

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

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- 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

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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.

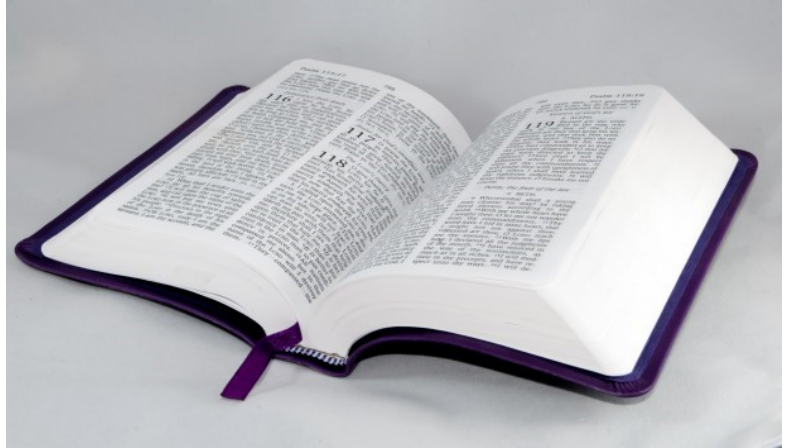
Amen.

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



SOUP AND SANDWICH

EBENEZER METHODIST CHURCH

Fridays 11:30am -1pm

Homemade Soup and a Selection of Fresh Sandwiches

No charge but donations are welcome



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.

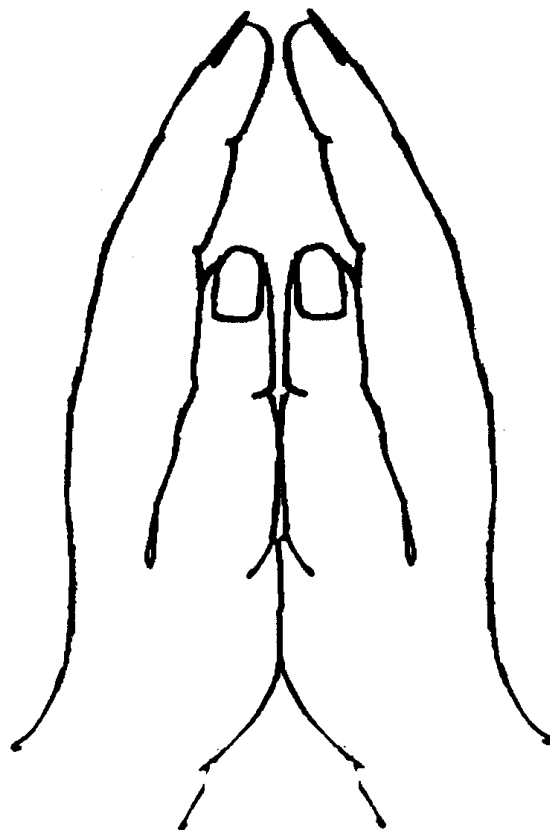
Rev Caroline Ryder

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.



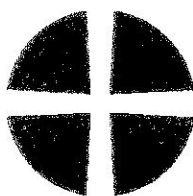
Looking forward to 2022-2023

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

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Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Caroline Ryder

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Mrs Elizabeth Smith
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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

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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								
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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		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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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
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24 Total funds brought forward		1,392,845	244,410	-	13,866	751	1,651,872	1,293,764
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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
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Central Finance Board Deposits		597,091		23,180		620,271	404,759
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Grants payable within 2018-19						0	
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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	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	132,370	-	-	-	132,370	160,475

6. Other Charitable Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest	1,724	1,567	228	4	3,522	1,181
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
Trinity Balance Transfers	5,565	-	-	-	5,565	-
Other Income	613	25	-	-	637	1,809
Sale of New Hey Road	-	291,975	-	-	291,975	-
Sale of Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	414,804
Sale of Clayton Heights	-	-	-	-	-	180,564
Sale of Cornerstone Cricket Field	-	-	-	-	-	45,073
Total	39,913	293,566	228	4	333,710	667,194

7. Grants and Donations

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Touchstone Grant	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Jubilee Grant	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-
Aldersgate Grant	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	-
Wibsey Grant	599	-	-	-	599	-
Total	8,799	-	-	-	8,799	4,000

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	114,838	110,799
Employer's national insurance costs	9,082	8,693
Pension costs	26,050	26,334
Expenses	1,242	1,495
Total	151,212	147,321
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	6	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	-	15,484	-	-	15,484	-
Southfield Lane Project Payments	-	12,265	-	-	12,265	11,235
Clayton Heights Costs	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	6,090
Highgate Road Costs	7,228	-	-	-	7,228	1,244
Ney Hey Road Costs	1,085	-	-	-	1,085	358
Thornbury Costs	4,936	-	-	-	4,936	-
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
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	46,260
Total	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	46,260

11. Manse Costs

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	8,618	-	-	-	8,618	8,241
Water Rates	2,268	-	-	-	2,268	2,495
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
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	673	-	-	-	673	530
St. Arnold's Expenses	1,281	-	-	-	1,281	-
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	92,770	-	-	92,770	208,246
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	697	80	2	779	250
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.

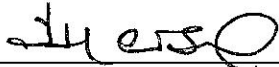
No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2022.

**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)

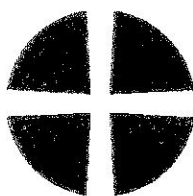
Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

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

Date

19/1/2023



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.

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Investments						0	
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Name of Circuit **Bradford South Circuit**

Circuit No **1157285**

4. Investment Income

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	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
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Rental income	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941
Total	5,900	-	-	-	5,900	4,941

5. Assessments on Churches

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	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
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Assessments	132,370	-	-	-	132,370	160,475
Assessments rebate	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	132,370	-	-	-	132,370	160,475

6. Other Charitable Income

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Interest	1,724	1,567	228	4	3,522	1,181
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
Trinity Balance Transfers	5,565	-	-	-	5,565	-
Other Income	613	25	-	-	637	1,809
Sale of New Hey Road	-	291,975	-	-	291,975	-
Sale of Trinity	-	-	-	-	-	414,804
Sale of Clayton Heights	-	-	-	-	-	180,564
Sale of Cornerstone Cricket Field	-	-	-	-	-	45,073
Total	39,913	293,566	228	4	333,710	667,194

7. Grants and Donations

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Touchstone Grant	4,000	-	-	-	4,000	4,000
Jubilee Grant	3,000	-	-	-	3,000	-
Aldersgate Grant	1,200	-	-	-	1,200	-
Wibsey Grant	599	-	-	-	599	-
Total	8,799	-	-	-	8,799	4,000

8. Paid Employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	114,838	110,799
Employer's national insurance costs	9,082	8,693
Pension costs	26,050	26,334
Expenses	1,242	1,495
Total	151,212	147,321
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	6	6

9. Property Maintenance

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cornerstone Project Payments	-	15,484	-	-	15,484	-
Southfield Lane Project Payments	-	12,265	-	-	12,265	11,235
Clayton Heights Costs	1,800	-	-	-	1,800	6,090
Highgate Road Costs	7,228	-	-	-	7,228	1,244
Ney Hey Road Costs	1,085	-	-	-	1,085	358
Thornbury Costs	4,936	-	-	-	4,936	-
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
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	46,260
Total	45,336	-	-	-	45,336	46,260

11. Manse Costs

	Circuit Model Trust				2022 Total	2021 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	8,618	-	-	-	8,618	8,241
Water Rates	2,268	-	-	-	2,268	2,495
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
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted	Endowment		
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Admin Charges - Payroll	480	-	-	-	480	480
Apprenticeship Levy	673	-	-	-	673	530
St. Arnold's Expenses	1,281	-	-	-	1,281	-
Connexional Levy on Sales	-	92,770	-	-	92,770	208,246
Admin Costs - TMCP	-	697	80	2	779	250
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

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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

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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.

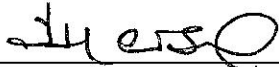
No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2022.

**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