

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on Sea	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Bristol	District	Circuit no	7/17
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1164765

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

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

Ministers:

Rev Steven Bennett
Rev Angela Hoare
Deacon Gary Hoare

Circuit Stewards:

Paul Gregory	Rosemary Krull
Tim Widdess	Janet Widdess
Andrew Gilling	Sue Baldwin
Rosemary Gilling	Robin Jenks

Treasurer:

Paul Gregory

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		83900		83900	109811
a3	Capital receipts			331964	331964	183481
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4905	9127	14032	896
a5	Grants			6000	6000	6000
a6	Other receipts		30580		30580	30866
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		119385	341091	466476	331054

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		119426		119426	118613
b3	Manse Costs		29369		29369	9923
b4	Administration etc		5374	524	5898	4684
b5	District Assessment		33568		33568	33912
b6	Grants & donations		1000	115485	116485	29764
b7						
b8	Other payments		9355	1107	10462	71813
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		198092	116009	315208	268709

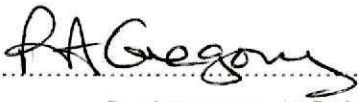
SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	-78707	225082	4893	151268	62345
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		139723	183977	35423	359123	(c6) 296778
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	61016	409059	40316	510391	359123
c4	Transfers and adjustments		230000	-230000			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	291016	179059	40316	510391	(c8) 350123 (c8)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d	(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)					

Name of Circuit Weston-super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea No. 1164765

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 26/9/23
Name and address of treasurer Paul Gregory, 42 Balmoral Way
..... Weston-super-Mare Post Code BS22 9AL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 
Name of the Chair of the meeting REV S A BENNETT Date 12/12/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Weston-super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea
..... Circuit

Charity Number

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Weston-super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 Weston-super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea No 1164765

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 Anne M.

Name of independent examiner Dr Anne Hicks

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address Tans Farm, Green Rd, Lympsham

Weston-Super-Mare Post Code BS24 0TD

Date 5/10/23

* delete or circle as appropriate



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date				Period end date			
From	01	09	2022	To	31	08	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Weston-Super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by N/A

Registered charity number (if any) 1164765

Charity's principal address 143a Berrow Road

Burnham-on-Sea

Somerset

Postcode

TA8 2PN

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	Revd Steven Bennett	Ex Officio Circuit Superintendent Minister		Methodist Conference
2	Revd Judith Lincoln	Ex Officio Circuit Minister	01/09/2023	Methodist Conference
3	Miss Rosemary Krull	Senior Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
4	Mr Paul Gregory	Circuit Steward/ Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
5	Mrs Rosemary Gilling	Circuit Steward/Circuit meeting secretary	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
6	Mrs Sue Baldwin	Circuit Steward	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
7	Mr Andrew Gilling	Circuit Steward	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
8	Mr Robin Jenks	Circuit Steward	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
	Mrs Janet Widdess	Circuit Steward	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
9	Revd Tim Widdess	Circuit Steward	20/06/2023	Circuit Meeting
10	Mr John Trebble	Circuit Safeguarding Officer		Circuit Meeting
11	Mrs Linda Trebble	Mission in Britain Representative		Circuit Meeting
12	Mrs Jill Bethel	World Missions Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
13	Mr Christopher Luker	Secretary – LP&WL and Circuit Property		Circuit Meeting
14	Mrs Celia Dewfall	Secretary – All We Can		Circuit Meeting
15	Mrs Judy Allen	Representative		Brean Methodist Church
16	Mrs Rosemary Baker	Representative		Brean Methodist Church

17	Mrs Gill Poulter	Representative		Brent Knoll Methodist Church
18	Mrs Claraine Clark	Representative		Brent Knoll Methodist Church
19	Mr David Patient	Representative		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
20	Mr Geoffrey Stait	Representative		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
21	Mrs Marian Kingsbury	Representative		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
22	Mrs Jill Legg	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
23	Mrs Margaret Scott	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
24	Mr Gordon Legg	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
25	Mrs Ann Brown	Reserve		East Brent Methodist Church
26	Mrs Susan Baldwin	Representative		Locking Castle LEP
27	Mrs Adele Lloyd	Representative		Locking Castle LEP
28	Mr Rob Missen	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
29	Miss Zoe Missen	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
30	Mrs Lynn Daniels	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
31	Mr Brian Dallimore	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
32	Mrs Deborah Moore	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
33	Mr Adrian Tupper	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
34	Mrs Brenda Goddard	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
35	Mrs Margaret Fryer	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
36	Mrs Pat Bidmead	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
37	Mrs Janice Barrett	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
38	Mrs Ann Hunt	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
39	Mrs Christine Thomas	Representative		West Huntspill Methodist Church
40	Miss Maureen Cavill	Representative		West Huntspill Methodist Church

Type of adviser

Auditor	Dr Anne Hicks	Tarrs Farm, Brean Road, Lympsham, BS24 0HD
Architect/Surveyor	Russell Palmer	High View, Axminster Road, Honiton, Devon EX14 9TJ

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

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Section B

Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)
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 existing 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.

Training/Induction

Range of guidance provided by the Methodist Connexion

Structure

Part of the Bristol District of the Methodist Church and accountable to the Methodist Conference

Related Parties

Ellen Stanley Coleman Trust (have trustees in common)

Risk Management

1. Safeguarding Policy adopted annually, and risks monitored by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.
2. GDPR under the guidance of Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
3. The major risk is the decline in membership and significant negative impact on the income of the churches. Against this reduction in income, the main items of expenditure for the Circuit are fixed by the Methodist Conference (Assessment/Stipends) and these will decrease as the decision has been made to reduce the number of Ministers in the Circuit from 09/2023.

The Circuit Leadership team regularly consider the consequences of new and existing risks and take advice from professionals and the wider Methodist Church where necessary.

Section C

Objectives and activities

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

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 Connectional, 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

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)

The Circuit produces a quarterly Preaching Plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 8 Methodist Churches and 3 Local Ecumenical Partnerships in its geographical area. These are open to all people, without charge.

The Minister in Other Appointment provides a Chaplaincy Service to the Local Hospice.

The Trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

Grant Making

The Circuit Model Trust Fund contains the funds from the sale of chapels and manse and is restricted by the Methodist Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes. The Trustees have drawn up a set of ground rules to ensure that grants made from the Circuit Model Trust Fund are used effectively for mission and capital works.

Investment

Funds are held in a local Bank Account with excess funds invested both with:

1. The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and
2. Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

Two manse are not currently occupied by staff of the charity but may be required in the future as follows.

1. Manse unoccupied as Minister has have special temporary permission to reside elsewhere.
2. Manse formerly unoccupied as two Ministers resided in the same Manse. This will change in the next Stationing of Ministers (annually by Conference) and the Trustees will need to review the likelihood of the property being required to house a Minister in future.

The charity benefits from rental income (at market rates).

Volunteers – The Charity relies heavily on the goodwill of volunteers

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

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

Section D

Achievements and performance

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Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

In 2020 the Circuit Leadership reviewed its 5 year plan and produced a revised Mission Statement. Further work will be required on the Mission Plan in 2023/4 to reflect the reduced number of Ministers and the post-COVID landscape.

The Circuit Leadership Team has observed the building of numerous new homes within Weston-Super-Mare with interest and has started to work on the new Mead Fields Estate. The extent of this missional activity has been severely restricted by the withdrawal of funding for such activities. In addition the ability to work in the Estate was delayed by Lockdown regulations. Nevertheless, the Circuit Meeting is keen to proceed with this work as soon as possible. A Pioneer Worker has been appointed on a part-time basis to reinvigorate this objective.

The Circuit Leadership Team maintains links with other voluntary and charitable organisations that share its values in order to support those in need in the local area and advance the Christian faith.

In conjunction with the District Safeguarding Officer, the Circuit Safeguarding team has planned a range of safeguarding training and refresher training during the year. Delivery of such training has been revised to recognise the inability of members to meet. A package of blended learning is now available.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The charity maintains funds to cover 6 month's average expenditure and ongoing capital expenditure. In addition, a sum is held to meet any unforeseen major item of expenditure on manse, and/or to continue planned activities in the event of the closure of a large church or an inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

It is necessary to hold sufficient working capital to enable the payment of ministerial stipends and business expenditure for 2 ministers, salary of a Circuit Administrator, and our contribution to the District.

The charity has reviewed its commitment to its ministers and the next available date for significant change to this expenditure is September 2026.

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

Principal Sources of Funding

Most of the charity's income is provided by the local churches by way of assessment and (in the case of Local Ecumenical Partnerships) by donation. Churches have been given an assessment holiday in 2023/4 to enable them to strengthen their own finance post-COVID, and for missional purposes in their area.

Other income is received from the letting of a manse and from investment interest.

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity
Payment of minister's stipends and associated costs

ethical investment policy adopted.

Payment of Manse costs for ministers
Payment of District Assessment which is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church
Grants to churches and Circuit projects.

Investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

The Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and with Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes have ethical investment policies.

Section F

Other optional information

None

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)

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)

Date



STEVEN BONNETT

CHAIR



ROSEMARY GILLING

Circuit Meeting Secretary

12/12/23