

South Molton and Ringsash Methodist Circuit

Annual Report from Trustees to year end August 2023

The South Molton and Ringsash Circuit is made up of 7 churches and one class of Burrington Methodist Church located in North Devon. The Circuit consists of Brayford, Burrington, Chittlehampton, Kings Nympton, North Molton and South Molton Methodist Churches. A Methodist fellowship at Filleigh shares worship in the Anglican Church in the village. The Circuit is a single minister Circuit employing one Superintendent Minister, a part time administrator and a young families worker based at South Molton Methodist Church.

The numbers of members of the churches varies across the Circuit. Meetings for public worship take place across the Circuit every Sunday, together with meetings for study, prayer and fellowship in all church buildings. These meetings are open to all, with Sunday service times being advertised on the Circuit Preaching Plan (the Plan) which is available locally and/or through the circuit web site, which also has details of Circuit and of local church events. The web site is in process of being refreshed as this is seen as an important part of communication across the circuit and into the wider community. In addition to adult activities, there is also a great deal of children's work in our churches. Girls and Boys Brigades are well attended.

The Circuit meeting meets twice a year to explore and develop Circuit policy and to receive reports. These include the areas of staffing, finances, mission and training. Minutes are taken and reports are given. The Circuit meeting is responsible for ministerial staffing and for the geographical deployment of staff as well as having financial oversight of Circuit funds. The Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) meet around once every 6 weeks to support the work of the circuit meeting. On occasions some decisions will be devolved to the CLT by the Circuit meeting as per the constitution of the Methodist Church.

The Circuits link with the wider Methodist Church through the Plymouth and Exeter Methodist District and to the Methodist conference.

As with every Methodist Circuit, the governance document is the Constitution, Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church which is published every year by the Annual Methodist Conference.

The Circuit meeting works with local churches to support mission and ministry in ways appropriate to the location and experience of the community in which the church is set. The plan gives details of local contacts in each community. All of the chapels work with their communities in providing space for worship and many for community activity, with halls and rooms being made available for community use. There are increasing links with other agencies as partnership working in communities is encouraged within the guidelines of the Methodist Church. While each local church has its own Church Council the Circuit Meeting also supports work in each local church. Volunteers give their time in the annual production of local financial and building schedules which are brought to the Circuit meeting. The Circuit meeting produce an annual report and accounts.

Many of the Circuit Churches hold meetings for older people and these form an important part of the work of the Circuit. The local churches provide coffee mornings, space for the church and community to meet, space for community groups to meet as well as public worship and the

occasional offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

Work among families and young people includes BB and GB companies, activities on Sunday mornings for children, various preschool activities and engagement with local schools through leading assemblies.

The above work and other work locally is managed by the local Church trustees and is supported by the Circuit meeting.

The Circuit meeting has oversight for Safeguarding for children and vulnerable adults through its lay safeguarding officers and the circuit work within the guidelines for safeguarding produced within the Plymouth and Exeter District and the Methodist Church at a connexional level.

Partnership with other churches and other agencies is encouraged so as to work together to support the communities in which the churches are set.

The circuit churches seek to work ecumenically with other Christian denominations and bring to their communities a distinctive and open exploration of faith and community development from a Methodist perspective.

The circuit meeting encourage the local churches in affirming the historic nature of faith which is lived out today in the Methodist tradition in the context of the communities of the 21st century. The chapels are community spaces and the policy of the Circuit is to develop their use in current as well as in new ways.

The Circuit affirms the living Christian faith shown in all of the Methodist churches within the Circuit and continues to encourage the work locally with all of the 7 Methodist churches, and their surrounding communities, which are part of the South Molton and Ringsash Methodist Circuit.

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

South Molton and Ringsash Methodist	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023**

Plymouth and Exeter	District	Circuit no	24/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1168118

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 S Innalls	

Circuit Stewards:

Mr M Short	
Mr D Peyton	
Mrs M Fry	

Treasurer:

Mrs R Highman	
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SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		80,743			80,743	83,389
a3	Capital receipts						38,176
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,738	6,255		8,993	1,333
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		17,744			17,744	23,718
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		101,225	6,255		107,480 (a8)	146,616

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		42,154			42,154	38,691
b3	Manse Costs		35,565			35,565	48,820
b4	Administration etc		5,854	8,149		14,003	21,333
b5	District Assessment		18,801			18,801	19,842
b6	Grants & donations						
b7							
b8	Other payments		57,688	166,095		223,783	19,648
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		160,062	174,244		334,306 (b9)	148,334

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(58,837)	(167,989)		(226,826)	(1,718)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		123,145	201,486	6,610	331,241 (c6)	332,959
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	64,308	33,497	6,610	104,415	331,241
c4	Transfers and adjustments		405	(405)			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	64,713	33,092	6,610	104,415 (c8)	331,241

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 2023 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 Youth	4		4		734	738
e2 Circuit Choir	816	410	406		2,118	2,524
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	820	410	410		2,852 (e11)	3,262
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	107,480 (a8)	334,306 (b9)	(226,826)	(c7)	331,241 (c6)	104,415
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	108,300	334,716	(226,416)		334,093 (x)	107,677
	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 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	63,182	18,013
f3 Bank Deposit Account	7,368	7,390
f4 Central Finance Board	59,203	45,918
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	201,488	33,094
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	331,241 (c6)	104,415
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	2,852 (e11)	3,262
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	334,093 (x)	107,677

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,333,910	1,962,069
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		250,000
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 South Molton and Ringsash Methodist No...1168118.

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 R. Highman Date 05/04/2024

Name and address of treasurer MRS. RHIANNON ELISABETH HIGHMAN

SUNNY HOLME, GUNSWELL LANE SOUTH MOLTON Post Code EX36 4DH

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 13/3/2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting A.L. Findell

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV ANNA FLINDELL Date 05/04/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the South Molton and Ringsash Methodist Circuit

Charity Number 1168118

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the South Molton and Ringsash Methodist 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....South Molton and Ringsash Methodist No ...1168118


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 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 

Name of independent examiner Ian Huggett

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

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Introduction

I have been fortunate to have been a part of many great projects and programs throughout my career. One of the most rewarding experiences was when I was able to lead a team of students in a project that had a significant impact on the community.

- The project was a community service project that aimed to improve the lives of the elderly in the local area.
- The students were given the opportunity to work with the elderly and learn about their needs and challenges.

Through this project, the students were able to develop important skills such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. They also gained a deeper understanding of the needs of the elderly and the importance of community service.

The project was a success because of the dedication and hard work of the students. They were able to complete the project on time and within budget, and the results were truly impressive. The elderly in the community were able to receive the help they needed, and the students were able to make a positive impact on the world.

Conclusion

In conclusion, the project was a great success and the students learned a lot from the experience.

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References

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2. Johnson, A. (2011). The benefits of community service. *Journal of Management Education*, 35(2), 1-12.

3. Brown, C. (2012). The impact of community service on students. *Journal of Management Education*, 36(3), 1-12.

Appendix

A. List of students who participated in the project.

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