



**CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 To 31st August 2025

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 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 Commission's guidance on public benefits.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

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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		

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.

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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 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 Circuit Meeting or individual church councils (some ex officio).

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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
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Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1168514
Charity's principal address	Tavistock Methodist Church Chapel Street Tavistock 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 Meeting)		Ex officio
2	Rev J Moles	Supernumerary Minister		Ex officio
3	Rev P Smith	Circuit Steward/Peter Tavy Church		Circuit Meeting
4	Rev M Richards	Circuit Steward/Yelvert on Church		Circuit Meeting
5	Mr R Palmer	Circuit Steward/Tavistock Methodist Church		Circuit Meeting
6	Mrs L Wright	Circuit Steward/Bere Alston United Church		Circuit Meeting
7	Mrs P Wylie	Circuit Steward/Tavistock Church		Circuit Meeting
8	Mrs M Tamblin	Circuit Administrator/Circuit Archivist		Ex officio
9	Mr N Tamblin	Circuit Steward – Finance		Circuit Meeting
10	Mrs P Skedgell	Local Preachers' Rep		Circuit Meeting
11	Mrs H Boot-Handford	Treasurer Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
12	Mr I Parsons	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
13	Mrs L Wright	Bere Alston United Church		Bere Alston United Church
14	Mr J Emptage	Treasurer - Horrabridge Church		Horrabridge Church

15	Mr N Wylie	Horrabridge Church		Horrabridge Church
16	Mr G Shillabeer	Mary Tavy Church		Mary Tavy Church
17	Mr B Dingle	Mary Tavy Church		Mary Tavy Church
18	Mr D Dodd	Treasurer – Peter Tavy Church		Peter Tavy Church
19	Mrs J Ball	Peter Tavy Church		Peter Tavy Church
20	Mrs S Dodd	Lay Pastoral Worker/Peter Tavy Church		Circuit Meeting
21	Mr R Oxborough	Treasurer - Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
22	Mrs P Sawyer	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
23	Mrs D Bevan	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
24	Mrs P Wylie	Tavistock Church		Tavistock Church
25	Mrs C Hunt	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
26	Mrs M Luckhurst	Yelverton Church		Yelverton Church
27	Dr D Benzie	Circuit Safeguarding Officer		Circuit Meeting
28	Mrs J Palmer	TACT		Circuit Meeting
29	Mrs A Mansfield	Pioneer Worker		Circuit Meeting
30	Mrs S Dodd	Circuit Pastoral Worker		Circuit Meeting

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

Director name		
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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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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)

LJWJW

Full name(s)

Lesley Jane Wright

Position (eg
Secretary, Chair, etc)

Circuit Steward

Date

20/5/2026

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TAVISTOCK	Circuit
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025	

	District	Circuit no	
	37	6	
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Mr Rob Palmer
Mrs Lesley Wright

Treasurer:

Mr Neil Tamblin

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025					TAVISTOCK		Circuit
		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
SECTION A							
a1 RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£		£
a2 Assessment/Share		142,050			142,050		133,218
a3 Capital receipts			434,584		434,584		0
a4 Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		2,228	10,998		13,226		5,618
a5 Grants					0		0
a6 Other receipts		17,250			17,250		14,872
a7 TOTAL RECEIPTS		161,528	445,582	0	607,110 (a8)		153,708
SECTION B							
b1 PAYMENTS							
b2 Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		81,673			81,673		82,535
b3 Manse Costs		10,705			10,705		14,944
b4 Administration etc		3,510	198	0	3,708		4,070
b5 District Assessment		31,336		0	31,336		27,944
b6 Grants & donations		3,700		0	3,700		3,500
b7 Closed Chapels inc. Horrabridge project		10,604		0	10,604		19,108
b8 Other payments		6,939	151,358	0	158,295		3,865
b9 TOTAL PAYMENTS		148,467	151,554	0	300,021 (b9)		155,966
SECTION C							
c1 NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	13,061	294,028	0	307,089		(2,258)
c2 Total funds brought forward from last year	(478,004)		602,951		124,947 (c6)		127,205
c3 Sub total	(c1+c2)	(464,943)	896,979	0	432,036		124,947
c4 Transfers and adjustments					0 (c7)		
c5 TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	(464,943)	896,979	0	432,036 (c8)		124,947 (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					3,483		2,209
d3 Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					3,483		2,209
d4 BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					0		0

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SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING							
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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 (e7)	124,847 (e6)	432,038 (e5)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	607,110 (a8)	300,021 (b9)	307,089	0 (c7)	124,847 (e6)	432,038 (e5)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	607,110	300,021	307,089	0	124,847 (x)	432,038 (y)
e11	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and return this table (insert)	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				
SECTION F							
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES							
					OPENING BALANCE	CLOSING BALANCE	
CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024							
f1	Cash in hand						
f2	Bank Current Account				2,863		7,168
f3	Bank Deposit Account						
f4	Central Finance Board				61,201		69,957
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				60,883		354,911
f6	Other funds						
f7	SUB TOTAL				124,847 (e6)		432,038 (e5)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)				0 (e11)		0 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT				124,847 (x)		432,038 (y)
SECTION G							
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES					At	At	
					31 August 2024	31 August 2025	
g1	Investments (include Endowments)						
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re insurance value)				3,350,046	3,089,316	
g3	Other Assets						
g4	Loans - show amount outstanding at year end						
g5	Other Liabilities						
A include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board B include only CFS Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes g1 include any other investments (not the cash element of TMO's trust accounts this is inserted in line 5)							

Name of Circuit .. Tavistock Circuit

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 17/9/2025

Name and address of treasurer .. NEIL TAMBSKIN ..

23 ORCHARD CLOSE TAVISTOCK .. Post Code PL19 8HA ..

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the Circuit meeting held on 17/9/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. C. P. BROWN .. Date 17/9/25 ..

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

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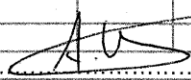
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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the 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.

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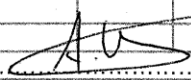
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