

South Molton and Ringsash Methodist Circuit

Annual Report from Trustees to year end August 2024

Located in North Devon, the South Molton and Ringsash Circuit is made up of 7 churches and one class of Burrington Methodist Church. The Circuit consists of Brayford, Burrington, Chittlehampton, Kings Nympton, North Molton and South Molton Methodist Churches. The Ashreigney fellowship meets regularly and is a class of Burrington Methodist Church. 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 and a part time administrator.

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 which is available locally and/or through the circuit web site, which also has details of Circuit and 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 at South Molton Methodist Church where they also employ a part time Children and Families worker. Across the Circuit there are various activities on Sunday mornings for children, various preschool activities and engagement with local schools through leading assemblies.

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 recently formed South West Peninsular 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 across denominations 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 offices of baptisms, weddings and funerals.

The above work and other work locally are 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 South West Peninsular Methodist 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 encourages 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. Some of our chapels offer Warm Spaces in the winter months.

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 2024**

South West Peninsula Methodist	District	Circuit no	37/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1168118

If not a registered charity **His 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:

Revd A Flindell

Circuit Stewards:

Mr M Short Mrs M Fry

Treasurer:

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ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2024

South Molton & Ringsash Methodist Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	80,142			80,142	80,743
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,507	1,715		4,222	8,993
a5	Grants					
a6	Other receipts	16,586			16,586	17,744
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	99,235	1,715		100,950 (a8)	107,480

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	44,309			44,309	42,154
b3	Manse Costs	45,912			45,912	35,568
b4	Administration etc	7,276	922		8,198	14,003
b5	District Assessment	20,960			20,960	18,801
b6	Grants & donations					
b7						
b8	Other payments	6,519			6,519	223,783
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	124,976	922		125,898 (b9)	334,306

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(25,741)	793	(24,948)	(226,826)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		64,713	33,092	6,610	104,415 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	38,972	33,885	6,610	79,467
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	38,972	33,885	6,610	79,467 (c8)
						104,415 (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 2024 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					738	738
e2 Circuit Choir	787	892	(105)		2,524	2,419
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	787	892	(105)		3,262 (e11)	3,157 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	100,950 (a8)	125,898 (b9)	(24,948)	(c7)	104,415 (c6)	79,467 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	101,737	126,790	(25,053)		107,677 (x)	82,624 (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 2024

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,013	16,593
f3 Bank Deesit Account	7,390	7,493
f4 Central Finance Board	45,918	48,324
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	33,094	7,057
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	104,415 (c6)	79,467 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	3,262 (e11)	3,157 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	107,677 (x)	82,624 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,926,069	2,078,500
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	250,000	250,000
g5 Other Liabilities		

14 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 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 15)

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 Circuit Steward M. B. Shaw Date 12/3/25
Name and address of Circuit Steward CATHAM FARM, BURRINGTON
UMBERLEIGH, DEVON Post Code EX37 9JT.

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 12th MARCH 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting A. C. Lindell
Name of the Chair of the meeting REV ANNA FLINDELL Date 12th MARCH 2025

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 2024 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 37/22.

Independent Examiner's Statement

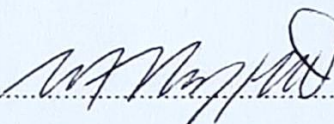
I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- 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



Name of independent examiner Ian Huggett

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) Westcotts

Address 47 Boutport Street

Barnstaple, Devon Post Code EX31 1SQ

Date 8 April 2025

* delete or circle as appropriate