

Driffield-Hornsea Methodist Circuit

Annual Report

Year Ended 31st August 2025

Registered Charity Number

1174599

Principal Address:-

C/O The Circuit Office

52 Westgate

Driffield

East Yorkshire

YO25 6TJ

Circuit Ministers

Rev. Peter Barnett (Superintendent)

Deacon Jackie Fowler

Local Pastor

John Gleaves

Circuit Stewards

Mrs Hilary Himsworth

Mr. Ian Kitching,

Mrs Susan Southcoat

Mrs Angela Prescott (Finance)

Trustees: A full list of trustees is available from the circuit office.

Advisors:-

Bankers:

Natwest Bank PLC, Hull City Centre, 34 King Edward Street, Hull. HU1 3SS.

The Central Board of Finance of the Methodist Church, PO Box 13673, Dunmow. CM6 9EQ.

Investment Managers and Custodian Trustees

Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester. M1 1JQ

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The charity is incorporated and is governed under the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). The trustees are appointed by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers and circuit stewards are automatically trustees. The circuit is part of the Yorkshire North & East Methodist District and is accountable to the Methodist Conference. There are two presbyter ministers in the circuit and the superintendent minister has overall responsibility for the circuit. The ministers share the pastoral responsibility for the churches within the circuit. The ministers are supported with the day to day running of the circuit by the Circuit Leadership Team (CLT) which is made up of the circuit stewards and circuit ministers. The CLT reports to the circuit meeting which is the governing body of the circuit.

The Methodist Church provides a range of guidance documents to assist circuits and local churches to manage any risks that may arise including, the care and maintenance of property and safeguarding of young people

and vulnerable adults. These risks are considered by the circuit meeting or local church councils as appropriate. The circuit has adopted a safeguarding policy and the Circuit Safeguarding Officer supports local churches in adopting their own individual safeguarding policies and offers safeguarding training. The Charity Commission leaflet 'The Role of the Trustee' is available to all circuit trustees which outlines the responsibility of a trustee. Professional advice is taken as required, e.g. legal advice.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Deed of Union 1932, the advancement of:

1. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of the Methodist Church
2. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexion, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church
3. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution, subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist church
4. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

The circuit is responsible for producing a plan of preaching appointments to ensure regular public acts of worship take place at each of the churches in the circuit. Individual churches are responsible for organising its own activities for the communities in their area. The circuit encourages churches to engage in ecumenical relationships with other Christian denominations in their local area to enable the sharing of resources and to strengthen the growth of the Christian faith in each area. Ministers are instrumental in creating good relationships with fellow clergy.

In all activities the trustees have regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

ACIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

The Driffield-Hornsea Methodist Circuit offers varied opportunities for faith and worship development in the thirteen churches within the circuit, including both village and town churches. The circuit aims to serve the local communities through the churches by providing fellowship, not only in the weekly services, but also in the form of mid-week spiritual activities, social activities, coffee mornings, lunches which bring people together for friendship and support. Everybody is welcome to participate in the church activities. The churches are assisted by the circuit ministers, a local pastor and local preachers.

All the churches in the Circuit continue to provide a Christian presence in their individual locations, a testament to the positive impact the churches have in their local communities. Most churches are offering weekly services and other events, e.g bible studies, coffee mornings and lunches. The ministers continue to support the church communities with the additional support of the Local Lay Pastor. The Circuit has been fortunate in obtaining grant funding to enable a full time Local Pastor to be employed.

During this financial year the Circuit has supported individual churches within the Circuit as follows: -

1. Employed a presbyter minister and a diaconal minister to assist churches with the ministry in their churches and communities.
2. Supported churches as they continue to develop and grow the mission in their local areas.
3. Following the mission planning initiative, the Circuit applied for grants and have raised funds to provide for a Local Pastor who is now employed to work alongside the ministers, specifically in four of the rural churches.
4. The Circuit Safeguarding Officer offers advice and training to local churches and assists churches to ensure they comply with current safeguarding regulations and supports churches to deal with any incidents that may arise.
5. The Circuit employs an administrator to assist the ministers and churches with day-to-day administration.

6. The Circuit uses funds from the sale of assets to support mission and property projects within the Circuit

As a Circuit we seek to make the best use of the resources of lay and ordained personnel, buildings and finance. There are challenges facing some of the smaller congregations with the on-going costs of maintaining buildings and falling membership, but the circuit is committed to supporting all churches through these challenging times.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

The circuit accounts include:-

- a) The General Fund, the main operating accounts through which the expenditure and revenue for both operational and strategic purposes is handled.
- b) The Circuit Model Trust Fund, which is primarily funded through sale of redundant buildings no longer required within the circuit. Under Methodist Conference directions the fund can be used for capital projects and projects supporting the mission of the church. Applications must be made to and agreed by the circuit meeting.
- c) Other TMCP Accounts including both restricted and unrestricted funds

The circuit meeting has agreed the following financial grants to church projects.

Local Lay Pastor extension of current role by 2 yrs - £40,000

Additional Local Lay Pastor - £55,000

Local Church – Property Grant - £1500

Reserves Policy

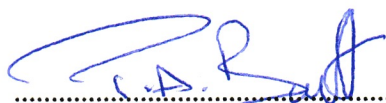
The reserves policy for the Drifffield-Hornsea Methodist Circuit is to hold a sum in reserve of 6 months average expenditure. This is felt to be prudent should any unforeseen expenditure arise requiring immediate payment and to cover short term expenditure in the event of an inability to raise the full circuit assessment from churches. It is necessary to ensure there are sufficient funds to cover the payment of stipends and expenses for ministers and lay workers and to pay the circuit contribution to the District. Unrestricted funds in excess of the 6 month reserve are available to support church mission, building projects and general financial support to churches within the circuit, subject to circuit meeting approval.

Some funds are restricted. These funds include permanent endowments or gifts in memory where only the income from the trust can be used.

Principal Source of Funding

Individual churches pay assessments to the circuit. There is also rental income from a manse which is currently not occupied by a minister. Most of the expenditure is related to the pay and associated costs of presbyters and lay workers.

Approved by the Trustees on Wednesday 17th March 2025 and signed on their behalf by:



Rev. Peter Barnett (Superintendent Minister).



Mrs Angela I Prescott (Circuit Steward –Finance)

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Treasurer:

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| c3 | Sub total | (c1+c2) | 234,716 | 313,481 | 21,283 | 569,479 | 621,254 |
| c4 | Transfers and adjustments | | | | (46) | (46) (c7) | 1,040 |
| c5 | TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR | (c3+c4) | 234,716 | 313,481 | 21,237 | 569,433 (c8) | 622,294 (c6) |

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| INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS | Receipts | Payments | Net Receipts/ Payments | Adjustments | Opening balances | Closing balances |
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SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025**

| | OPENING BALANCES | CLOSING BALANCES |
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| f1 Cash in hand | | |
| f2 Bank Current Account | 34,221 | 34,425 |
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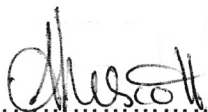
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Declarations and Scrutiny

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Signature of treasurer



Date

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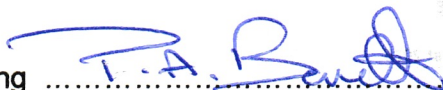
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Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the .Driffield-Hornsea Methodist 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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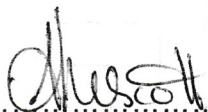
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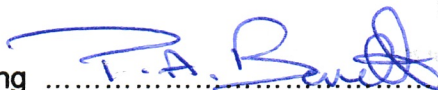
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Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address 25 HEATHER GARTH

..... DRIFFIELD Post Code YO25 6UT

Date 24/2/16

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