



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

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

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name CHESTER LE STREET METHODIST CIRCUIT

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1159362

Charity's principal address 5 NEWCASTLE ROAD
 CHESTER LE STREET
 CO DURHAM
Postcode DH3 3TS

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.			
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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.

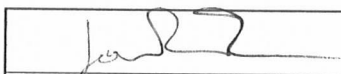
Section F Other optional information

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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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 Ian Kent
Reverend Doctor Elizabeth Kent
Deacon Linda Watkin

Circuit Stewards:

Brian Jonathan Straughan
Frederick Johnson
Karen Hepptinstall

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

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

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 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

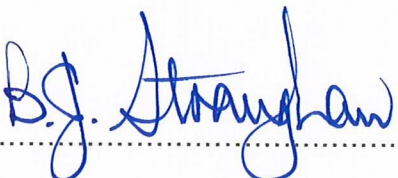
f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

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.

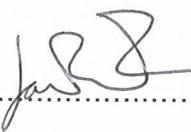
Signature of treasurer  Date 15/1/2021

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 15/1/2021

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*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner *FCA*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

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Date *23RD AUGUST 2021*

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