



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022

To 31st August 2023

Charity name: Tavistock Methodist Circuit

Charity registration number: 1168514

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	Our Mission Statement: Building Christian centred churches that, in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in partnership with other Christian churches, serve their communities, and make disciples of Jesus, to the glory of the Father. See also the Methodist Church Act 1976.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Provision of public worship in each of the Churches that together comprise the Tavistock Methodist Circuit. Certain of the Churches are also authorised to carry out weddings, baptisms and funerals.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had due regard to the Charity Commissions guidance on public benefits.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grant-making is not a primary role of the charity. However, from time to time, the Circuit provides financial assistance to individual churches, to enable them to carry out appropriate mission projects.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	

Other		
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Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Regular acts of worship occur in each Church allowing people to express their faith in God. Other group meetings allow fellowship, support and growth in faith. In co-operation with other denominations in the area, various support groups and activities bring benefits to the wider community.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Donations cover the costs of buildings, employees and activities within the Circuit.
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	As a whole, the Circuit managed to maintain a reasonably healthy financial position.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£50 000
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	The charity's principal source of funds is from the voluntary giving of its members and other adherents of the various church congregations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Act of Parliament
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	Model Trust
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	Appointed by the Circuit Meeting or individual church councils (some trustees are ex officio.)

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Tavistock Methodist Circuit
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168514
Charity's principal address	Tavistock Methodist Circuit Chapel Street Tavistock Devon. PL19 8DX

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	Rev Chris Brown	Presbyter (Chair of Circuit Meeting		Ex officio
2	Rev Paul Smith	Supernumerary Minister		Ex officio
3	Mrs H Boot-Handford	Circuit steward/Bere Alston United church		Circuit Meeting
4	Mrs J Shillabeer	Circuit Steward		Circuit Meeting
5	Mr D Dodd	Circuit Steward/ Peter Tavy Church		Circuit Meeting
6	Mrs M Tamblin	Circuit Administrator		Ex officio
7	Mr G Skedgell	Circuit Finance		Circuit Meeting
8	Mr G Shillabeer	Circuit Property/ Mary Tavy		Circuit Meeting
9	Rev Jeffery Moles	Supernumerary Minister		Ex officio
10	Mr J Wright	Circuit Property Secretary		Circuit Meeting
11	Mrs P Skedgell	Local preachers secretary		Circuit Meeting
12	Mrs L Wright	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
13	Mr T Atkins	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
14	Mr I Parson	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
15	Mr J Tamblin	Mary Tavy Church		Mary Tavy Church
16	Mrs P Emmott	Mary Tavy Church		Mary Tavy Church
17	Mrs S Dodd	Peter Tavy Church		Pater Tavy Church
18	Mrs J Ball	Peter Tavy Church		Peter Tavy Church
19	Mrs M Holt	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
20	Mr C West	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
21	Mrs C Hunt	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
22	Mrs M Luckhurst	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
23	Mrs P Wylie	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
24	Mr N Tamblin	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
25	Mrs J Page	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
26	Mr J Harris	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
27	Mr G Orton	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
28	Mrs L Orton	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
29	Dr D Benzie	Circuit Safeguarding Officer		Circuit Meeting
30	Mrs J Palmer	TACT		Circuit meeting
31	Mr R Holliday	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church

32	Mrs A Mansfield	Pioneer Worker		Circuit Meeting
33	Mr T Sprague	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
34	Ms C Sivyver	Mary Tavy Church		Mary Tavy Church

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

[illegible]

Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)	<i>David E Doon</i>	
Full name(s)	<i>DAVID EDWARD DOON</i>	
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	<i>CIRCUIT STEWARD</i>	
Date	<i>8/6/24</i>	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TAVISTOCK	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Rev Jeff Moles (Supernumerary)
Rev Malcolm Richards (Supernumerary)

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Mr David Dodd
Mrs Hilary Boot-Handford

Treasurer:

Mr Graham Skedgell

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2023

TAVISTOCK

Circuit

SECTION A			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		130,324			130,324	124,211
a3	Capital receipts		0	0		0	563,230
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,021	5,242		7,263	2,243
a5	Grants		2,500			2,500	750
a6	Other receipts		20,306			20,306	45,254
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		155,151	5,242	0	160,393 (a8)	735,688

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		83,394			83,394	80,020
b3	Manse Costs		20,780			20,780	15,317
b4	Administration etc		3,876	1,811	0	5,687	4,383
b5	District Assessment		27,018	1,802	0	28,820	31,185
b6	Grants & donations		3,300		0	3,300	3,300
b7	Closed Chapels inc. Horrabridge project		26,410		0	26,410	6,486
b8	Other payments		605,098		0	605,098	10,890
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		769,876	3,613	0	773,489 (b9)	151,581

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(614,725)	1,629	0	(613,096)	584,107
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		104,991	635,310	0	740,301 (c6)	156,194
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(509,734)	636,939	0	127,205	740,301
c4	Transfers and adjustments		37,124	(37,124)		0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(472,610)	599,815	0	127,205 (c8)	740,301 (c6)

SECTION D							
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
d1	(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					2,601	2,049
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					2,601	2,049
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					0	0

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING**SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	160,393 (a8)	773,489 (b9)	(613,096)	0 (c7)	740,301 (c6)	127,205 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	160,393	773,489	(613,096)	0	740,301 (x)	127,205 (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 2023**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	3,651	496
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	101,341	67,308
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	72,079	59,401
f6 Other funds	563,230	
f7 SUB TOTAL	740,301 (c6)	127,205 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	740,301 (x)	127,205 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	5,507	5,294
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	2,349,308	3,241,701
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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 TAVISTOCK No. 24/7

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 G. Skedgell Date 26 January 2024

Name and address of treasurer GRAHAM SKEDGELL

FAIRVIEW COTTAGE LAMERTON Post Code PL19 8RR

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 4 MARCH 2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting CPB

Name of the Chair of the meeting C P BROWN Date 4/3/24

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

TAVISTOCK METHODIST Circuit

Charity Number 1168514

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the TAVISTOCK METHODIST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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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Name of Circuit

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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:

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