

CHESTER LE STREET METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1159362

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2014-11-25

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

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

Activities: The advancement of the Christian faith through Methodist churches established in the Chester-le-street area.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham
- Gateshead

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£188,802	£179,231	-	-
2023-08-31	£174,691	£136,720	-	-
2022-08-31	£168,866	£169,147	-	-
2021-08-31	£177,930	£177,206	-	-
2020-08-31	£174,361	£158,066	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
AUDREY SOULSBY		2019-03-12
BARBARA ELIZABETH MORROW		2019-03-12
BRIAN JONATHAN STRAUGHAN		2014-09-01
Barbara Burton		2015-09-01
Christine Ann Potts		2018-02-28
DORIS STERLING		2014-09-01
Derick Lawson		2021-10-11
Dr IAN WILLIAM POTTS		2019-03-12
Frederick Johnson		2018-03-13
Jean Malcolm		2016-09-01
Joan Moore		2019-09-01
Karen Angela Heptinstall		2019-12-01
Kathy Bevan		2022-09-01
Marilyn Baker		2018-09-01
Rev Anne Rosemary Kilvington		2023-09-01
Rev Jennifer Margaret Pryde		2023-09-01
SAMUEL FLEMING HUNTER		2019-03-12
THOMAS ALAN SMITH B.ED		2019-03-12
THOMAS BAKER		2019-03-12
THOMAS WLLIAM INDIAN		2014-09-01

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Circuit Annual Report 2023-2024

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18% of unrestricted income was the Circuit Contribution to the work of the District and Connexion (19% of total costs).

Other expenditure included stipends/salaries, manse maintenance, travel costs etc.

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Deacon Linda Watkin

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Mr Fred Johnson
Mrs Karen Heptinstall
Mrs Kathy Bevan

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Independent Examiner

Jillian F Hindmarsh, FCA

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- Provision of chaplaincy services.

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The Chester le Street Methodist Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Activities and Achievements

We have continued to provide regular services of Worship at the Churches within our Circuit, with a morning and evening service at Chester le Street and Great Lumley Methodist Churches, and morning services at West Pelton, Perkinsville, Birtley and Pelton Methodist Churches.

At Birtley Methodist Church we run a weekly community lunch, craft group and we host Gateshead Foodbank on Wednesday mornings in our building.

At Chester le Street Methodist Church we have increased our pastoral support working with a retired, Supernumerary Minister, with positive feedback from these visits being received from those who find it more difficult to get to church due to health issues. We have continued our work with local families during the school holidays Make Lunch activities.

At Great Lumley Methodist Church, we run a regular community larder as part of a food waste reduction scheme with local supermarkets providing the produce, we also host a weekly community lunch. Our schoolwork has resumed with a Christmas and Easter journey being hosted at Great Lumley and Birtley Churches, with school children attending in groups.

At Perkinsville Methodist Church we host a weekly coffee morning as well as local community groups.

At West Pelton Methodist Church, we host a weekly Bible Study and coffee morning.

Reserves Policy

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The Circuit Funds Document is attached.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2024**

Newcastle upon Tyne	District	Circuit no	20/20
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1159362

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

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

Ministers:

Reverend Jenny Porterpryde
Reverend Anne Kilvington
Deacon Linda Watkin

Circuit Stewards:

Brian Straughan
Frederick Johnson
Kathy Bevan
Keren Heptinstall

Treasurer:

Brian Straughan

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024
**Chester-le-Street Methodist
Circuit**

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		163,519			163,519	162,353
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,537			4,537	2,364
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		14,953		5,793	20,746	14,950
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		183,009		5,793	188,802 (a8)	179,667

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		118,703			118,703	80,210
b3	Manse Costs		14,327			14,327	19,575
b4	Administration etc		4,181		6,625	10,806	9,325
b5	District Assessment		32,500			32,500	30,860
b6	Grants & donations		700			700	700
b7							
b8	Other payments		1,695		500	2,195	451
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		172,106		7,125	179,231	141,121

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	10,903		(1,332)	9,571	38,546
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		98,528		20,666	119,194	80,649
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	109,431		19,334	128,765	119,194
c4	Transfers and adjustments						
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	109,431		19,334	128,765	119,194

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

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
Methodist Women in Britain	185	185				
Connexional Funds	4,966	4,966				
	5,151	5,151				
Circuit amounts	188,802	179,231	9,571		119,194	128,765
	193,953	184,382	9,571		119,194	128,765
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	27,039	18,491
Bank Deposit Account		
Central Finance Board	77,190	100,203
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
Other funds	14,965	10,072
SUB TOTAL	119,194	128,765
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)		
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	119,194	128,765

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
Investments (include Endowments)		
Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
Other Assets	8,823	3,733
Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *B.G. Straughan* Date *23rd June 2025*
Name and address of treasurer *B.J. STRAUGHAN, 21 HAUXLEY DRIVE,*
CHESTER-LE-STREET. CH2 3TE
Brian Straughan

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 12th September 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *pp Anne Kilvington*
ANNE KILVINGTON
Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Jenny Porterpyde. Date *24 June 2025*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1159362

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 3 to 5. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit: Chester-le-Street No 20/20.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

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Signature of independent examiner J. Hindmarsh

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Activities and Achievements

During the year the Circuit has supported the churches in a wide range of outreach activities. Ranging from Food banks, lunches, Bible Study groups, toddler groups, to school events, coffee mornings, Youth work and Sunday worship. We have also made provision for those unable to access our buildings, by offering online services each week and let our buildings to a huge range of groups running community projects.

We have continued to develop new work within the Barley Mow area of the circuit, in partnership with Rev Fabio Viela.??

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	2022/23 Actual	2022/23 Budget	2021/22 Actual
Income			
Circuit Assessments	162353.00	161710.00	161724.00
Interest Received	2363.88		266.95
Circuit Service collections	0.00		0.00
Rents received	8480.00	8448.00	5060.00
Donations and sundry income	1495.00		21.54
	<u>174691.88</u>	<u>170158.00</u>	<u>167072.49</u>

Expenditure

Ministers' Stipends, superann. and NIC	69360.72	102637.00	105004.45
Lay workers' (administrator, youth worker) salaries	6716.63	13442.00	4539.11
Ministers' Expenses	3132.79	2828.00	3618.30
District Assessment	30860.34	34599.00	34260.00
Visiting/Local Preachers' fees /expenses	1000.89	408.00	0.00
Local preachers' training etc.		341.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	725.95	325.00	0.00
Manse costs (see below)	13724.62	17593.00	15426.85
Photocopier leasing and maint.	634.72	1189.00	788.25
Telephone	907.99	2158.00	1885.73
Donations to connexional funds	700.00	700.00	700.00
Leaving gifts	1600.00		
Sundries	591.93	2882.00	80.00
Equipment repairs	53.76		
Ministers' relocation and removal costs	635.00		
One opportunity/3generate	240.00		1800.00
Training costs	0.00		0.00
Burley Mow Project Overheads	5835.00		1010.80
Letting agents' fees	0.00		0.00
	<u>136720.34</u>	<u>179102.00</u>	<u>169113.49</u>

Net surplus/(deficit) before transfers to funds

37971.54 -8945.00 -2041.00

Transfer to QI fees fund

1055.00 1055.00 1055.00

Transfer from QI fees fund

Overall net surplus/deficit

36916.54 -10000.00 -3096.00

note 1.

General reserve c/fwd

Rent of manse	0.00	0.00	0.00
Council tax	5828.88	5939.00	6675.20
Water etc.	907.12	1299.00	1969.48
Manse Repair Costs (note 2)	4123.00	8000.00	4289.61
Insurance	2865.62	2355.00	2472.56
Total manse costs	<u>13724.62</u>	<u>17593.00</u>	<u>15426.85</u>

General Notes

- The circuit achieved an overall surplus of £36916 for the year which takes into account an annual provision for the costs of the next quinquennial inspection totalling £1055. The original budget had been prepared on the basis that an additional minister would be stationed within the circuit. When it became apparent that this would not be the case a compromise position of leaving the assessments at the same level as for the previous year was adopted. The circuit's general reserve as at 31st August 2023 stands at £93732 excluding the total amount put aside towards next year's quinquennial inspections of £4795.00. The figures should be regarded as draft pending any corrections and the independent examination.
- There are several restricted funds. A restricted fund represents money held by the circuit which is earmarked to be utilised for a particular purpose. The most significant restricted fund relates to our re:new project, for which we currently hold £ 20284. All restricted funds balances are shown on the attached balance sheet. It has now been agreed that Re:New will contribute £3000 per year towards the circuit expenditure.
- The circuit accounts are prepared on a receipts and payments basis and certain expenditure relating to the past year may therefore be reflected in the current year's figures. However, in order to ensure that a realistic figure is presented to the meeting we have included amounts receivable regarding 3Generate 2023 and the accidentally unpaid Chester-le-Street church assessment relating to November 2022 which the church treasurer has confirmed will now be paid.

Accounts

Circuit Annual Report 2021-22

The Chester le Street Methodist Circuit consist of 6 Methodist churches, as well as two Circuit Church plant projects: Re:new, which meets in a local café in Chester le Street town centre and Barley mow Mission Project, which is based in the Barley Mow area of Birtley.

During the year 2021-2022 our Circuit and its constituent churches have been working to resume our usual activities following the various Covid -19 restrictions, as well as supporting the communities we serve during those restrictions.

As a circuit our key aims are expressed through the four categories of the Methodist Church's "Our Calling" framework, which are: Worship, Learning and Caring, Serving, and Evangelism

As such, we exist to:

- enable individuals and communities to participate in, and encounter God through, acts of worship
- encourage people to explore the Christian life and faith, and grow in knowledge and understanding of God.
- Serve the needs of our local communities and demonstrate the love of God in practical ways.
- Share the Christian faith in word and deed.

A brief financial review of the year.

We have in general achieved our financial targets for the year.

Income

All churches have been able to maintain their assessments.

We have continued to receive rental income from the manse on Newcastle Road.

Expenditure

Salaries and stipends were increased in line with the Methodist Church policy and the living wage.

??% of unrestricted income was the Circuit contribution to the work of the District and Connexion (??% of total costs).

Other expenditure included stipends/salaries, manse maintenance, travel costs etc.

Plans for 2022-2023

Our financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that we maintain Circuit ministerial staff of one part time Superintendent and one full time Deacon. We aim to employ a part-time (15 hours a week) Circuit Administrator.

Basis of Preparation and Legal Framework

The charities annual report and accounts for the year ended 31st August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the "Charities Act 2011" and the "Charities Statement of Recommended Practice 2015" as applicable to the "Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102."

Details

Full Name of Charity – Chester le Street Methodist Circuit.
Registered Charity Number
1159362

Date of Registration
25th November 2014

Main Contact Address

Circuit Office, Great Lumley Methodist Church, Front Street, Great Lumley,
County Durham, DH3 4JB

The members of Chester le Street Circuit Meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and Officers

Rev Ian Kent

Deacon Linda Watkin

Rev Liz Kent

Rev Fabio Vilela

Circuit Stewards

Mr Brian Straughan

Mr Fred Johnson

Mrs Karen Heptinstall

Brian Straughan acted as the treasurer overseeing the day-to-day financial management and accounting for the circuit during the year.

Independent Examiner

Jill Hindmarsh

Investments and Bank Accounts

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

Barclays Bank

Aims and Organization

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Chester le Street for the Methodist Church.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are, and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union, the advancement of

a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.

b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organizations of the Methodist Church.

c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church

d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Charitable objectives are delivered through the provision of activities and services, which include:

The organization and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.

Conducting baptisms, wedding and funerals on behalf of the Methodist Church

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and the bereaved.

Provision of community space and support.

Offering opportunities for worship and faith exploration in local schools.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Provision of chaplaincy services

Public Benefit

We confirm that the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefit.

Structure Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976).

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD)

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership Team along with the Local Preachers meeting and the Circuit Finance and Property (part of CLT) and the Circuit Policy Committee (part of CLT).

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit - specifically the leaflet "the Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church" is given to all new circuit meeting members as induction to their role as Trustees.

Related Parties

The circuit is part of the Newcastle upon Tyne District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit.

Birtley

Chester le Street

Great Lumley

Pelton

Perkinsville

West Pelton

Risk Management

Any major risks identified will be recorded by the Circuit Leadership Team (none have been identified) and professional advice will be taken if required.

Risk assessments are carried out for church buildings and for events organised by the Circuit.

Income and expenditure are monitored in total and compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of people in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture and respectful pastoral ministry with all children, young people, and adults.
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church in line with the Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records, disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse developing with them, an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Chester le Street Methodist Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Chester le Street Methodist Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Activities and achievements

During this year the Circuit has supported the churches in emerging from the restrictions and challenges experienced due to Covid-19. This has included

helping churches to safely re-open their buildings and resume activities, particularly with regard to acts of public worship. We have also made provision for those unable to access our buildings, by providing monthly written resources to over 100 households, and offering online services each week.

We have continued to develop new work within the Barley Mow area of the circuit, in partnership with Rev Fabio Vilela.

Reserves Policy

The reserves policy for the circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue in the short-term funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full circuit assessment from churches.

The Circuit Funds Document is attached.

607	Northumbrian Water	441.82					441.82									
608	Linda Watkin	144.15		144.15												
609	Linda Watkin	471.20		471.20												
610	Alan Irvin - renew expenses	1175.70												1175.70		
611	Fabio Vilela	141.70		141.70												
612	Dereh Aldridge	38.50		38.50												
613	Linda Watkin	245.85		245.85												Chester0-le-Streetr methodist Church
614	HSH Management Ltd	198.00				198.00										No.5 roof rep[airs
615	Fabio Vilela	115.01		115.01												
616	Emmersons	440.61				440.61										No. 18 carpets
617	Methodist Church - 3Generate	1320.00								1320.00						
618	Linda Watkin	189.75		189.75												
619	Fabio Vilela	102.21		102.21												
620	HSH Management Ltd	150.00				150.00										18 Brightlea
621	Linda Watkin	179.35		179.35												
		20865.59	0.00	5504.10	285.51	4289.61	2252.02	700.00	0.00	2000.00				4539.11	1295.24	0.00

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Analysis of Barclays Standing Order payments 16224301

Month	GMBC council tax	Phone broadband	DCC council tax	2 Porttree Close Council Tax	2 Porttree Close Rent	Bank charges	Laura Wolfe	Insurance	East Durham Circuit	Grenkeleas ing	Document Solutions	Water rates	Refuse	Sky	Sundries	Total
Sept	214.00		250.00	143.00	650.00								200.00	58.00		1515.00
Oct	214.00		250.00	143.00	650.00							285.66	250.00	58.00		1850.66
Nov	214.00	263.64	250.00	143.00	650.00								200.00	58.00		1778.64
Dec	214.00		250.00	143.00	650.00			2472.56					250.00	58.00		4037.56
Jan	214.00		250.00	143.00	650.00					238.78			200.00	58.00		1753.78
Feb		233.63			650.00								200.00	63.40		1147.03
Mar					650.00								200.00	81.00		931.00
Apr	224.36		259.32	143.58	650.00					131.98		195.64	250.00	84.50		1939.38
May	221.00	249.87	257.00	148.00	650.00								200.00	84.50		1810.37
June	221.00		257.00	148.00	650.00								200.00	84.50		1560.50
July	221.00		257.00	148.00	650.00					131.98			250.00	84.50		1742.48
Aug	221.00	281.69	257.00	148.00	650.00								200.00	84.50		1842.19
	2178.36	1028.83	2537.32	1450.58	7800.00	0.00	0.00	2472.56	0.00	502.74	0.00	481.30	2600.00	856.90	0.00	21908.59
	I&E	I&E	I&E			I&E	I&E	I&E								21908.59

Income

<u>Month</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Church assessmen ts by dd</u>	<u>Barley Mow Project</u>	<u>Trfr from TMCP</u>
September	0.47	12954	8331.00	
October	0.52	12954		
November	0.50	12954		
December	0.42	12954		
January	3.90	12954	8331.00	
February	6.65	12954		
March	10.69	12954		
April	19.05	12954		
May	29.12	12954	8331.00	
June	37.38	12954	8331.00	
July	52.35	12954		
August	64.42	12954		
Totals to	225.47	155448.00	33324.00	0.00
	I&E		I&E	Contra
	Sheet 5	Sheet 5		

188997.47

Expenditure

<u>District ass't</u>	<u>Regular Transfers</u>	<u>Special transfers</u>	<u>Stipends</u>
8565.00	2500.00		11560.05
	2500.00		10778.34
	2500.00		10778.15
8565.00	2500.00		10778.18
	2500.00		10778.15
	2500.00		10778.15
8565.00	2500.00		10738.34
	2500.00		10788.38
	2500.00		10788.38
8565.00	2500.00		10788.38
	2500.00		10788.38
	2500.00		11269.19
34260.00	30000.00	0.00	130612.07
I&E	Contra	Contra	I&E
Sheet 5	Sheet 5	Sheet 5	

195088.45

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Apprentice Closing
ship Levy balance

39.84
79.62
39.84
39.81
17.27
<u>216.38</u>

Bank Control Accounts

Barlays Bank Account no 90259934

<u>Date</u>	<u>Details</u>	<u>Dr</u>	<u>Cr</u>
09/01/2021	Balance B/fwd	12364.42	
	Bankings	850.50	
	Direct debits		21908.59
	Cheque payments		20865.59
	Direct Credits	44990.90	
	Cheque no 482 w/back	21.54	
	Balance C/fwd		15453.18 As per bank rec.
		<u>58227.36</u>	<u>58227.36</u>

Central Finance Board Deposit Fund Account No. 02895010

	<u>Dr</u>	<u>Cr</u>
09/01/2021	Balance B/fwd	61754.88
	Interest	225.47
	Barley Mow Project grants	33324.00
	Assessments rec'd	155448.00
	District assessments	34260.00
	TRFR to Barclays a/c - normal	30000.00
	Apprenticeship levy	216.38
	Stipends	130612.07
	Balance C/fwd	55663.90 Agreed to statement
	<u>250752.35</u>	<u>250752.35</u>

Methodist Chapel Aid Deposit account

	<u>Dr</u>	<u>Cr</u>
09/01/2021	Balance b/fwd	6020.01
	Interest received	41.48
	Balance c/fwd	6061.49 Agreed to statement
	<u>6061.49</u>	<u>6061.49</u>

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S
1	Extended Trial Balance																		
2		Balances brought forward		Barclays Bank current account receipts		Barclays Bank current account payments		CFB Advance Deposit Fund		MCA (Chapel Aid)		Journal entries		Fund adjustments		Income and Expenditure Account		Balance Sheet	
3		Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr			Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr	Dr	Cr
4	Circuit Assessments				6276.00				155448.00								161724.00		
5	3Generate income 2021				440.00								160.00	600.00			0.00		
6	Bank etc. interest received								225.47		41.48						266.95		
7	Service collections																		
8	Rents received				5060.00								1794.00				6854.00		
9	Designated funds income - Re:new				3510.00									3510.00			0.00		
10	3Generate costs 2021					480.00						160.00			640.00		0.00		
11	3Generate costs 2022					1320.00									1320.00		0.00		
12	Barley mow project grants								33324.00					33324.00			0.00		
13	Donations to Laura Wolfe leaving gift																		
14	Salary reimbursements																		
15	Rent reimbursements																		
16	District Assessment							34260.00								34260.00			
17	Ministers' stipends, NIC, Pensions							130828.45						25824.00	105004.45				
18	Lay workers' wages and NIC					4539.11									4539.11				
19	Re:New expenses					3895.24								3895.24	0.00				
20	Travel etc expenses - ministers/youth worker					5504.10								1885.80	3618.30				
21	Visiting preachers' fees and expenses																		
22	Printing, postage and stationery																		
23	Telephone					1885.73										1885.73			
24	Manse costs																		
25	Council Tax				234.90	6910.10										6675.20			
26	Water rates and energy					1989.48										1989.48			
27	Insurance					2472.56										2472.56			
28	Repairs					4289.61										4289.61			
29	Rent for new Manse					7800.00								7800.00	0.00				
30	Sundry expenses				21.54												21.54		
31	Connexional funds donations					700.00										700.00			
32	Leasing charges					788.25										788.25			
33	Printer maintenance charges																		
34	Liz Kent's leaving gift - restricted				210.50														210.50
35	Laura Wolfe's leaving gift				110.00	200.00								110.00	200.00	0.00			
36																			
37	Letting agents' fees/expenses											1794.00				1794.00			
38	Summer trip fund expenditure																		
39	Trfrs from CFB/to Barclays				30000.00			30000.00											
40	Transfer tro Q I designated fund											1055.00				1055.00			
41	Barclays Community bank account	12364.42		45862.94			42774.18											15453.18	
42	CFB deposit fund account	61754.88						188997.47	195088.45									55663.90	
43	MCA account	6020.01								41.48								6061.49	
44	Cash/credit card account - summer trip																		
45	General Fund b/fwd		58152.19																58152.19
46	Designated Fund - QI fees		2685.00										1055.00						3740.00
47	Restricted Fund - Re:new		19885.46											3895.24	3510.00				19500.22
48	Restricted Fund - Redecoration		70.00																70.00
49	Restricted Fund - Summer trip		311.66																311.66
50	Restricted fund - One Opportunity																		
51	Restricted Fund - 3Generate 2021													640.00	600.00	40.00			
52	Restricted Fund - 3Generate 2022													1320.00				1320.00	
53	Restricted Fund - Barley Mow Project		1175.00											35509.80	33324.00	1010.80			
54	Restricted Fund - Laura Wolfe leaving gift		10.00											200.00	110.00	80.00			
55	Amount transferred to designated fund																		
56	Amount transferred from general fund																		
57	Deposit refundable re new manse	650.00																650.00	
58	Loan to Great Lumley	1500.00																1500.00	
59		82289.31	82289.31	45862.94	45862.94	42774.18	42774.18	384085.92	384085.92	41.48	41.48	3009.00	3009.00	79109.04	79109.04	170202.49	168866.49	80648.57	81984.57
60																-1336.00			-1336.00
61																168866.49			80648.57

Donations for Barley Mow Project

Pauline and Derek Ogle	25
Freda Raine	30
Karen Heptinstall	50
Pat Warburton	150
Jenny Willis	20
Ann & Derick Lawson	10
Doreen Hume	30
Dorothy Carr	20
Harry & J Alton	50
Barbara & Steve Sutherland	20
Gill & George Nairn	40
Joan Oakes	50
Susan Miller	20
Audrey Miller	10
Eileen Garbutt	10
Bob Watson	20
Joan Evans	20
Ian & Liz Kent	20
Audrey Soulsby	10
Miriam Proctor	20
Yvonne Hunter	25
Robert & Jean Dobson	25
T & M Baker	50
Alan Hedley	20
J Auld	20
R & M Fleetham	10
G & E Oswald	20
Joan Moore	20
Denise Holmes	30
EB Denyer	50
I Potts	10
T Indian	20
A & P Hewits	40
R & S Berry	100
K Philips	25
J Gribben	25
S Hollingsworth	10
A Thompson	30
m Smith	20
	1175

Reeds Rains costs re property rents

Statement No.	Costs	Exes
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85	96	
86	96	
87	96	
88	96	
89	96	
90	96	
91	672	
92	276	
94	84	
95/1	6	
2	90	
3	90	
	1794	0

<u>Summer Trip Fund</u>	Dr	Cr
Balance brought forward		311.66
Balance c'fwd	311.66	
	<u>311.66</u>	<u>311.66</u>

Re:New Fund

Brought forward		19,885.46
Income (Donations)		3,510.00
Expenditure		
Refuse (rent)	2,600.00	
Other expenses	1,295.24	
Balance carried forward	19,500.22	
	<u>23,395.46</u>	<u>23,395.46</u>

Quinquennial Inspections

Brought Forward		2,685.00
Transferred from income account		1,055.00
Carried forward	3,740.00	
	<u>3,740.00</u>	<u>3,740.00</u>

Barley Mow Project

Brought forward		1,175.00
Grants received		33,324.00
Rent of Portree Close	7,800.00	
Ministers' stipends	25,824.00	
Minister's expenses	1,885.80	
Income and Expenditure account		1,010.80
	<u>35,509.80</u>	<u>35,509.80</u>

Redecoration Fund

Brought forward		70.00
Carried forward	<u>70.00</u>	

Laura Wolfe's leaving gift

Brought forward		10.00
Received		110.00
Paid	200.00	
Income and expenditure account		80.00
	<u>200.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>

Liz Kent's leaving gift

Received		210.50
Carried Forward	<u>210.50</u>	
	<u>210.50</u>	<u>210.50</u>

Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit
Year ended 31st August 2022

General Fund

Income and Expenditure Account for year ended 31st August 2022 (see note 3)

	2021/22 Actual	2021/22 Budget	2020/21 Actual
Income			
Circuit Assessments	161724.00	161710.00	161724.00
Interest Received	266.95		147.08
Circuit Service collections	0.00		43.50
Rents received	6854.00	8448.00	9600.00
Donations and sundry income	21.54		0.00
	168866.49	170158.00	171514.58
Expenditure			
Ministers' Stipends, superann. and NIC	105004.45	102637.00	101717.68
Lay workers' (administrator, youth worker) salaries	4539.11	13442.00	12530.30
Ministers' Expenses	3618.30	2828.00	3403.51
Barley Mow Project Costs			
District Assessment	34260.00	34599.00	33456.00
Visiting/Local Preachers' fees /expenses	0.00	408.00	0.00
Local preachers' training etc.		341.00	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	0.00	325.00	0.00
Manse costs (see below)	15426.85	17593.00	17462.57
Photocopier leasing and maint.	788.25	1189.00	1486.77
Telephone	1885.73	2158.00	2033.78
Donations to connexional funds	700.00	700.00	700.00
Manse letting costs			1212.00
Sundries	80.00	2882.00	44.66
Ministers' relocation and removal costs			
One opportunity/3generate	40.00		0.00
Training costs	0.00		0.00
Barley Mow Project Overheads	1010.80		0.00
Letting agents' fees	1794.00		
	169147.49	179102.00	174047.27
Net surplus/(deficit) before transfers to funds	-281.00	-8945.00	-2532.69
Transfer to QI fees fund	1055.00	1055.00	1055.00
Transfer from QI fees fund			
Overall net surplus/deficit	-1336.00	-10000.00	-3587.69

note 1.

General reserve c/fwd

<i>Rent of manse</i>	0.00	0.00	-650.00
<i>Council tax</i>	6675.20	5939.00	6125.50
<i>Water etc.</i>	1989.48	1299.00	858.98
<i>Manse Repair Costs (note 2)</i>	4289.61	8000.00	8738.00
<i>Insurance</i>	2472.56	2355.00	2390.09
Total manse costs	15426.85	17593.00	17462.57

General Notes

1 The circuit incurred an overall deficit of £1336 for the year which takes into account an annual provision for the costs of the next quinquennial inspection totalling £1055. This overall result was significantly better than had been forecast as we had budgeted for a reduction in our general reserve of £10000. The circuit's general reserve as at 31st August 2022 stands at £56816 excluding the total amount put aside towards the quinquennial inspections of £3740.00.

2 There are several restricted funds. A restricted fund represents money held by the circuit which is earmarked to be utilised for a particular purpose. All restricted funds balances are shown on the attached balance sheet; see also the detailed analysis of fund transactions. Funds held for Liz Kent's leaving gift were paid to Liz at a special circuit service held immediately after the year end. The circuit advanced the cost of attendance to 3Generate and after the year end has been or will be reimbursed by parents of those attending.

3 The circuit income and expenditure account is prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

Balance Sheet

	<u>08/31/2022</u>	<u>08/31/2021</u>
Bank balances		
CFB Deposit Fund	55663.90	61754.88
Methodist Chapel Aid Deposit account	6061.49	6020.01
Barclays Community Account	15453.18	12364.42
Manse deposit refundable	650.00	650.00
Loan to Great Lumley M.C.	1500.00	1500.00
3Generate 2022 debtors	1320.00	
	<u>80648.57</u>	<u>82289.31</u>
Represented by :		
General Reserve - unrestricted		
B Fwd	58152.19	61739.88
Profit/loss (after trfr towards future QI fees)	-1336.00	-3587.69
	<u>56816.19</u>	<u>58152.19</u>
Designated Fund - QI fees		
B Fwd	2685.00	1630.00
Payments	0.00	0.00
Shortfall transferred to income and expenditure account	0.00	0.00
Amount set aside for future inspection	1055.00	1055.00
C Fwd	<u>3740.00</u>	<u>2685.00</u>
Restricted Funds (see note 2 on income and expenditure account):-		
Fund for redecoration	70.00	70.00
Fund for Summer Trip	311.66	311.66
Fund for Re:New	19500.22	19885.46
Barley Mow Project	0.00	1175.00
Laura Wolfe's leaving gift	0.00	10.00
Liz Kent's leaving gift	210.50	0.00
	<u>20092.38</u>	<u>21452.12</u>
	<u>80648.57</u>	<u>82289.31</u>

Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit
Year ended 31st August 2018

Notes to the financial statements

The accounts are regarded as being draft at this stage because they are subject to any adjustments which may be identified during the course of the Independent Examination. Jill Hindmarsh has once again agreed to carry out the Independent Examination of the circuit accounts.

¹ The income and expenditure account has been prepared on a receipts and payments basis. Because the stipends and assessment transfers go through at the end of the month prior to the date when they are strictly due, 11 months at the old amount and one month at the new amount fall to be included in these accounts.

² Rents received (regarding no.9 Newcastle Road) is net of all letting agent's fees.

³ This figure includes gross salaries, employer's NIC, contributions to the ministers' pension fund and the Superintendent's Allowance. It also includes all those salary-related costs of Fabio which are being borne by our circuit, i.e Employer's NIC and superannuation contributions.

⁴

The circuit youth worker, Rebecca Stobbart, is part-time. The circuit is committed to reviewing Rebecca's salary regularly and in line with Methodist Church guidance on the living wage. Laura Wolfe, our circuit administrator, left our employment during the year and has not yet been replaced.

⁵ I did not receive the expenses claims from Ian and Liz Kent within the year and these will therefore be included in the current year's expenditure.

⁶ Expenditure on manse repairs was slightly less than had been budgeted for.

⁷ We continue to set aside money towards the next quinquennial inspections.

⁸

Overall we incurred a deficit of £3615.90 in the year, which was substantially less than I had budgeted for. However, my earlier comments regarding ministers expenses need to be borne in mind.

⁹

We lent £1500 to Great Lumley Methodist Church to tide them over during the pandemic which we hope will be repaid in due course when their church finances recover from the lockdown restrictions.

Analysis of property repairs 2022

	<u>No. 5</u>	<u>No. 9</u>	<u>No. 18</u>	<u>Pelton</u> <u>M.C.</u>	<u>All</u> <u>manages</u>	<u>other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Odd Jobs/Repairs							0
Window Repairs/Clean Guttering							0
Snagging list items							0
New boiler							
Underpayment of CH maintenance in prev yr							0.00

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CHESTER-LE-STREET	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022**

Newcastle upon Tyne	District	Circuit no	20/20
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1159362

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Brian Jonathan Straughan
Frederick Johnson
Karen Heptinstall
Kathy Bevan

Treasurer:

Brian Jonathan Straughan

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note		£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		161,724			161,724	161,724
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		267			267	147
a5	Grants				33,324	33,324	
a6	Other receipts		6,875		4,430	11,305	16,059
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		168,866		37,754	206,620 (a8)	177,930

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		109,543		25,824	135,367	114,248
b3	Manse Costs		15,427			15,427	17,463
b4	Administration etc		8,086		3,181	11,267	8,739
b5	District Assessment		34,260			34,260	33,456
b6	Grants & donations		700			700	700
b7	Rents paid				10,400	10,400	2,600
b8	Other payments				840	840	
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		168,016		40,245	208,261 (b9)	177,206

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	850		(2,491)	(1,641)	724
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		60,837		21,452	82,289 (c6)	81,565
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	61,687		18,961	80,648	82,289
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(1,131)		1,131		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	60,556		20,092	80,648 (c8)	82,289 (c6)

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

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

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Methodist Women in Britain	2,335	2,337	(2)		7	5
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,335	2,337	(2)		7 (e11)	5 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	206,620 (a8)	208,261 (b9)	(1,641)	(c7)	82,289 (c6)	80,648 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	208,955	210,598	(1,643)		82,296 (x)	80,653 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

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

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	12,364	15,453
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	61,755	55,664
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds	8,170	9,531
f7 SUB TOTAL	82,289 (c6)	80,648 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	7 (e11)	5 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	82,296 (x)	80,653 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,083,669	1,175,792
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

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

Signature of treasurer *B.G. Straughan* Date *23/6/2023*

Name and address of treasurer: Brian Straughan

Epworth House, 7 Lucy Street, Chester-le-Street DH3 3UP

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 7th December 2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *[Signature]*
Name of the Chair of the meeting *IAN KENT* Date *23/6/23*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Chester-le-Street Circuit

Charity Number 1159362

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Chester-le-Street Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner *J. Hindmarsh*

Name of independent examiner *JILLIAN HINDMARSH*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *77 WARKWORTH DRIVE, CHESTER-LE-STREET, CO. DURHAM*

..... Post Code *DH2 3TH*

Date *30/06/2023*

* delete or circle as appropriate

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THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chester-le-Street Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st AUGUST 2021**

Newcastle upon Tyne	District	Circuit no	20/20
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Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Kent
Deacon Linda Watkin
Rev Fabio Vilela

Circuit Stewards:

Brian Jonathan Straughan
Frederick Johnson
Karen Heptinstall

Treasurer:

Brian Jonathan Straughan

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	161,724			161,724	157,299
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	147			147	461
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	9,644		6,415	16,059	16,601
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	171,515		6,415	177,930 (a8)	174,361

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	117,651			117,651	105,603
b3	Manse Costs	17,463			17,463	11,089
b4	Administration etc	4,777			4,777	4,262
b5	District Assessment	33,456			33,456	32,250
b6	Grants & donations	700			700	700
b7						
b8	Other payments			3,159	3,159	4,162
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	174,047		3,159	177,206 (b9)	158,066

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(2,532)	3,256	724	16,295
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		63,370	18,197	81,567 (c6)	65,272
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	60,838	21,453	82,291	81,567
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	60,838	21,453	82,291 (c8)	81,567 (c6)

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

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	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Connexional Funds	4,835	4,835				
e2	Methodist Women in Britain					7	7
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,835	4,835			7 (e11)	7 (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	177,930 (a8)	177,206 (b9)	724	(c7)	81,567 (c6)	82,291 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	182,765	182,041	724		81,574 (x)	82,298 (y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	7421	12365
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	67,536	61,755
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	6,610	8171
f7	SUB TOTAL	81,567 (c6)	82,291 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	7 (e11)	7 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	81,574 (x)	82,298 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,083,669
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

Name of Circuit CHESTER-LE-STREET No. 20/20

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer BJStraughan Date 27/6/2022
Name and address of treasurer BRIAN JONATHAN STRAUGHAN
27 HAUKLEY DRIVE, CHESTER-LE-STREET Post Code DH2 3TE

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 14TH SEPTEMBER 2021

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Jan Kent
Name of the Chair of the meeting IAN KENT Date 28/6/2022

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CHESTER-LE-STREET Circuit

Charity Number 1159362

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CHESTER-LE-STREET Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to 3. As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit CHESTER-LE-STREET No 20/20

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Signature of independent examiner J Hindmarsh

Name of independent examiner JILLIAN HINDMARSH

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 77 WARKWORTH DRIVE, CHESTER-LE-STREET

CO DURHAM Post Code DH2 3TH

Date 27th July 2022

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 09	Year 2019		Day 31	Month 08	Year 2020

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any)

Charity's principal address

Postcode

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	The Circuit Meeting acts as the Board of Managing Trustees. Please see attached list.			
2				
3				
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13				
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17				
18				
19				
20				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Rev Ian Kent (Chair of Circuit Meeting)

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Act of Parliament
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Appointed by local churches and the circuit meeting (which is the Board of Managing Trustees)

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Undertaking of mission activities in pursuance of the objects of the charity (see above).

Provision of pastoral care to members and non-members.

Conducting public services of marriage and baptism as well as funerals etc.

Preparation of quarterly preaching plans for six churches (services are open to the public without charge).

We confirm that the Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The effective management of the Circuit has enabled it to fulfil its charitable aims of advancement of the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church.

Particular achievements this year include:

- * the continuance of work among Children and Young people through the Circuit provision of a Children & Youth Worker
- * Growth of the Circuit group 're:new', an innovative worship group operating beyond traditional church buildings
- * Training and equipping of new Local Preachers and Worship Leaders

Towards the end of the year decisions were taken to proceed with a major new Christian outreach initiative within the circuit which is planned to commence in September 2020.

The charity reported a surplus for the year on general fund which was principally due to much lower expenditure on the maintenance of manses occupied by the ministers stationed in the circuit (or in one case temporarily let to a tenant).

Throughout the year the ministers continued to carry out their duties as set out in Section C on page 3 of this report, assisted by circuit stewards and an administrator.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To build up and maintain general reserves equivalent to at least six months' expenditure by the circuit (excluding payments made to the Newcastle upon Tyne Methodist District).

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F Other optional information

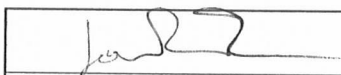
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Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Rev Ian Kent

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Superintendent Minister and Chair of Circuit Meeting

Date

20/9/2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Chester-le-Street Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2020**

District	Circuit no	20/20
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Karen Hepptinstall

Treasurer:

Brian Jonathan Straughan

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		157,299			157,299	153,137
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		461			461	405
a5	Grants						200
a6	Other receipts		9,921		6,680	16,601	16,803
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		167,681		6,680	174,361 (a8)	170,545

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		105,603			105,603	105,902
b3	Manse Costs		11,089			11,089	22,617
b4	Administration etc		4,262			4,262	5,650
b5	District Assessment		32,250			32,250	31,398
b6	Grants & donations		700			700	700
b7							
b8	Other payments		557		3,605	4,162	5,733
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		154,461		3,605	158,066 (b9)	172,000

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	13,220		3,075	16,295	(1,455)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		50,350		14,922	65,272 (c6)	66,727
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	63,570		17,997	81,567	65,272
c4	Transfers and adjustments		(200)		200		
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	63,370		18,197	81,567 (c8)	65,272 (c6)

SECTION D					
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Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1	Connexional Funds	7,249	7,249				
e2	Methodist Women I B	1,185	1,215	(30)		37	7
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,434	8,464	(30)		37 (e11)	7 (e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	174,361 (a8)	158,066 (b9)	16,295	(c7)	65,272 (c6)	81,567 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	182,795	166,530	16,265		65,309 (x)	81,574 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand		
f2	Bank Current Account	2,364	7,420
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	57,019	67,536
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	5,889	6,610
f7	SUB TOTAL	65,272 (c6)	81,566 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	37 (e11)	7 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	65,309 (x)	81,573 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,032,077
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	49

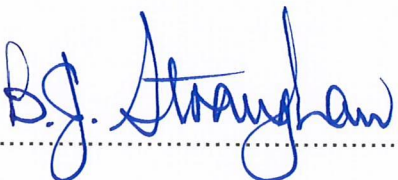
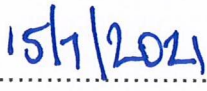
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

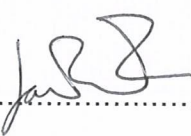
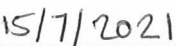
Signature of treasurer  Date 

Name and address of treasurer: Brian Straughan

Epworth House, 7 Lucy Street, Chester-le-Street. Co. Durham. DH3

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on Thursday 24th September 2020.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 
Name of the Chair of the meeting IAN KENT Date 

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CHESTER-LE-STREET Circuit

Charity Number 1159862

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the
Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

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Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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

Signature of independent examiner *J Hindmarsh*

Name of independent examiner *JILLIAN HINDMARSH*

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