

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea

Circuit

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

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

1164765

If not a registered charity **His 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 Steve Bennett
Rev Judith Lincoln

Circuit Stewards:

Paul Gregory	Rosemary Krull
Andrew Gilling	Rosemary Gilling
Rev Tim Widdess	Janet Widdess
Sue Baldwin	

Treasurer:

Paul Gregory

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025
WSM & BoS
Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Assessment/Share		114016			114016	260
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		13011	4707		17718	21232
a5	Grants				7450	7450	12570
a6	Other receipts		58775			58775	26184
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		185802	4707	7450	197959 (a8)	60426

SECTION B							
	PAYMENTS						
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		89155			89155	86999
b3	Manse Costs		9242			9242	16041
b4	Administration etc		5836	424		6260	5540
b5	District Assessment		36664			36664	36664
b6	Grants & donations		5000	4030		9030	6453
b7							
b8	Other payments		2850		21259	24109	35794
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		148747	4454	21259	174460 (b9)	187491

SECTION C							
	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR						
c1		(a7-b9)	37055	253	(13809)	23499	(127065)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		232072	130592	20662	383326 (c6)	510391
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	269127	130845	6853	406825	383326
c4	Transfers and adjustments		80994	(81000)	6	0 (c7)	0
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	350121	49845	6859	406825 (c8)	383326 (c6)

SECTION D					
	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)				

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 2025 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						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	197959	174460	23499	383326	406825
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	197959	174460	23499	383326	406825
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 2025**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	5527	23711
f3		
f4	247207	333269
f5	130592	49845
f6		
f7	SUB TOTAL	
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

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 Weston-super-Mare & Burnham-on-Sea No. 7/17

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 Paul Gregory, 42 Balmoral Way

Weston-super-Mare, North Somerset Post Code BS22 9AL

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 2/12/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting S A BENNETT Date 2/12/25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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

Charity Number 1164765

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 2025 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit Weston-super-Mare and Burnham-on-Sea No 7/17

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 Hicks

Name of independent examiner DR ANNE HICKS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner /

Name of firm (where appropriate) /

Address Tarrs Farm, Green Rd, Lympsham
Weston-Super-Mare Post Code BS24 0HD

Date 27/9/25

* delete or circle as appropriate



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date		Period end date	
From	01 09 2024	To	31 08 2025

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		Methodist Conference
3	Revd Karen Murphy	Minister in Other Appointment		
4	Revd Margaret Trapp	Supernumerary		
5	Revd Stephen Marr	Supernumerary		
6	Miss Rosemary Krull	Senior Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
7	Mr Paul Gregory	Circuit Steward/Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
8	Mrs Rosemary Gilling	Circuit Steward/Circuit meeting secretary		Circuit Meeting
9	Mrs Sue Baldwin	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
10	Mr Andrew Gilling	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
11	Mr Robin Jenks	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
12	Mrs Janet Widdess	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
13	Revd Tim Widdess	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
14	Mr John Trebble	Circuit Safeguarding Officer		Circuit Meeting
15	Mrs Linda Trebble	Mission in Britain Representative		Circuit Meeting

16	Mrs Jill Bethel	World Missions Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
17	Mr Christopher Luker	Secretary – LP&WL and Circuit Property		Circuit Meeting
18	Mrs Celia Dewfall	Secretary – All We Can		Circuit Meeting
19		Secretary – Mission & Justice		Circuit Meeting
20		Representative for Action for Children		Circuit Meeting
21		Circuit Local Preacher's Tutor		Circuit Meeting
22	Mrs Judy Allen	Representative		Brean Methodist Church
23	Mrs Rosemary Baker	Representative		Brean Methodist Church
24	Mrs Gill Poulter	Representative		Brent Knoll Methodist Church
25	Mrs Claraine Clark	Representative		Brent Knoll Methodist Church
26	Mr Geoffrey Stait	Representative		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
27	Mrs Marian Kingsbury	Representative		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
28		Reserve		Burnham-on-Sea Methodist Church
29	Mrs Jill Legg	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
30	Mrs Margaret Scott	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
31	Mr Gordon Legg	Representative		East Brent Methodist Church
32	Mrs Ann Brown	Reserve		East Brent Methodist Church
33		Reserve		East Brent Methodist Church
34	Mrs Adele Lloyd	Representative		Locking Castle LEP
35	Mr Rob Missen	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
36	Mrs Lynn Daniels	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
37	Mr Brian Dallimore	Representative		Milton Methodist Church
38	Mrs Deborah Moore	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
39	Mr Adrian Tupper	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
40	Mrs Brenda Goddard	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
41	Mrs Margaret Fryer	Representative		Bournville St Andrews LEP
42	Mrs Pat Bidmead	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
43	Mrs Janice Barrett	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
44	Mrs Ann Hunt	Representative		Uphill Methodist Church
45	Mrs Christine Thomas	Representative		West Huntspill Methodist Church

Type of adviser

Auditor	Dr Anne Hicks	Tarrs Farm, Brean Road, Lymsham, BS24 0HD
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Architect/Surveyor	Adrian Male Associates	Christophers Chartered Surveyors, Midtrees, The Green, Hambridge, Langport, Somerset TA10 0AT
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Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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

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 Methodist Churches and 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)

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

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

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.

The charity benefits from rental income (at market rates) on two manse not currently occupied by staff of the charity. They may be required in the future as follows.

1. Manse unoccupied as Minister has special temporary permission to reside elsewhere.
2. Manse unoccupied but the leadership team do not believe it is the right time to sell, as rental income is helping to cover deficits.

Volunteers – The Charity relies heavily on the goodwill of volunteers

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

The Circuit Leadership Team has observed the building of numerous new homes within Weston-Super-Mare with interest over the last few years and has started to work on the new Mead Fields Estate. The Circuit Meeting is keen to proceed with this work as soon as possible. With homes now being built significant resources have been made available for this project in conjunction with an application (made with the adjoining Circuit) for Connexional Funds.

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 implemented a range of safeguarding training and refresher training during the year. 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.

The charity has earmarked £120,000 for the Mead Fields pioneer project.

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 has sought a replacement minister in 2026. The next available date for significant change to this expenditure is September 2028.

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.

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

How expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity

Payment of minister's stipends and associated costs

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


REV STEVE BENNETT


ROSEMARY GILLING

CHAIR

Secretary

25/3/2026.