shifts often at very short notice, cleaning flats, all alongside the regular day to day care for our residents. Added to this the extra stress of trying to keep a sense of calm to the scheme in what has been a stressful and often frightening time for staff and residents alike. And with their own concerns about keeping family safe and well.

For the residents the realisation that communal areas were closed and family and friends were unable to enter the building was extremely difficult, especially when it became apparent that this would continue for months, rather than days, and residents were asked to remain in flats. Isolation and loneliness became the main concern. As much as possible staff provided activities to do in flats, with quizzes, bunker bingo, newsletters, gazettes and church services printed off and delivered.

We said goodbye to a number of residents during this time, and the scheme became very quiet, as we were unable to meet together or allow new people to move into flats as they became empty.

In recent weeks it has been lovely, as we have slowly started to ease restrictions, to see residents in communal areas and sharing together over lunch in the bistro. Rowanberries has started to come back to life a little, with friends and family visiting, and activities slowly starting to recommence. New residents have been moving in and getting to know their neighbours. Our current project is to use our exercise bike to volunteer to take turns in 'cycling' the 127 miles of the Leeds and Liverpool Canal, inviting sponsors to help us fundraise for our residents' amenity fund. We are looking forward to finally working together with MHA Communities as One MHA and adding even more to our activity programme. We still have some restrictions in place to try to keep everyone safe and well, and look forward to the day when we can recommence church services and welcome back in our visiting ministers and church friends.

In the meantime, please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers as we continue to move forward a day at a time, still very aware of the continued threat of COVID, and the need to be safe and vigilant.

Dawn Harris

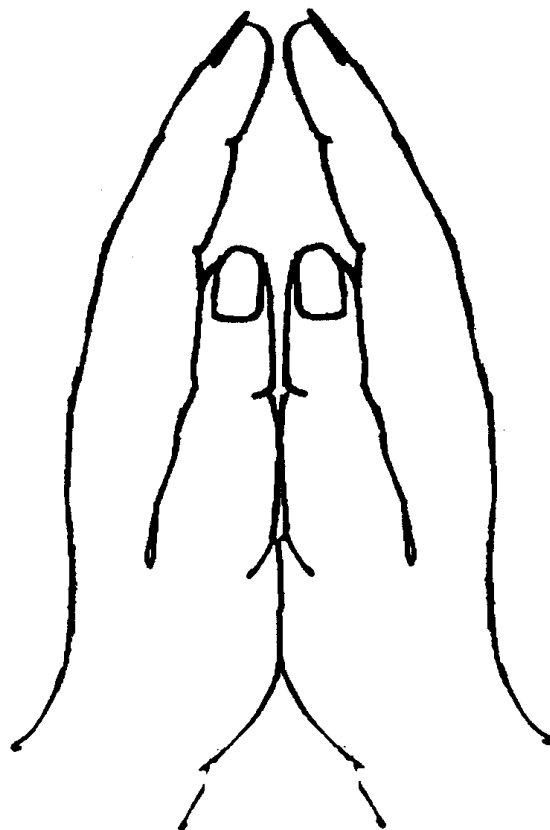
Chaplain (MHA Rowanberries)

Prayer diary

Daily prayer focus:

1. Our ministers and their families
2. Our administrator and circuit leadership who strive to ensure the circuit is not just a unit of business, but one of vision and mission also.
3. Our church stewards, our treasurers who take care of our finances, and all those who work to keep our churches going.
4. Our congregations, especially those most vulnerable, that we can all continue to know we are a part of the church family.
5. Our District, our Chair of District Rev Kerry Tankard and his family and all district office holders.
6. The housebound and those in supported living. For the pastoral visitors and all who maintain contact with them.
7. Our local preachers and worship leaders
8. Our uniformed groups and those who work with them.
9. Local schools, and the continuing relationships our ministers and members are able to strengthen with them.
10. Aldersgate, as they work and witness to further the work of God in stimulating and thoughtful ways.
11. Clayton as they regroup after losing some key members, and reestablish activities which enable them to reach out into the community.
12. Cornerstone seeking to maintain and manage their large listed building for worship and service in the community
13. Ebenezer that they may discern a clear way forward.
14. Horton Bank giving thanks for 150 years of worship, witness and service, seeking ways to fulfil their calling in the future.
15. New Hey Road as its members explore the next step of their journey, seeking to be led by God's Spirit in their mission amongst the community.
16. Southfield Lane, as they continue to discern how to be faithful disciples and witnesses in their particular context.
17. Wibsey, that their relationships with the community may be strengthened.
18. Wyke, for the work done as 'churches together', especially the food bank.
19. St Arnold's as it continues to build a community of faith within our city centre. Supporting local businesses by worshipping and praying with them as they travel through difficult times.
20. For the new partnership with the Immanuel Project, working in the city centre with the most vulnerable; and the new monthly service
21. As circumstances change, those who seek new Christian communities where they feel welcomed.

22. We pray for those who are part of the online community of this circuit. May all who gather virtually feel the warmth of welcome, the heights of worship and the depth of God's love surrounding them
23. For peace, justice and harmony between the diverse communities within Bradford
24. For our children and young people and those who offer their talent and their time to work with them.
25. For the ways we are able to work together with other Christian groups.
26. BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern) seeking to address the needs of destitute people seeking safety in the UK
27. Chaplains around the city working in universities, hospitals, Marie Curie, and the Courts.
28. Rowanberries, all who live, work and volunteer there.
29. Touchstone, for the new activity programme and the team
30. Inn churches and those who work with the homeless and with the foodbanks
31. Methodist Connexion and Worldwide mission



Looking forward to 2021-2022

The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work 2 Corinthians 9 v 6-8

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we may continue to explore how the circuits can be a unit for mission across the City of Bradford.
- For a circuit that engages in, and lives by prayer.
- For St Arnold's, and other city Centre work, that relationships developed will continue to deepen, and our presence in the City Centre will be cemented.
- That our circuit and churches, will continue to nurture our young people.
- That we will seek ways to reach out and build relationships with community groups who use our premises.
- For support for the new initiatives around the circuit.

**Bradford South Circuit
Income & Expenditure Account
Year Ended 31st August 2021**

<u>Income</u>	2020-21	2019-20	<u>Expenditure</u>	2020-21	2019-20
Assessments	160475.00	165275.01	Ministers Stipend	98560.25	90127.20
Assessment Rebate	-11858.76	0.00	Ministers NI	8693.23	7886.54
Interest	1181.07	2670.49	Ministers Pensions	25632.77	23398.20
Benevolence	0.00	110.17	Ministers Expenses	1494.65	3191.24
Rental Income	4941.20	500.00	Lay Employee Costs	12940.17	16691.79
Connexional City Centre Grant	10000.00	10000.00	Admin Charges - Payroll	480.00	480.00
District City Centre Grant	5000.00	5000.00	Apprenticeship Levy	529.99	530.78
Bradford North City Centre Grant	3000.00	3000.00	District Assessment	46260.00	48188.00
Youth Income	24.83	400.00	District Advance Fund Levy	1726.34	1759.05
Dot Lightowler Bequest	2163.33	0.00	Connexional Levy on Sales	208245.60	0.00
Clayton Heights CFB	3575.53	0.00			
Other Income	1627.80	1034.40	<u>Manse Costs</u>		
	180130.00	187990.07	Council Tax	8240.84	7892.46
Sale of Trinity	414804.00	0.00	Water Rates	2495.00	2299.00
Sale of Clayton Heights	180563.60	0.00	Insurance	2225.30	2880.58
Sale of Cornerstone Crcket Field	45072.80	0.00	Repairs	7177.46	16532.60
Cornerstone Loan Repayment	5600.00	0.00			
	826170.40	187990.07	Postage, Printing & Stationery	1177.52	1163.81
<u>Transfers</u>			Telephones	2542.46	2665.73
CAF Bank from Petty Cash	0.00	0.00	Office Costs/Rent	871.60	1937.00
CAF Bank from CFB	0.00	16000.00	Travel	0.00	96.80
CFB from Mandy Roberts	0.92	245.98	Training	0.00	100.00
CFB from Petty Cash	0.00	500.00	Bank Fees	87.00	60.00
CFB from Model Trust	250000.00	0.00	Audit Fee	2050.00	2150.00
CFB from Chapel Road	27000.00	0.00	Admin Costs - TMCP	249.54	251.91
CFB from CAF Bank	9000.00	0.00	Donations	500.00	0.00
	1112171.32	204736.05	Youth Costs	0.00	1046.00
			Messy Church	0.00	0.00
			Quinquennial Inspections	0.00	0.00
			Holiday at Home	0.00	68.40
			URC	208.00	352.00
			Benevolence Fund	105.00	2550.00
			Touchstone Grant	4000.00	4000.00
			Cornerstone Loan	0.00	5600.00
			Leeds City Centre Mission Loan	0.00	6251.00
			Thornbury Car Park Costs	1687.20	0.00
			Highgate Road Costs	1243.50	478.80
			Cornerstone Cricket Field Costs	3067.20	0.00
			New Hey Road Costs	358.48	0.00
			Clayton Heights Costs	6089.85	1122.00
			Southfield Lane Project Payments	11235.20	0.00
			Trinity Costs	827.00	5808.99
			Other Expenditure	1642.75	1127.78
				462643.90	258687.66
			<u>Transfers</u>		
			Mandy Roberts Account to CFB	0.92	245.98
			Petty Cash to CFB	0.00	500.00
			CFB to CAF Bank	9000.00	16000.00
			Model Trust to CFB	250000.00	0.00
			Chapel Road to CFB	27000.00	0.00
				748644.82	275433.64

Reconciliation		
Movement of Funds	Credits	831522.29
	Debits	475854.45
	Unpresented Cheque	-182.50
		355485.34
Represented by (above)	Income	1112171.32
	Exp	-748644.82
	Opening accrual	-23237.12
	Closing Accrual	15195.96
		355485.34

Movement of Funds

	Opening Balance	Credit	Debit	Transfers	Closing Balance
CAF (Bank)	6052.81	46433.79	55011.17	9000.00	6475.43
Deposit Account (CFB)	180982.95	138093.98	199246.60	268000.92	387831.25
Model Trust Fund	69053.77	646791.09	221435.25	-250000.00	244409.61
Mandy Roberts/Moira Hodgson	751.10	2.52	1.50	-0.92	751.20
Chapel Road Account	54964.44	169.22	109.93	-27000.00	28023.73
New Hey Road Account	16904.46	23.24	0.00	0.00	16927.70
Park Account	6146.89	8.45	0.00	0.00	6155.34
Petty Cash	202.50	0.00	50.00	0.00	152.50
	335058.92	831522.29	475854.45	0.00	690726.76



Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2020-21

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2021

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

West Yorkshire

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Caroline Ryder

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mr Richard Walsh
Mrs Melanie Walsh

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2020-21 £	Total 2019-20 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies							0	0
2 Income from monetary investments							0	0
3 Income from investment properties	4	4,941					4,941	500
4 Assessments on Churches		148,616					148,616	165,275
5 Capital Receipts							0	0
6 Grants received							0	0
7 Other charitable income		26,000	641,191			3	667,194	25,874
8 Total income		179,558	641,191	-	-	3	820,751	191,649
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations		4,000					4,000	4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs	7	147,321					147,321	141,295
11 Property maintenance		13,273	11,235				24,508	7,410
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0	0
13 District Assessment & Levy		46,260					46,260	48,188
14 Depreciation							0	0
15 Office expenses		15,504					15,504	15,835
16 Other outgoings		14,744	208,474		105	2	223,324	25,150
17 Contributions to the district advance fund			1,726				1,726	1,759
17 Total charitable expenditure		241,102	221,435	0	105	2	462,644	243,637
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0	0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							0	0
20 Net income/(expenditure)		-61,544	419,756	0	-105	1	358,108	-51,988
21 Transfers between funds		244,401	244,400			1	0	0
22 Other gains/(losses)								0
23 Net movement in funds		182,857	175,356	0	-105	0	358,108	-51,988
24 Total funds brought forward		1,209,988	69,054	-	13,971	751	1,293,764	1,345,752
25 Total funds carried forward		1,392,845	244,410	-	13,866	751	1,651,872	1,293,764

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020/21	Totals 2019/20
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	8	970,090				970,090	970,090
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets		970,090	0	0	0	970,090	970,090
Current Assets							
Debtors	9	15,609				15,609	15,159
Loans by the Circuit		6,251				6,251	11,851
Investments with TMCP		28,024	244,410		751	273,185	69,805
Central Finance Board Deposits		403,676		1,083		404,759	180,983
Cash at Bank and in hand				12,783		12,783	84,271
Total current assets		453,560	244,410	0	13,866	712,587	362,069
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	10	30,805				30,805	38,396
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities		30,805	0	0	0	30,805	38,396
Net current assets/liabilities		422,755	244,410	0	13,866	681,782	323,673
Total assets less current liabilities		1,392,845	244,410	0	13,866	1,651,872	1,293,763
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
Net assets		1,392,845	244,410	0	13,866	1,651,872	1,293,763
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,392,845				1,392,845	1,209,988
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			244,410			244,410	69,054
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				0		0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,637,254	1,279,042
Restricted Funds				13,866		13,866	13,971
Endowment Funds					751	751	751
Total Funds		1,392,845	244,410	0	13,866	1,651,872	1,293,764

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

Notes to the Accounts

1. Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies

Basis

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation 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 asset for use by the Circuit

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

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and prepayments

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

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Impacts of accounting changes

A statement is required if there has been any restatement required to previous reported information as a consequence of the new SORP.

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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board				0	
Rental income	4,941			4,941	500
Other				0	
Total	4,941	0	0	4,941	500

5. Payment to trustees

This Year Last Year

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Total	0	0
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6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

This Year Last Year

Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts

2,100 2,160

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

Total	2,100	2,160
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7. Paid employees

This Year Last Year

Staff costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

110,799 105,062

Employer's national insurance costs

8,693 9,644

Pension costs

26,334 23,398

Expenses

1,495 3,191

Total

147,321	141,295
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Average number of staff employed during the year were:

6	6
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8. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			970,090					970,090
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090

Name of Circuit

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9. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid assessments

Accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This Year Last Year

15,609 15,159

15,609 15,159

10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Current liabilities

Trade creditors

Other creditors

Total

This Year Last Year

30,805 38,396

30,805 38,396

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2021 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2021.

**Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS**

Treasurer

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

Signature of Treasurer

[Handwritten Signature]

Date

17/3/22

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Address

75 SHBLE MOOR RD, SHBLE, HALIFAX HX3 7PL

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were, or will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on and were approved.

17/3/22

Signature of the Chair of
the meeting

[Handwritten Signature]

Name of the Chair of the
meeting

Rev Lyn P. Gregg

Date

17/03/2022

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respects 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 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.

Name of independent examiner	Jonathan Stead FCCA
Signature of independent examiner	
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	Chartered Certified Accountant
Name of firm (where appropriate)	Sleigh & Story Ltd
Address	Thornhill Briggs Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4AH
Date	07/01/2022

BRADFORD SOUTH METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1157285

Accounts

Bradford South Circuit

Annual Report

September 2019-2020

“Sharing God’s Love”

“As God’s people we seek to work together to celebrate and share God’s love in Christ for all”.

Superintendent's Report

As ever it has been another exciting and challenging year for us all in the Bradford South Circuit: exciting as is attested to by the reports found herein, challenging due in no small part to the Coronavirus pandemic and the impact it has had on our everyday lives. With the country going into 'lockdown' on March 23rd 2020 all our church buildings were closed and normal activities were suspended.

One of the challenges we faced, successfully, was to continue to provide opportunity to worship and 'stay connected' using online platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, our website and Youtube, providing hard copies of texts to those who were not able to access the material on line.

As a circuit we serve a diversity of communities within the city, from social housing estates to communities on the margins of the city who prefer to identify themselves as urban villages, to those where maintaining a Christian presence feels particularly challenging. By virtue of the pandemic and our online presence, our reach has stretched much further, even to other countries.

With Trinity (Manningham) relocating to Touchstone, we began the church year with 12 worshipping communities within the circuit. This includes 1@11, which is the Sunday Morning worship element of the St Arnold's project. Our presence and work in the city centre continues to develop and grow, with new opportunities being explored as they arise. Rev Graeme Dutton's report on St Arnold's provides a more detailed account of all that has been achieved during the last year.

As we continue to strive to meet and serve the needs of all people throughout the circuit, regardless of age, CYG has continued to be an important group for a number of our young people. Having said this, CYG, like most things, closed very abruptly in March 2020. For the same reason (the pandemic) it was necessary for many of our annual activities including Holiday at Home to be cancelled, our primary concern being the safety and well-being of everyone involved.

In the midst of all this uncertainty and change, the annual report, as ever, bears witness to the fact that Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents, all of whom are encouraged and offered the opportunity to use them in ways that are meaningful and fulfilling, not only for the circuit and churches but for the individual also. This we do as an expression of our shared discipleship and mission, taking seriously our responsibility to use the resources we have wisely and responsibly, in a way that honours ourselves, all people, our world and God.

As challenging as all as this is, the people of Bradford South Methodist circuit never fail to remain faithful and hopeful, facing opportunity and change with the assurance that God continues to have plans for us and for the city in which we witness. And as we have been discovering during the pandemic, he equips us with all we need to continue to worship and witness to him in ways that are relevant to the changing times.

Rev Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister

Statement of Core Values

Bradford South Circuit 27/33

- All we do as a circuit is within the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church.
- Each person is created in the image of God.
- All people are therefore valued and respected regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ability, cultural background or faith.
- We are responsible, under God, for each other and our social, spiritual and personal needs.
- All members of groups or churches should be allowed and enabled to participate in decision making, within the proper process.
- We adhere to the United Nations rights of the child in our work with young people.
- All should be kept safe from harm and it is the responsibility of us all to work towards this together with particular attention to the requirements of the Methodist Church.
- We respect and value the work of all, paid and voluntary in the circuit.

Circuit Staff Team 2019-20

Ministerial Staff

Revd. Lyn Gregg —Circuit Superintendent

Churches: Southfield Lane, Wibsey, Wyke

Revd. Graeme Dutton (half time in circuit and half time in City Centre ministry)

Churches: Ebenezer (Dudley Hill), New Hey Road (East Bowling),

Revd. Albert Gayle

Churches: Aldersgate,(Low Moor), Clayton, Clayton Heights, Thornbury, Trinity (Manningham)

Revd. Sarah Jemison (part time minister)

Churches: Cornerstone, Horton Bank,

The support ministers across the circuit will be Revd. Lyn Gregg and Revd. Graeme Dutton

Lay Staff

Mrs. Alison Terrell– Circuit Administrator & Lay Pastoral Worker

Circuit Office

New Hey Road Methodist Church, Brompton Road, East Bowling, Bradford BD4 7HY

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For more information about the Circuit, visit our website:

www.bradfordsouthcircuit.wordpress.com

Core Opening Hours:

Tuesday, 1pm—3pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm

Circuit Stewards

This year has seen a change in leadership following the stepping down of Rosie and Dennis Watson, having completed their 6 years in office. Nancy Hare became Senior Steward and we welcomed Richard Walsh to the team.

During the first part of the year the bulk of our work has been to ensure that necessary manse repairs have been carried out, including the installation of a new kitchen at Snape Drive. This work is ongoing.

From May onwards we have been involved in the stationing process for the Rev Albert Gayle and the Rev Sarah Jemison and we look forward to a positive outcome.

We would like to thank the staff for their support, and in particular the Rev Lyn Gregg who has attended some of our meetings and has also given us guidance and advice.

Suzanne Allsop

Nancy says.....

My term as a circuit steward is now over, with me serving as the senior steward during this last year. It has been a time of learning, laughing, surprises, much praying and, of course, a lot of cups of coffee.

One of the responsibilities of a circuit steward is to be responsible, with the Superintendent and the ministers and probationers appointed to the Circuit, for the spiritual and material well-being of the Circuit, and for upholding and acting upon the decisions of the Circuit Meeting Standing Order 531(1). One example of how we (as Circuit Stewards) have undertaken this responsibility is taking the lead on Stationing. A few years ago it was decided that we could do with another part-time minister who did not need a manse. A tall order, we thought, but we prayed about it and found it was an easy request for God. Along came Richard Oldroyd, offering us part-time service but wanting to live in his own home. Prayer answered.

Other surprises came in the various duties to be done, and in meeting other people in the wider connexion. Over the years I learnt a lot about how circuits and districts work, but much more than that I learnt to do Zoom meetings and Pray First by phone. This is thanks to Rev Graeme who was so patient with me at the start of lock down.

Many thanks go to my fellow stewards, Elizabeth, Suzanne, Joy and Richard, all of whom have been helpful and willing friends.

Love and God bless you all. Nancy Hare

P.S. If you feel you may be being called to serve God as a circuit steward in our circuit, please contact one of the current circuit stewards. They will be able to provide more details about the duties and responsibilities of the role and the process of selection

Finance

This report is written just after the financial year end, 31st August 2020. The accounts are complete but unaudited at this stage and show an excess of expenditure over income of about £70,000. This is in line with our budget for the year.

We reported last year of our intention to reserve half of the proceeds of the sale of Chapel Road (£27,000) for major manse projects. Since then we have installed a new kitchen at Snape Drive, refurbished the interior of Thorncroft Road, with exterior works still ongoing, and fitted new carpets at Mill House Rise. So far £14,500 has been spent and we continue to look at ways of putting the remainder to good use.

We are still dealing with the sale of Trinity Methodist Church but hope to have that sale completed by the end of September 2020. We have been able to help the finances at Trinity by covering the cost of insurance and asbestos surveys, whilst also allowing them a two quarter assessment holiday during the year 2019-20.

Assessments continue to be the main source of our circuit's income, but equally the main source of concern, as churches close and others struggle to meet their assessments at the current level. We continue to offer our 'pay what you can' system for assessments and whilst most can cover their payments others struggle and will continue to do so, especially with the loss of income through this COVID19 lockdown. Suffice to say, the circuit is here to help any churches which find themselves in financial difficulties and are always open to conversations about the granting of financial help. We have recently helped Cornerstone with a short term loan, pending the sale of their cricket field, and have made the first of four annual loan payments to Leeds City Centre Mission.

Although the circuit continues to run a deficit budget, anticipated to be up to £90,000 in 2020-21, we have sufficient reserves to enable us to keep this under control in the short to medium term. Our major expense is stipends, but we continue to receive excellent and much-valued ministry from our presbyters and feel that our reserves are being well used in maintaining a strong and stable ordained staff team. We have just welcomed Rev Caroline Ryder and will be covering 25% of her stipend as she assists and encourages Trinity @ Touchstone, with the remainder of her time spent in the District role of Touchstone Team Leader. Alison Terrell continues as our only lay employee and supports the circuit through her administrative work at the Circuit Office, recently relocated to Clayton Methodist Church.

So balancing the books continues to be a challenge for churches and circuit alike. We will continue to ensure that the circuit budget is sound and underpinned by tight controls and sufficient reserves. Our longer term future may depend on difficult and courageous decisions having to be made as our circuit responds to present and future demands.

The Finance Team are always happy to discuss the finer detail and answer any questions relating to the circuit's financial activity. We will be presenting the unaudited version of the income and expenditure at the forthcoming September Circuit Meeting. These will be fully audited by 31 December 2020 and presented to the March 2021 Circuit Meeting for approval.

As individual members of our various churches it's important to remember that your contribution, whether financial, practical or spiritual, counts for a great deal and helps us to continue to do God's work together. Our churches, our circuit and our mission may change over the coming years, but we must be ready to face up to these challenges positively and trust God to support us in everything we do.

Trevor Kershaw & Melanie Walsh, Circuit Finance Team

Property

It's been a difficult year for all trustees who have been involved in the management of our properties. Covid-19 has had a huge impact, both by enforcing the closure of our buildings for an extended period and by ensuring that the regular tasks we might undertake have been much more difficult and time consuming. My thanks go to all of you who have made regular trips to turn on taps, flush toilets, conduct checks and spent hours reading and interpreting various editions of guidelines and writing risk assessments. The pandemic has also led us to a place where a number of our congregations are considering their futures within their buildings. Many charities, businesses and clubs have decided to evaluate the ways in which they work and even exist and the churches within our circuit have certainly not been immune to those questions. As a circuit I would like us to be more aware of the challenges and opportunities that fellowships are now encountering. There may well be some very big changes ahead for both our local churches and our circuit as we consider the best use of our resources in order that we continue to make known the Gospel of Christ in our communities. The Circuit Leadership Team and Circuit Staff are committed to helping all our local churches consider the paths that lie before them. If you would like to talk to any of us about a concern or possibility regarding your church building please feel free to contact us.

Graeme Dutton

The Plan and LCA's

It has, once again, proved to be a challenge making the preaching plan this year. Churches are becoming more accustomed to managing a significant number of LCAs. As ever, they have risen to the challenge and (for the most part) have accepted them as the opportunity to explore new ways of working and worshipping, be that alone or with other circuit churches. There have been café-style services, Songs of Praise services, readers' services and a significant number of services led by Worship Leaders.

For some churches LCAs have offered the opportunity to 'visit' other churches. This has not only solved the problem of not having a preacher on a Sunday, but has offered the chance to build relationships that may offer even more opportunities in the future. Preparing for the future, some churches are choosing to develop a real sense of partnership with neighbouring churches, changing something that began as a plan-directed necessity into something that seems more organic and Spirit-led.

The plan for the period May-August was prepared and was set to go to print on the point of the government putting the country on lockdown. As a result the plan for the period was covered by circuit staff plus a small number of local preachers and welcome visit from our Chair of District, Rev Kerry Tankard.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Circuit Youth Work

This year the leadership of CYG has been offered by John Marshall and Rev Lyn Gregg. Week by week we have followed topic-based themes on such things as friendship, charity, acting justly, generosity and power.

Having previously met as two groups (8-12yrs and 13-18yrs), this year we met as one group, meeting at Clayton Heights from 6.30pm-8.00pm on a Sunday during term time.

Numbers have dropped to just 4 regulars, these 4 enjoying the opportunity to meet for discussion and activities. In a new venue they have been resourceful in 'inventing' games that are more suited to the smaller space numbers, using a coat stand in place of a net. Other favourite games include dodge ball and Ninja.

A number of our young people attended 3Generate (the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly) in November 2019, and the online district event offered in July 2020.

The relationship between the youth of the Bradford North and Bradford South circuits has continued to deepen as they have met together for regular fellowship meetings throughout the year.

Next year will, undoubtedly, hold new challenges and opportunities for the group, not least as we discern a new venue and format going forward.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Administration

This has been an eventful year for the Circuit office. Unfortunately New Hey Road suffered two break-ins in the autumn and it became clear that the office would need to be moved. In the meantime I was working from home a lot more and went into the office when someone could be there with me.

After careful consideration it was decided that the room offered at Clayton was the most suitable space for the office and plans were made for the move. Nancy Hare, Christine Peacock and Suzanne Allsop came in at various times to help me to sort through papers and decide what needed to be archived and what could go. Then the Covid lockdown occurred and I was of course working from home like everyone else. With all the ministers also working from home it has felt as though we have been working together more closely. It has been very satisfying to be involved in all that has been done to connect people and sustain them spiritually during this difficult time.

We have now moved the office equipment to Clayton and will be working out over the next few weeks how best to arrange my working pattern between home and the office and the measures we need in place to reduce the risk of Covid.

Alison Terrell Circuit Administrator

Local Preachers

During this year we have seen significant changes amongst those accredited as Local Preachers in our circuit. The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently stands at 21, with a further 2 preachers 'on Trial'. Of the two who began the year 'on trial', one had successfully completed all the studies. The recommendation of the Local Preachers meeting that he be accredited was agreed by the March Circuit Meeting (which was held electronically as a result of the pandemic) and a service of accreditation was duly arranged. The service, which was planned for early April, was inevitably postponed due to the closure of all our churches in the wake of the Coronavirus pandemic. We await the opportunity to set a new date for this service.

We welcomed by transfer a Local Preacher from a neighbouring circuit who will focus on leading worship at St Arnold's allowing Sunday Worship to be held more regularly in the city centre venues.

Of the 21 accredited preachers, 7 (either temporarily or permanently) had withdrawn from taking services prior to the pandemic.

We have had two losses during the year, one who has gone to glory and another who decided to resign membership of the Methodist Church.

With 12 churches (including St Arnold's) the above figures mean we have 14 Local Preachers plus four ministers (some full time, some part-time) to take the 210+ services on a four month plan. Of these 210+, 202 are the morning services in our churches, 8 are the 1@11 services in the city centre and 4 are the evening services, there also being occasional 'specials'.

We currently have no Local Preachers 'on Note', but if anyone feels they are being nudged towards becoming a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, please speak to someone about it. Who knows, you might be hearing a 'call to preach', and we would very much want to welcome and encourage you to test that calling.

Rev Lyn Gregg

Pray First

We started the year meeting at Java Joes cafe every Wednesday morning at 9.30am, but like so many things, this quiet time of fellowship together became impossible after lock down. Graeme continued it live from his home on Facebook with a few people joining in by phone who do not use Facebook. Graeme went back to the cafe when it reopened but it continues on Facebook as people cannot meet together.

It remains a quiet space in the middle of the week to stop and be together in spirit if not in person. To turn to our loving God and pray for each other.

Alison Terrell, Circuit Administrator

Holy Week and Easter

When I first saw on Facebook that the Bradford South Circuit would be sharing a meditation each night in Holy Week, I thought that it would be something I might join. I must admit that I had not previously participated in a service every night of the week so this would be a new experience.

The services were generally between 20 and 25 minutes in length and each had its own style in terms of content and presentation – inevitably some had greater impact on me than others but that is very much down to personal preferences.

Credit is due to all those who were responsible for the presentation and technical input – Holy Week was in the relatively early days of the lockdown and everyone was on a steep learning curve. I would urge the Circuit Leadership team to give serious thought to another series of meditations next year.

John Robinson, District Treasurer

Alone on Easter Day

I don't think I have had an Easter day without the family coming at some point for a roast dinner, so I knew this year was going to feel very different.

I had taken a few days off to work on my garden and was busy making a spiral in the centre using old stones from around the garden. By Saturday evening it was beginning to take shape and realising Sunday was going to be another lovely day I decided to get up for the early service and join from my garden complete with chiminea lit.

I got everything ready for the morning and was up at 5.45 with time to get dressed in warm clothes, make a cup of coffee and get the fire lit.

As I sat down and joined in the worship I became aware of how connected I felt to the reading of Mary alone in the garden meeting Jesus.

Our services on Easter day are usually bigger and noisier than usual, but Jesus didn't appear to large crowds, he appeared to people alone or in small groups. My strange Easter Day took on special meaning.

Alison Terrell, Circuit Administrator



Lockdown at SFL

March 23rd 2020 had a profound effect on the people of the UK. STAY HOME STAY SAFE PROTECT THE NHS. Just one new thing we had to get our head around along with daily TV briefings, lockdown, Furlough, 2m distancing and queuing to name but a few. Here at Southfield Lane we adapted quickly by utilising our SFL WhatsApp group which we set up at the turn of the year. Was someone for-warning us?

Not everyone was a member but in no time we had introduced all but 5 of our congregation. The remaining five were not totally excluded as we turned to email, text and the good old telephone.

Our very first Communication came just ahead of Lockdown on 16/3/2020 and is recorded below.

Following Government advice it has been decided to POSTPONE the church meal this Saturday. A new date will be fixed as and when Government advice allows.

We still await that new date.

Our second communication followed the next day and here is an abridged version.

Hi all, in accordance with Methodist Church guidelines all our circuit churches will be closed until further notice. Let us continue to care and pray for one another and for those for whom this is having a catastrophic impact on their lives. God bless, Lyn x

People were shocked, unnerved, cautious and a little frightened. All reflected in our communications. We responded with care, jokes, prayers, words and pictures to comfort.

Then we decided to continue some of our church events. Easter saw photos of decorated crosses inside and outside of our homes. We held online afternoon teas, photographing and publishing our efforts however humble or grand. We had two such teas. Following Easter one of our members posted a daily picture and quote which set the scene each morning and continues today.

The men of the church continued their monthly breakfast club, posting their fry up efforts, cooked in the main by themselves but not all (you know who you are). Plus we had man banter.

Our Fellowship meetings were held via the Zoom App and the men held Wednesday quizzes via Face book messenger.

Our biggest successful challenge and the one giving us the most satisfaction was getting 3 of our more senior members linked up to our WhatsApp group.

We enjoyed and were sustained by all of these things but especially the services produced by the circuit team and available to view on various social media platforms.

Most recently we have conducted a congregation survey around reopening our church building and hope and optimism is now upon our WhatsApp page. Social media appears to have played a big part in sustaining our congregation thus far. Yet we all know it is just a very clever medium and the true sustainer is our Lord utilising all to hand and reaching us in new ways.

Ian Walmsley, Southfield Lane

Church and Society

During 2019/20 churches displayed 3 Gen's eye-catching manifesto poster. They fulfilled the young people's request to engage with the concerns raised in the manifesto by including it on their autumn Church Council agenda. In addition to encouraging the church to be creative in worship, we were urged to action: on homelessness, building relationships within our communities, supporting the lonely, creating safe spaces for people to listen to each other and in caring for the environment.

Individual church members have addressed these and other social justice issues through personal and church commitments: contributing to local food banks, letter-writing eg Amnesty International's Christmas project, volunteering for, and donating to a plethora of charities, buying fairly traded goods, the list seems endless.

Since the beginning of 2020, the Covid 19 pandemic has dominated our lives and we have realised that in order to address the global emergency individual responses have been determined by national and international directives. The question has been posed: 'will the lessons of the Covid 19 pandemic present a useful opportunity to build a greener, more sustainable future?' For devastating as they have been, the effects of the current Covid 19 pandemic are dwarfed by those of the climate emergency which threatens the lives of millions.

Christians recognise that the continued use of fossil fuels is a major contributor to climate change, and investing in companies that promote and develop their use raises theological and ethical concerns. The Methodist Church is committed to ethical investment and for this reason set up the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI) to advise the Central Finance Board (CFB). However, as individuals, churches and circuits, we also have an opportunity to influence decisions (ethical and otherwise) made by the Methodist Church at Conference each year.

This is done by sending a memorial to Conference. The circuit sent a memorial to Conference 2020 from the March Circuit Meeting. Briefly, the Memorial asked that 'the Methodist Council oversees a process, in company with the Joint Advisory Committee on the Ethics of Investment (JACEI), with a view to issuing robust advice that the Methodist Church disinvest from oil and gas companies that have either failed to clearly set out plans to align with the Paris Agreement targets or have failed to agree to bring to an end exploration for and extraction of new fossil fuel reserves.' The memorial was declined. However, Martha Rand – a Conference Representative from the Youth Assembly - brought a notice of motion requesting that JACEI recommend to the CFB disinvestment before the 2021 Conference from all oil and gas companies which are not currently aligned with the Paris Agreement target of a global temperature rise well below 2 degrees. Conference decided to refer this request to the Methodist Council for more detailed consideration.

It is becoming increasingly clear that in order to sustain God's creation, Christians need to join with others to take decisive and urgent action. Disinvesting from fossil fuels is one such action. With this in mind, the CFB initiated the Epworth Climate Stewardship Fund for Charities in May 2020. 'The Fund applies to all of CFB's existing ethical policies and also excludes companies that derive more than 10% of revenues or profits from fossil fuel extraction. It also looks to invest in companies that positively contribute to the transition to a low carbon economy.'

This Fund provides an opportunity for local churches and circuits to invest in this fund and help protect Planet Earth.

Thank you to all those who are working towards a sustainable future and to all who are making the world a better place - a glimpse of the kingdom of God.

Sarah Jemison



BEACON works to a vision of Bradford district as a hospitable community where asylum seekers and refugees are welcome, enjoy access to justice and fair treatment and are supported on their journey to independence and integration.

The plight of asylum seekers: fact or fiction, truth or lie?

In addition to BEACON's four projects: McKenzie Friends, Hosting, CHAT Conversation Club and CHAT Phoenix House, an important strand of our work is to raise awareness of the plight of asylum seekers.

In 2019, BEACON highlighted and supported the "Lift the Ban" campaign – lobbying for the right to work whilst people awaited the outcome of their asylum applications. With the release of a new report, 'Lift the ban: why giving people seeking asylum the right to work is common sense' at the beginning of August 2020, BEACON renewed its support to the continuing campaign.

The report shows that a policy change would help asylum seekers by:

- Strengthening people's chances of being able to integrate into their new communities

- Allowing people seeking asylum to live in dignity and to provide for themselves and their families

- Giving people the opportunity to use their skills and make the most of their potential

- Improving the mental health of people in the asylum system

- Helping to challenge forced labour, exploitation, and modern slavery

In addition, the report demonstrates how a change in policy could benefit the UK economy, through net gains for the Government of around £100 million per year. It also presents

evidence to show that a change in policy would be popular amongst the UK public, with 71% agreeing that people seeking asylum should be allowed to work.

Underpinning the report is the belief that people who have risked everything to find safety should have the best chance possible of contributing to our society and integrating into their new communities. 'As the UK seeks to build back better from Covid-19 and protect itself from the consequences of an unprecedented economic crisis, lifting restrictions on the right to work for people seeking asylum would both ensure the UK benefits from the expertise of a diverse workforce and provide significant savings for the public purse. In other words, lifting the ban is common sense.'

The need to counter hostility with hospitality.

At the time of writing this report, desperate people, a significant number of whom are unaccompanied children and young people, are attempting the perilous journey across the English Channel. The occupants of the fragile crafts have fled the world's war-torn regions: Afghanistan, Sudan, Eritrea, Iran, Syria. The dangerous crossing is a risk deemed worth taking in a bid to find sanctuary and safety to build a new life. It is neither 'stupid' nor criminal'. (If you're not safe in your own country then you have the

right to seek protection in another.) Slightly over 4,000 people have made the perilous Channel voyage: this is not an invasion nor is the most numerous crossing. According to the UN refugee agency, so far in 2020, there have been 14,288 sea arrivals in Italy, 10,198 in Spain and 8,405 in Greece.

Of the 36,000 asylum applications made in 2019, Home Office data shows that the vast majority arrived in the UK by other means, rather than small boat crossings over the Channel.

People seeking sanctuary are not a problem! They are fleeing problems of persecution, political unrest, bloody conflicts and genocide. Stephen Hale, the chief executive of Refugee Action, affirmed that Britain has a proud history of welcoming people fleeing some of the most violent and oppressive regimes in the world and we can't stop now.

BEACON is greatly blessed by dedicated workers, volunteers and trustees.

Our amazing team of workers have kept all, but one, of our projects going through the prolonged Co-vid 19 lockdown. Unavoidably, CHAT Phoenix House Project closed and the co-ordinator was furloughed because the Courts were not operating. It is uncertain, with changes to the way the Courts operate, as to how this project may develop. CHAT Conversation Club has continued with the use of telephone and zoom, destitute asylum seekers have been hosted and McKenzie Friends have now adapted, supporting clients to submit online evidence and submissions.

Working ecumenically, with people of faith and no faith, BEACON is committed to 'welcoming the stranger'. Each person is a child of God, made in God's image. Through our care for those most vulnerable, we are welcoming Christ.

So thank you to the Circuit and all of you who support BEACON in so many different ways. Please continue to pray for our work, our workers and volunteers and most importantly for those we are seeking to support in their quest for safety and justice.

Sarah Jemison (Chair of BEACON)

Ministry in Homes

One of the things we are good at as a church is pastoral care. We have always had a proud tradition of social justice and concern for the wellbeing of people in need. This is not only evidenced in our church, but extends into care homes, hospitals and other institutions. During lockdown this has been challenging and distressing for Ministers who have been frustrated as we could only do our work in a limited way. We have been prevented from going into care homes and hospitals for obvious reasons. We have found that hard. We have felt the pain and distress of families and friends who have not been able to see loved ones.

Of course we recognise that our care homes have done the best that they could under difficult and challenging circumstances.

The front line workers, nurses, carers, cleaners, maintenance workers, chefs, volunteers and many more put themselves at our disposal to protect us and the most vulnerable even at risk to themselves.

Fortunately, the care home in which Revd Sarah Jemison and I provide a Christian service each month escaped the impact of coronavirus. When I telephoned they told me that they were all right and that no one had succumbed to Covid-19, but that they are looking forward to the next few weeks when we can again return to be alongside them in a ministry of song, prayer, story and worship.

Prayer

God who reaches out to the weak, the vulnerable, the confused and the needy, come to us and enable us to sense your presence and your love.

As we go through a time of anxiety and fear, give us reassurance and hope.

We thank you for those who care for us even to the extent of putting themselves at risk to improve our quality of life. We pray for those who change our bed, who feed us, and wash our feet. We pray for those who bring healing and sit with those who're dying to bring comfort and strength to ease the journey. We pray for those who are afraid and need peace.

God, come close to us, to family and friends and help us all to sense your presence and your love through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gave us the prayer to say when we pray. Our Father....

Revd. Albert Gayle

New Hey Road at Gateway

Following last year's report we were able to celebrate another wonderful service of 9 Lessons and Carols with the Gateway Care Home as part of our pattern of worship with the community there. As many of you will already know, some of the residents at the home were members of a church within our circuit, so being able to continue in Methodist worship on a Sunday morning after their move was greatly appreciated. Members from the congregation at NHR had made a number of new friends amongst the residents and staff often spoke to me about how they appreciated our input to the spiritual life of the home.

Obviously, since the onset of the pandemic, we have not been able to meet at Gateway and it seems very unlikely that situation will change any time soon. I am still in regular contact with a number of people from the home and often bump into the owner and manager when I am broadcasting Pray First from Java Joe. I do know that they used the recorded services for Holy Week and Easter Day, connecting a laptop to one of the big TVs in the lounge, so that residents could worship together with us. I believe they are still, on occasion, setting up the laptop on a Sunday morning for those who would like to watch.

Graeme Dutton

Rowanberries

Another year has passed and we entered 2020 and what a year it has been so far!

With the usual start to the year at Rowanberries we soon started to hear whispers of Covid 19 and plans that were made and booked into the diary had to be changed.

And so since March Rowanberries has been in lockdown, residents have been mostly confined to their own flats, and only essential visitors allowed into the scheme. All activities and church services were stopped as communal areas were closed down. And amidst news of the virus taking hold in care homes across the country so began an anxious time for both residents and staff.

Thanks need to go to our amazing staff team who have worked hard to keep residents and their own families safe, going the extra mile to cover staff shortages, whilst taking on extra responsibilities delivering shopping, newspapers, post etc whilst trying to allay the fears of those we care for, alongside concern for children and other family members.

Isolation, boredom and loneliness have been a big concern for many of our residents who have been used to mixing with others in communal lounges. Our thanks go to the team who have sent church services that have been printed and distributed to those who requested them, and along with bunker bingo (bingo cards sent to flats with numbers advised daily) a quiz league and daily sheets of reading material we have attempted to keep spirits up. We missed out on many birthday parties that had been planned, as well as our VE weekend, which was marked by delivering picnic teas to all flats, with the promise that once we can return to some kind of normality we will celebrate as planned with party and entertainment.

Slowly we have begun to emerge from lockdown. First with family visits either side of a window, then visits outside, and now we have reached a point where family and friends can visit within guidelines which have been set to ensure residents continue to be as safe as possible.

To this point we are grateful to say that staff and residents have been, and continue to be, Covid free, and daily we continue to work towards keeping Rowanberries safe.

We look forward to the day when once again we can open our doors to all and activities and services can recommence.

Dawn Harris Chaplain

Schools Work

Extending the reach of God's love:

As Christians we are called to take the love of God beyond the church walls into the community. I was very pleased therefore when the opportunity came for me to be more involved in local Schools, particularly in Low Moor. It is good to be able to engage with children and teachers in meaningful ways.

One of the things which struck me as I entered Low Moor school was the warmth, the welcome and the atmosphere. Those who have been doing this work for some time have set the tone and we're building on and extending their work. It's good that you encourage and strengthen the work of God in this way.

'Open the Book,' which is set in the context of Bible stories, gives opportunities for children to develop ethically, morally and spiritually. It is a brilliant way to help children navigate their way through life. Teachers and children act out the story which is usually narrated by the Minister while the assembled group listen and observe. They are very attentive. Usually Mrs Broadbent, the head teacher, would reinforce the point being made in the story and apply it to the school context.

At Hilltop School the Head, Des Martin, is not yet engaged with Open the Book, as they continue to follow a more thematic series of worship based upon the fruits of the Spirit, but you never know as there's much planning behind the scenes to enable a richer spiritual experience for the children and staff.

During lockdown I was pleased to be invited to the Zoom get together at Low Moor C of E School. The children sang together and it was a way of seeing everyone to signal encouragement and support.

As well as the Revd Lyn Gregg, Graeme Dutton and myself there are also Beverley and Jenny Hardy and Mary and Geoff Twentymen who are involved in Low Moor School, but the Ministers' work goes beyond to other schools as well.

Graeme, I know, also does work in St John's Primary School in Bierley.

Lyn goes in to Wibsey to lead assemblies and is also involved in other events when invited to do so.

Sometimes as Ministers we get invited to provide input into schools outside our patch because our grandchildren go to a particular school. At Easter, for example, I was invited to talk about Easter to reception children at Dixon's Music Primary.

Sometimes we are invited in to talk to a class about what our work involves. There are usually some very interesting questions asked.

They find it fascinating when I tell them that I used to climb trees in Jamaica to get fruit, and that I used to collect fire wood to cook food and had to walk a long way to get water for drinking and cooking.

One of the most memorable events which took place at Aldersgate Methodist church was a service to mark Remembrance Sunday. It was a whole School assembly which involved poems, music and story. I was really glad that I had the opportunity to make something significant and meaningful for Children and Teachers. It was a very moving occasion.

It was rather sad that we were not able to do some of the things which we had planned for before lockdown happened, but hopefully we will be able to revisit those things and engage with people who are wanting to extend the work of God's kingdom in new ways.

You and I know that in order to enable God's kingdom to develop and grow we have to reach out in small ways at first because the Kingdom of God is like a grain of wheat. If it is planted it will grow to extend the reach of God's love. We are in the business of planting God's love in people's minds and hearts. It's good to be involved with a group of people who work together to provide mission and ministry to the Schools in our area. As Schools gradually return over a period many people are beginning to recognise just what a fantastic work they do in providing not just education for children but welfare and social support for the most needy.

We need to remember our schools and other educational establishments in our prayers.

God who stretches our minds and our hearts, we thank you for our Teachers who work tirelessly to give support and encouragement to those in their care. We praise you for equipping and strengthening them in wisdom, insight and the skillset that they need to function effectively.

We pray for those particularly with heavy workloads that they may be given the resources they need to manage their work effectively and draw the best out of their students.

We pray too for those Teachers who have responsibility for the pastoral well being of students, that they may be given the knowledge and sensitivity that they need to do their work.

We pray for students whose lives are overshadowed by unhappiness, abuse, pain or anxiety and fear. May they be given reassurance, comfort in an environment that will enable them to have their full potential realised.

Lord be with all those in education at every level, be with those away from home who are studying in another part of the country. May they know your grace in their time of need.

Amen.

Revd Albert Gayle.

St Arnold's

Since our last annual report, like everyone else, we've had a very mixed year!

Christmas was an incredible time for the project with us using our contacts on North Parade to stage a number of brilliant events. Free Spirit joined us for a fantastically festive morning of Carol Singing at Bread and Roses Café, where we were able to collect offerings in support of the work of BEACON.

Here they are doing their best Von Trapp family impression.

The Peacock bar, as usual, was the venue for plenty of other events near the end of the year including our monthly services, an eggnog and bratwurst curry evening and, of course, our ever popular Curry and Carols.



This year Curry and Carols had some extra visitors from the German TV Channel ZDF. They'd decided they wanted to come and film the event to broadcast as part of their 'Around Europe' news bulletin. So just as people were tuning in to watch the film which followed the bulletin, Paddington 2, they would have been treated to the sight of our youth group somehow fitting the dance to The Macarena to the tune of various Christmas carols!

Christmas Eve also gave me the opportunity to perform another marriage service for a couple that had their first date at a previous Curry and Carols event. Alice and Ben looked a right pair of smashers as they were joined by a small group of their closest family and friends at New Hey Road to begin a new and wonderful stage of their life together.

This year we have also formally welcomed two volunteer chaplains to the Saint Arnolds project who have both been working hard to create relationships with staff and customers at various hospitality venues around the city, offering a listening ear and extending the church well beyond the walls of any of its buildings.



Saint Arnold's also welcomed its first formal member to the church. A very exciting development which we hope to build on as we re-emerge from lockdowns.

The Peacock bar was also the site of my first spontaneous baptism as someone who I met and shared the gospel with asked, well almost demanded actually, to be baptised right there and then. What a privilege to be able confirm God's love for them as the water from their baptism ran down their forehead to mix with their tears of joy.

The pandemic has caused a few struggles but the chaplaincy, friendship and prayers we have been able to offer have been very well received and appreciated by those with whom we have maintained contact. We have also managed to move some of our events online, with services and Beer and Hymns taking place through the Saint Arnold's Facebook page.

We commence a Methodist new year in a very different way to what we expected a few months ago. If by the end of the year as a church we have reverted to our usual ways and practises we have missed a huge opportunity to move from disorientation to reorientation in a new age. So, may we use this time to discern the mind of Christ for His Church as we listen deeply together in these concerning days, knowing always that as we do, we are indeed a community of resurrection and in the words of our founding father 'The Best of all is God is with Us'.

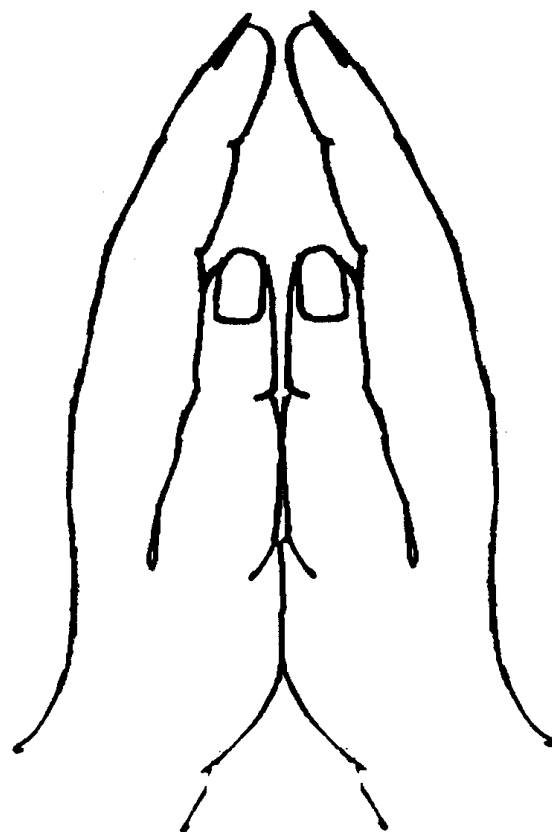
Richard J Teal, President of the Methodist Conference.

Prayer diary

Daily prayer focus:

1. Our ministers and their families
2. Our administrator and circuit leadership who strive to ensure the circuit is not just a unit of business, but one of vision and mission also.
3. Our church stewards, our treasurers who take care of our finances, and all those who work to keep our churches going.
4. Our congregations, especially those most vulnerable, that we can all continue to know we are a part of the church family.
5. Our District, our Chair of District Rev Kerry Tankard and his family and all district office holders.
6. The housebound and those in supported living. For the pastoral visitors and all who maintain contact with them.
7. Our local preachers and worship leaders
8. Our uniformed groups and those who work with them.
9. Local schools, and the continuing relationships our ministers and members are able to strengthen with them.
10. Aldersgate, as it provides a home for important community groups, Peer Talk and memory Tree.
11. Clayton as it reaches out into the community as a Place of Welcome, and with 'Ping' 'art for all' and Tea Party Worship.
12. Cornerstone as it offers hospitality to groups within the community, especially refugees from the Democratic Republic of Congo and Libya
13. Ebenezer that they may discern a clear way forward.
14. Horton Bank, celebrating their 150th Anniversary and looking for the way ahead
15. New Hey Road as it's members explore the next step of their journey, seeking to be led by God's Spirit in their mission amongst the community.
16. Southfield Lane, as they continue discern how to be faithful disciples and witnesses in their particular context.
17. Thornbury as they explore new ways of using their resources.
18. Trinity as they are freed up to explore new ways of being church.
19. Wibsey, that their relationships with the community may be strengthened.
20. Wyke, for the work done as 'churches together', especially the food bank.

21. St Arnold's as it continues to build a community of faith within our city centre. Supporting local businesses by worshipping and praying with them as they travel through difficult times.
22. We pray for those who are part of the online community of this circuit. May all who gather virtually feel the warmth of welcome, the heights of worship and the depth of God's love surrounding them
23. For peace, justice and harmony between the diverse communities within Bradford
24. For our children and young people and those who offer their talent and their time to work with them.
25. For the ways we are able to work together with other Christian groups.
26. BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern) for the new Digital Legal Advice Service and other legal advice developments.
27. Chaplains around the city working in universities, hospitals, Marie Curie, and the Courts.
28. Rowanberries, all who live, work and volunteer there.
29. Touchstone, for all who use that space.
30. Inn churches and those who work with the homeless and with the foodbanks
31. Methodist Connexion and Worldwide mission



Looking forward to 2020-2021

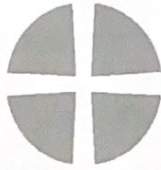
For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8 v 38-39

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we may continue to explore how the circuits can be a unit for mission across the City of Bradford
- For a circuit that engages in, and lives by prayer.
- For St Arnold's, that relationships developed will continue to deepen and our presence in the City Centre will be cemented.
- That our circuit and churches, will continue to nurture our young people
- That we will seek ways to reach out and build relationships with community groups who use our premises.
- For support for the new initiatives around the circuit

Thank you to
everyone who has
supported the
Circuit over the
last year and
a big thanks to
all our volunteers!



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Mrs Joy Donkin

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

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Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments							0
3 Income from investment properties		500					500
4 Assessments on Churches		165,275					165,275
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		25,164	592		110	8	25,874
8 Total income		190,939	592	-	110	8	191,649
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		4,000					4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		141,295					141,295
11 Property maintenance		7,410					7,410
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy		48,188					48,188
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses		15,835					15,835
16 Other outgoings		22,389	141		2,618	2	25,150
17 Contributions to the district advance fund			1,759				1,759
17 Total charitable expenditure		239,117	1,900	0	2,618	2	243,637
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
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21 Transfers between funds		246			-	246	0
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24 Total funds brought forward		1,257,919	70,362		16,479	991	1,345,751
25 Total funds carried forward		1,209,988	69,054	-	13,971	751	1,293,763

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2020

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2019/20	Totals 2018/19
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	970,090					970,090	970,090
Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
Total fixed assets	970,090	0	0	0	0	970,090	970,090
Current Assets							
Debtors	15,159					15,159	15,658
Loans by the Circuit	11,851					11,851	
Investments with TMCP	54,964	69,054			751	124,769	71,353
Central Finance Board Deposits	196,318			1,569		197,887	234,766
Cash at Bank and in hand				12,402		12,402	77,748
Total current assets	278,292	69,054	0	13,971	751	362,068	399,525
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	38,396					38,396	23,863
Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
Total current liabilities	38,396	0	0	0	0	38,396	23,863
Net current assets/liabilities	239,897	69,054	0	13,971	751	323,673	375,662
Total assets less current liabilities	1,209,987	69,054	0	13,971	751	1,293,763	1,345,752
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
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Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)	1,209,987					1,209,987	1,257,919
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		69,054				69,054	70,362
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			0			0	
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,279,041	1,328,281
Restricted Funds				13,971		13,971	16,479
Endowment Funds					751	751	991
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Impacts of accounting changes

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Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board				0	
Rental income	500			500	500
Other				0	
Total	500	0	0	500	500

5. Payment to trustees

This Year Last Year

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Total

0	0
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6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

This Year Last Year

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Total

2,160	2,100
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This Year Last Year

Staff costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

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105,062	111,518
9,644	11,013
23,398	27,748
138,104	150,279

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

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Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

8. Tangible fixed assets

Cost or valuation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			970,090					
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

9. Analysis of current assets

Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid assessments

Accrued income

Other debtors

Total

This Year Last Year

15,159 15,658

15,159 15,658

10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Current liabilities

Trade creditors

Other creditors

Total

This Year Last Year

38,396 23,863

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11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2020 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2020.

Bradford South Circuit
DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 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

Trevor Kershaw

Date

25/3/21

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

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Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.

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and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Lyn P. Gregg

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Lyn P. Gregg

Date

25th/3/21

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Bradford South

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2020

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

** Please delete or circle as appropriate*

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning 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. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as 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 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.

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Peter Sleigh FCCA

Signature of independent examiner

P. Sleigh

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Sleigh & Story Ltd

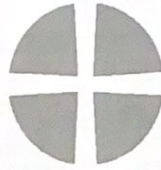
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Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2019-20

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2020

Bradford South

Circuit

Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

West Yorkshire

District No / Circuit No

27/33

Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Richard Oldroyd

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Rosie Watson
Mr Denis Watson
Mrs Nancy Hare
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mrs Joy Donkin

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 27/33

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2020

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2019-20
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies							0
2 Income from monetary investments							0
3 Income from investment properties		500					500
4 Assessments on Churches		165,275					165,275
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received							0
7 Other charitable income		25,164	592		110	8	25,874
8 Total income		190,939	592	-	110	8	191,649
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		4,000					4,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		141,295					141,295
11 Property maintenance		7,410					7,410
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy							0
13 District Assessment & Levy		48,188					48,188
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15 Office expenses		15,835					15,835
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Investment properties						0	
Investments						0	
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Name of Circuit

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4. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2020 Total	2019 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board				0	
Rental income	500			500	500
Other				0	
Total	500	0	0	500	500

5. Payment to trustees

This Year Last Year

Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

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Cost or valuation

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Additions								
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Accumulated depreciation

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Signature of independent examiner

P. Sleigh

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Address

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Date

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