

STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2019-09-03

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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Activities

Objects: THE PURPOSES OF THE METHODIST CHURCH ARE AND SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN SINCE THE DATE OF UNION THE ADVANCEMENT OF:(A) THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DOCTRINAL STANDARDS AND THE DISCIPLINE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(B) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CONNEXIONAL, DISTRICT, CIRCUIT, LOCAL OR OTHER ORGANISATION OF THE METHODIST CHURCH;(C) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Activities: Equip Churches for mission. Train local preachers to spread the word of God Provides Manses and Stipends for Ministers to enable them to perform ministry. Provides training and support to Churches in fulfilling financial, legal and safeguarding obligations.

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Stoke-on-trent City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£340,540	£336,370	-	-
2024-08-31	£446,722	£297,554	-	-
2023-08-31	£300,973	£416,396	-	-
2022-08-31	£460,622	£347,167	-	-
2021-08-31	£553,121	£439,867	£743,787	15
2020-08-31	£484,829	£497,364	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Kathryn Stephens	Chair	2018-09-01
Alison Louise Price		2019-09-01
Andrew John Carey		2019-09-01
Bernard Frank Rushton		2019-09-01
Beverley Rushton		2018-09-01
Brian Robert Barber		2018-09-01
Colin Taft		2019-09-01
David Greatbatch		2019-09-01
Derek Mack		2018-09-01
Frederick Sarpong-Boateng		2020-05-31
GLYNIS COOPER		2018-12-01
HOWARD DOBSON		2018-09-01
Hilary Trethaway		2018-09-01
John Michael Hibberts		2020-09-01
John Taylor		2019-09-01
Kenneth Coates		2019-09-01
Keri Michelle Blanch		2019-09-01
LLOYD COOKE		2018-08-01
Lauren Brabbs		2025-07-10
Mary Jane Hibbert		2019-09-01
Nanette Hulse		2025-07-10
Olwyn Elizabeth Clarke		2018-09-01
PETER ARTHUR BUTTERWORTH A.I.B.		2018-08-01
Pauline Florence Howe		2019-09-01
Peter George Ellis		2018-09-01
Rev Peter Alan Hancock		2019-09-01
Rev William Arthur Wakelin		2018-09-01

Name	Role	Appointed
Roslyn Marie Leese		2019-09-01
STEPHEN ROY ADAMS		2020-09-01
Sandra Ecclestone		2018-09-01
Susan Elsie Elizabeth Simcoe		2025-07-10
Sylvia Brookes		2019-01-01
Timothy Sproston		2018-09-01
Yvonne Willett		2019-09-01

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Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2025

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2024/25

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 9 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing God-given gifts; meeting the needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all this, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims of the organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local, or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship are open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work includes visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Total circuit income was £340,540. 92% of the income was from assessment contributions from the churches of the circuit, 5% were interest earned and 3% other incomes. Assessment contributions by churches were in lined with the Circuit's Budgeted income.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 292,051. Stipends and other remuneration costs which forms 60% of expenditure were covered through the assessments from churches. 27% of the expenditure was the circuit's contribution and model trust levy paid to the Stoke Chester District, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost which had a significant increase compared to the previous year. Building Inspection Report cost also increase significantly as the inspection of three church were made during the year.

Fund balances

The circuit's net current assets on 31 August 2025, excluding designated funds, was £232,570. This can cover over 4 months of foreseeable expenditure as per the circuit reserve policy.

Financial Plans for 2025/26

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full-time ordained staff, 1.5 lay pastors, and other paid lay- workers with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there was a budgeted increase of 5% on district assessment.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church,' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees. The district provided grants towards a training activity over the year.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is made up of the following churches:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit meeting, Circuit Leadership Team, and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure are being monitored in total and are compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of males and females in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and, therefore, to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance, and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is committed to providing support, advice, and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. Refer to the financial review section above.

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3 September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit Office): 5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, and membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Circuit Lay Workers Mrs. Alison Price

Mrs. Glynis Cooper

Mr. Brian Tattersall

Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Circuit Secretary Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards Mr. Brian Barber

Mr. Derek Mack

Mr. Kenneth Burgess

Mr. David Greatbatch

Mr. Timothy Sproston

Administrator: Mrs. Liz Thompson

Treasurer: Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner Name and address:
Beaumonts Chartered Accountants
29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.
Stoke on Trent. ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Current Accounts NatWest Bank
Charity Aid Foundation Bank
Co-operative Bank

Circuit Standard Form of Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Circuit No 11/18

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2025

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Income						
Donations and legacies					0	0
Income from monetary investments	4	4,700	13,427		18,127	14,476
Income from investment properties					0	0
Assessments on Churches	5	313,222			313,222	259,743
Capital Receipts	6				0	152,242
Grants received					0	0
Other charitable income	7	9,191			9,191	21,239
Total income		327,113	13,427	0	340,540	447,700
Expenditure						
Grants and donations					0	0
Salaries and associated costs	8	220,392			220,392	168,152
Property maintenance	9	19,439			19,439	8,143
Connexional assessment & model trust li	10		943		943	435
District Assessment & Levy	11	67,754	9,734		77,488	99,513
Depreciation					0	0
Office expenses	12	848			848	654
Other outgoings	13	17,260		0	17,260	20,657
Total charitable expenditure		325,693	10,677	0	336,370	297,554
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)		1,420	2,750	0	4,170	150,146
Transfers between funds	14	(4,000)	0		(4,000)	(6,593)
Other gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		(2,580)	2,750	0	170	143,553
Total funds brought forward		645,476	290,174	2,532	938,182	794,629
Total funds carried forward		642,896	292,924	2,532	938,352	938,182

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2025

Circuit No 11/18

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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2024/25 £	Totals 2023/24 £	
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	15	295,000			295,000	515,000	R
Investment properties	15	220,000			220,000	-	R
Investments					-	-	
Total fixed assets		515,000			515,000	515,000	
Current Assets							
Debtors	16	9,247			9,247	8,754	S
Loans by the Circuit					-	-	
Investments with TMCP	17		292,924		292,924	290,174	
Central Finance Board Deposits	18	104,558			104,558	124,115	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	19	48,032		2,532	50,564	32,087	
Total current assets		161,837	292,924	2,532	457,293	455,131	
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	20	33,941			33,941	31,949	U
Grants payable within 2024-25		-	-	-	-	-	V
Total current liabilities		33,941	-	-	33,941	31,949	
Net current assets/liabilities		127,896	292,924	2,532	423,352	423,182	
Total assets less current liabilities		642,896	292,924	2,532	938,352	938,182	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2024-25					-	-	V
Loans to the Circuit					-	-	
Total long term liabilities							
Net assets		642,896	292,924	2,532	938,352	938,182	W
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		642,896			642,896	645,476	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			292,924		292,924	290,174	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,532	2,532	2,532	
Total Unrestricted Funds					938,352	938,182	
Restricted Funds					-	-	
Endowment Funds					-	-	
Total Funds		642,896	292,924	2,532	938,352	938,182	

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which is Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared based on historical cost, except those investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accrual basis, to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when there is a reduction in economic benefit. Provisions for expense are also recognised when the Circuit has a present legal or constructive obligation, and it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefit, which can be reliably measured.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of the agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £300. Circuit's share for the acquisition of a laptop for administration duties for Circuit and Swan Bank Church has therefore been recognised as an office expenditure for the year. The freehold manses are revalued at their estimated market value at the end of the year. No depreciation has been calculated on the land and building, as trustees consider any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment and trustees believe no impairment has occurred. Impairment of the manses is recognised when there are reasons to believe that their recoverable amounts are less than the carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value, less cost to sell, and the value in use of the manses.

Investment Properties

19 Woodland Grove manse has been reclassified as an investment property as it has been rented out and not being used as a workplace accommodation for ministers.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year-end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Debtors were made up of prepayment expenses and accrued income. The prepaid expenses include one month's ministers' stipends paid in advance and any other prepaid expenses. There were no accrued income relates to contributions from churches and other associated organisations.

Creditors due under one year

These are recognised when there are present obligations for the circuit to transfer economic resources due of past events.

Note 4. Income from monetary investments

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Interest received from Central Finance Board	4,695			4,695	4,271
Interest received from CAF Bank	5			5	5
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 9411		11,249		11,249	7180
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 338		13		13	3
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 16793		2,165		2,165	1,347
Interest on Pension refund					693
Total	4,700	13,427	0	18,127	13,499

Note 5. Assessments on Churches

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Gateway	13,142			13,142	14,185
Mount Pleasant	6,875			6,875	6,377
Oasis Community	28,711			28,711	23,363
Packmoor	7,185			7,185	6,654
Pottor's	24,415			24,415	23,077
Swan Bank	163,675			163,675	121,390
The Village	14,075			14,075	13,010
Wesley Hall	28,647			28,647	26,846
Whitehill	26,497			26,497	24,839
Total	313,222	0	0	313,222	259,743

Note 6. Capital Receipts

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Newchapel sales proceeds					152,242
Total	0	0	0	0	152,242

Note 7. Other charitable income

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Manse Rent Received - 19 Woodland grove	9,131			9,131	9,449
Methodist Property Funds - Gateway	60			60	60
Due Diligence - DBS Application refund	0			0	38
Solicitors - Sales of Newchapel refund	0			0	3,267
Gateway Redundancy payment refund	0			0	326
Pension reserve donation returned	-			0	8,100
Total	9,191	0	0	9,191	21,239

Note 8a. Salaries and associated costs

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Minister's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipends of Presbyters	62,040			62,040	58,080
Employer's NI	7,133			7,133	5,959
Ministers Pension	12,408			12,408	15,624
Super's Allowance	3,102			3,102	2,904
Com in Ministry Allowance	414			414	388
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	329			329	309
Lay-worker's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Salaries	118,362			118,362	77,691
Employer's NI	9,261.00			9,261	3,621
Pension	6,174			6,174	2,613
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge and charges	1,169			1,169	964
Total	220,392	0	0	220,392	168,152

Note 8b.

No trustee was paid for their work as trustees or additional service offered to the Circuit.

Note 8c.

There Circuit incurred cost towards the remuneration and re-imbursed expenses to two trustees for their employment as ministers of the Circuit. The ministers were paid the minimum stipends and associated costs as prescribed by conference. The remuneration costs were paid by the Circuit through the connexion's payroll. There was no discretionary local allowance approved by the circuit meeting. All essential expenses incurred by ministers in the discharge of their responsibilities of their appointment were re-imbursed by the Circuit, (CPD of the Methodist Church Vol 2, Standing order 801 (1&2), 2021).

Rev Kathryn Stephens: Stipends £31,020 (2024: £29,040), Allowances £3,309 (2024: £3,098), Employer's NI £3,787 (2024: £3,180), Pension £6,204 (2024: £7,812) and Reimbursed expenses 2,501 (2024: £2,485).

Rev Ruth Jefferies: Stipends £31,020 (2024: £29,040), Allowances £207 (2024: £194), Employer's NI £3,346 (2024: £2,779) Pension £6,204 (2024: £7,812) and Reimbursed expenses £1,314 (2024: £1,360).

Note 9. Property maintenance

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Council Tax	5,880			5,880	4,084
Insurance	1,670			1,670	1,766
Water	1,703			1,703	1,074
Newchapel Electricity and Gas	-			-	364
Building Inspection Report (Quinquennial inspections)	3,025			3,025	-
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	155			155	174
Manse Maintenance	7,006			7,006	681
Total	19,439	-	-	19,439	8,143

Note 10. Connexional assessment & model trust levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
TMCP Administration Charge T9411		795		795	315
TMCP Administration Charge T16793		148		148	120
Total	-	943	-	943	794

Note 11. District Assessment & Levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
District Assessment	67,754			67,754	65,781
District levy		9,734		9,734	33,732
Total	67,754	9,734	-	77,488	99,513

Note 12. Office expenses

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25 £	Total 2023-24 £
Circuit share of Office laptop	296			296	-
Photocopy Lease	-			-	114
Bank Charges	72			72	60
Independent Examiner's Fees	480			480	480
Total	848	-	-	848	654

Note 13. Other outgoings

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Staff expenses reimbursements	5,007			5,007	5,446
Rent - 32 Milehouse Lane	10,698			10,698	10,458
Preaching Expenses	-			-	192
Methodist Property Funds	60			60	60
Telephone and Broadband	1,495			1,495	979
HR Legal Guidance - Redundancy at Gateway	-			-	146
Solicitors - Sales of Newchapel	-			-	3,267
Half of 2nd hand laptop	-			-	109
Total	17,260	-	-	17,260	20,657

Note 14. Transfer of Funds

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
Grant to Wesley Hall	-			-	(3,000)
Grant to Gateway	(4,000)			(4,000)	(5,000)
Returned Grant from Gateway	-			-	1,407
Total	(4,000)	0	0	(4,000)	(6,593)

Note 15. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000

Circuit manses are 5 Sandiacre valued at £295,000 and 19 Woodland Grove valued at £220,000

Note 16. Debtors

	Circuit Model			Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Prepaid Expenses:					
Presbyters' Salaries and Associated Costs	7,377	-	-	7,377	7,002
Methodist Insurance	1,727	-	-	1,727	1,670
Manses Water Rates	91	-	-	91	32
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	52	-	-	52	50
Total	9,247	0	0	9,247	8,754

Note 17a. Investments with TMCP

Trust 9411	General	Circuit Model		Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	(Unrestricted)	Trust	Designated		
	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2024		244,677		244,677	110,510
Add Newchapel sales proceeds		-		-	152,242
Add Pension reserve refund		-		-	8,100
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		11,249		11,249	7,180
Interest on Pension refund (Note 4)				-	693
Less District levy (Note 11)		(9,734)		9,734	(33,733)
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 10)		(795)		795	(315)
Closing Balance - 31/08/2025	0	245,397	0	245,397	244,677

Note 17b. Investments with TMCP	General	Circuit Model		Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	(Unrestricted)	Trust	Designated		
Trust 16793 - S of Land	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2024		45,391		45,391	43,181
Comparative Opening balance adjustment for interest				-	983
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		2,165		2,165	1,347
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 10)		(148)		(148)	(120)
Closing Balance - 31/08/2025	-	47,408	-	47,408	45,391

Note 17c. Investments with TMCP	General	Circuit Model		Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	(Unrestricted)	Trust	Designated		
Trust 338 - John Hamlett Legacy for poor	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2024		106		106	109
Less Comparative adjustment		-		-	(5)
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		13		13	3
Closing Balance - 31/08/2025	-	119	-	119	106

Total Closing Balance - 31/08/2025	-	292,924	-	292,924	290,174
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Note 18. Central Finance Board Deposits

	Circuit Model			Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		
Central Finance Bank	104,558	-	-	104,558	124,115

Note 19. Cash at Bank and in hand

	Circuit Model			Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		
Natwest Bank	46,506			46,506	28,294
Cooperative Bank			2,532	2,532	2,532
Charity Aid Foundation	1,526			1,526	1,261
Total	48,032	-	2,532	50,564	32,087

Note 20. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

	Circuit Model			Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		
Accrued Expenses - Independent Examiner's Fees	480		-	480	480
Prepaid Income - Assessments on Churches	30,845		-	30,845	26,450
Cost of living Gift to Swan Bank Staff	-		-	-	500
Ministers and Lay-workers Expenses	2,616		-	2,616	4,519
Preaching Expenses	-		-	-	-
Total	33,941	-	-	33,941	31,949

21. Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	0	60
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	60	120
Balance carried forward	0	0

22. Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties and no common investment funds holdings.

23. Loans

The circuit has no loans payable and has not given out any loans

24. Analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2024-25 - refer to note 19

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	-	-	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	-	-	2,532	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2023-24

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	-	-	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	-	-	2,532	

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *gfsboateng⁴*

Date... 16/01/2026.....

Name and address of the treasurer.

Frederick Sarpong Boateng

16 Geneva Way

Biddulph. ST8 7FE

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were/will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on 25th February 2026.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

..... *A Stephen*

Date 25/02/2026

Address: 5 Sandiacre Avenue
Stoke-on-Trent
ST65BX

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of the report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025, set out on pages 7 to 18. 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.

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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 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

S.N. Mountford

Name of independent examiner:

STEPHEN N. MOUNTFORD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner:

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate):

BRAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

29-31 MOORLAND RD, BURSLEM, STAFFS

Post Code:

ST6 1DS

Date:

29th May 2026

STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2024

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2023/24

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 9 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing God-given gifts; meeting the needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all this, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims of the organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local, or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship are open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work includes visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Total circuit income was £446,722. Assessments paid by churches in the circuit formed 58%, disposal proceeds of the Newchapel Methodist Church building, Newtown formed 34% and interest and other income formed 8%. Interest received increased significantly compared to last year. Assessment contributions by churches were in lined with Circuit Budget.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 297,554. Stipend costs were covered through the assessments from churches. 33% of the revenue expenditure part of the expenditure was the circuit's contribution and model trust levy paid to the Stoke Chester District, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost and other general outgoings.

Fund balances

The circuit's net current assets on 31 August 2024, excluding designated funds, was £419,213 giving over 4 months of cover for expenditure as per the circuit reserve policy.

Financial Plans for 2024/25

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full-time ordained staff, 1.5 lay pastors, and other paid lay- workers with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there was a budgeted increase of 5% on district assessment.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church,' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees. The district provided grants towards a training activity over the year.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is made up of the following churches:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit meeting, Circuit Leadership Team, and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure are being monitored in total and are compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of males and females in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in

Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and, therefore, to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance, and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is committed to providing support, advice, and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. Refer to the financial review section above.

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3 September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit Office): 5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, and membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Circuit Lay Workers

Mrs. Alison Price

Mrs. Glynis Cooper

Mr. Brian Tattersall

Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Circuit Secretary

Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Brian Barber

Mr. Derek Mack

Mr. Kenneth Burgess

Mr. David Greatbatch

Mr. Timothy Sproston

Administrator:

Mrs. Liz Thompson

Treasurer: Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner Name and address:
Beaumonts Chartered Accountants
29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.
Stoke on Trent. ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Current Accounts NatWest Bank
Charity Aid Foundation Bank
Co-operative Bank

Circuit Standard Form of Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Circuit No 11/18

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Income						
Donations and legacies					0	0
Income from monetary investments	4	4,276	9,222		13,498	6,927
Income from investment properties					0	0
Assessments on Churches	5	259,743			259,743	284,540
Capital Receipts	6		152,242		152,242	0
Grants received	7				0	212
Other charitable income	8	13,139	8,100		21,239	9,753
Total income		277,158	169,564	0	446,722	301,432
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	9				0	957
Salaries and associated costs	10	168,152			168,152	199,108
Property maintenance	11	8,143			8,143	9,419
Connexional assessment & model trust le	12		435		435	794
District Assessment & Levy	13	65,781	33,732		99,513	67,583
Depreciation					0	0
Office expenses	14	654			654	1,118
Other outgoings	15	20,657			0	20,657
Total charitable expenditure		263,387	34,167	0	297,554	416,396
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)		13,771	135,397	0	149,168	(114,964)
Transfers between funds	16	(6,593)	0		(6,593)	72,519
Other gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		7,178	135,397	0	142,575	(42,445)
Total funds brought forward		638,298	153,799	2,532	794,629	837,074
Total funds carried forward		645,476	289,196	2,532	937,204	794,629

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

Circuit No 11/18

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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2023/24 £	Totals 2022/23 £	
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	17	515,000			515,000	515,000	R
Investment properties					-	-	R
Investments					-	-	
Total fixed assets		515,000			515,000	515,000	
Current Assets							
Debtors	18	8,754			8,754	8,520	S
Loans by the Circuit					-	-	
Investments with TMCP	19		289,196		289,196	153,799	
Central Finance Board Deposits	20	124,115			124,115	59,473	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	29,555		2,532	32,087	82,211	
Total current assets		162,425	289,196	2,532	454,153	304,002	
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	31,949			31,949	24,373	U
Grants payable within 2023-24		-	-	-	-	-	V
Total current liabilities		31,949	-	-	31,949	24,373	
Net current assets/liabilities		130,476	289,196	2,532	422,204	279,629	
Total assets less current liabilities		645,476	289,196	2,532	937,204	794,629	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23					-	-	V
Loans to the Circuit					-	-	
Total long term liabilities							
Net assets		645,476	289,196	2,532	937,204	794,629	W
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		645,476			645,476	638,298	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			289,196		289,196	153,799	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,532	2,532	2,532	
Total Unrestricted Funds					937,204	794,629	
Restricted Funds					-	-	
Endowment Funds					-	-	
Total Funds		645,476	289,196	2,532	937,204	794,629	

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which is Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared based on historical cost, except those investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accrual basis, to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when there is a reduction in economic benefit. Provisions for expense are also recognised when the Circuit has a present legal or constructive obligation, and it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefit, which can be reliably measured.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of the agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £200. Circuit's share of the cost of a second-hand laptop for £109 was therefore not capitalised. The freehold manses are revalued at their estimated market value at the end of the year. No depreciation has been calculated on the land and building, as trustees consider any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment and trustees believe no impairment has occurred. Impairment of the manses is recognised when there are reasons to believe that their recoverable amounts are less than the carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value, less cost to sell, and the value in use of the manses.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the Charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year-end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Debtors were made up of prepayment expenses and accrued income. The prepaid expenses include one month's ministers' stipends paid in advance and any other prepaid expenses. There were no accrued income relates to contributions from churches and other associated organisations.

Creditors due under one year

These are recognised when there are present obligations for the circuit to transfer economic resources due of past events.

Note 4. Income from monetary investments

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Interest received from Central Finance Board	4,271			4,271	1,530
Interest received from CAF Bank	5			5	5
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 9411		7,180		7,180	3583
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 9411 - Comparatives adjustment		-		0	459
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 338		3		3	3
Interest received from Model Trust - Trust 16793		1,347		1,347	1,347
Interest on Pension refund		693		693	0
Total	4,276	9,222	0	13,498	6,927

Note 5. Assessments on Churches

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Gateway	14,185			14,185	13,138
Mount Pleasant	6,377			6,377	6,009
Oasis Community	23,363			23,363	35,753
Packmoor	6,654			6,654	6,272
Pottor's	23,077			23,077	23,783
Swan Bank	121,390			121,390	142,251
The Village	13,010			13,010	12,775
Wesley Hall	26,846			26,846	22,739
Whitehill	24,839			24,839	21,820
Total	259,743	0	0	259,743	284,540

Note 6. Capital Receipts

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Newchapel sales proceeds		152,242		152,242	0
Total	0	152,242	0	152,242	0

Note 7. Grants received

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Training Grant	-			-	212
Total	0	0	0	0	212

Note 8. Other charitable income

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Manse Rent Received - 19 Woodland grove	9,449			9,449	8,484
Newchapel Rent Received	0			0	1,209
Methodist Property Funds - Gateway	60			60	60
Due Diligence - DBS Application refund	38			38	0
Solicitors - Sales of Newchapel refund	3,267			3,267	0
Gateway Redundancy payment refund	326			326	0
Pension reserve donation returned	-	8,100		8,100	0
Total	13,139	8,100	0	21,239	9,753

Note 9. Grants and donations

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Donation	-			-	957
	-			-	957

Note 10a. Salaries and associated costs

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Minister's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipends of Presbyters	58,080			58,080	53,856
Employer's NI	5,959			5,959	5,466
Ministers Pension	15,624			15,624	14,487
Super's Allowance	2,904			2,904	2,693
Com in Ministry Allowance	388			388	352
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	309			309	286
Lay-worker's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Salaries	77,691			77,691	110,263
Employer's NI	3,621			3,621	5,516
Pension	2,613			2,613	5,062
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	964			964	1,126
Total	168,152	0	0	168,152	199,108

Note 10b.

No trustee was paid for their work as trustees or additional service offered to the Circuit.

Note 10c.

There Circuit incurred cost towards the remuneration and re-imbursed expenses to two trustees for their employment as ministers of the Circuit. The ministers were paid the minimum stipends and associated costs as prescribed by conference. The remuneration costs were paid by the Circuit through the connexion's payroll. There was no discretionary local allowance approved by the circuit meeting. All essential expenses incurred by ministers in the discharge of their responsibilities of their appointment were re-imbursed by the Circuit, (CPD of the Methodist Church Vol 2, Standing order 801 (1&2), 2021).

Rev Kathryn Stephens: Stipends £29,040 (2023: 26,928), Allowances £3,098 (2023: 2,869), Employer's NI £3,180 (2023: 2,923), Pension £7,812 (2023: 7,244) and Reimbursed expenses £2,485 (2023: 2,124).

Rev Ruth Jefferies: Stipends £29,040 (2023: 26,928), Allowances £194 (2023: 176), Employer's NI £2,779 (2023: 2,543), Pension £7,812 (2023: 7,244) and Reimbursed expenses £1,266 (2023: 1,360).

Note 11. Property maintenance

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Council Tax	4,084			4,084	4,410
Insurance	1,766			1,766	2,020
Water	1,074			1,074	1,258
Newchapel Electricity and Gas	364			364	1,008
Building Inspection Report (Quinquennial inspections)	-			-	-
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	174			174	142
Manse Maintenance	681			681	581
Total	8,143	-	-	8,143	9,419

Note 12. Connexional assessment & model trust levy

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
TMCP Administration Charge T9411		315		315	
TMCP Administration Charge T16793		120		120	
Total	-	435	-	435	794

Note 13. District Assessment & Levy

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
District Assessment	65,781			65,781	58,233
District levy		33,732		33,732	9,350
Total	65,781	33,732	-	99,513	67,583

Note 14. Office expenses

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£	£	£
Stationery, Copying and Postage	-			-	15
Photocopy Lease	114			114	563
Bank Charges	60			60	60
Independent Examiner's Fees	480			480	480
Total	654	-	-	654	1,118

Note 15. Other outgoings

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Staff expenses reimbursements	5,446			5,446	5,196
Rent - 32 Milehouse Lane	10,458			10,458	9,702
Preaching Expenses	192			192	381
Methodist Property Funds	60			60	60
Telephone	979			979	883
Training	-			-	635
DSB Application	-			-	38
Sundry Expenses/Previous Assessment Adjustment	-			-	523
HR Legal Guidance - Redundancy at Gateway	146			146	-
Solicitors - Sales of Newchapel	3,267			3,267	-
Half of 2nd hand laptop	109			109	-
Additional transfer to Oasis toward the Cost of Property on Lord Street	-			-	120,000
Total	20,657	-	-	20,657	137,418

Note 16. Transfer of Funds

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2023-24 £	Total 2022-23 £
Transfer from Newchapel TMCP to Circuit	-			-	42,059
Transfer from Newchapel Current Accounts to Circuit Current				-	30,460
Newchapel Children Funds AC to Circuit Current				-	3,461
Payment of Newchapel Children Funds to Packmoor				-	(3,461)
Grant to Wesley Hall	(3,000)			(3,000)	-
Grant to Gateway	(5,000)			(5,000)	-
Returned Grant from Gateway	1,407.00			1,407.00	-
Total	(6,593)	0	0	(6,593)	72,519

Note 17. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000

Circuit manses are 5 Sandiacre valued at £295,000 and 19 Woodland Grove valued at £220,000

Note 18. Debtors

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	£	£	£		£
Total Prepaid Expenses:					
Presbyters' Salaries and Associated Costs	7,002	-	-	7,002	6,876
Methodist Insurance	1,670	-	-	1,670	1,559
Manses Water Rates	32	-	-	32	38
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacare Manse	50	-	-	50	47
Total Accrued Income:					
Assessments on Churches	-	-	-	-	-
Total	8,754	0	0	8,754	8,520

Note 19a. Investments with TMCP

Trust 9411	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2023		110,510		110,510	236,491
Add Newchapel sales proceeds		152,242		152,242	-
Add Pension reserve refund		8,100		8,100	-
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		7,180		7,180	3,583
Add Comparative adjustment on interest from T9411		-		-	459
Interest on Pension refund (Note 4)		693		693	-
Less District levy (Note 13)		(33,733)		(33,733)	(9,350)
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 12)		(315)		(315)	(674)
Less Cost of Property on Lord Street - Oasis		-		-	(120,000)
Closing Balance - 31/08/2024	0	244,677	0	244,677	110,510

Trust 16793 - S of Land	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2023		43,181		43,181	41,954
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		1,347		1,347	1,347
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 12)		(120)		(120)	(120)
Closing Balance - 31/08/2024	-	44,408	-	44,408	43,181

Trust 338 - John Hamlett Legacy for poor	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2023		109		109	106
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		3		3	3
Closing Balance - 31/08/2024	-	111	-	111	109

Total Closing Balance - 31/08/2024	-	289,196	-	289,196	153,799
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Note 20. Central Finance Board Deposits

	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Central Finance Bank	124,115	-	-	124,115	59,473

Note 21. Cash at Bank and in hand

	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Natwest Bank	28,294			28,294	78,448
Cooperative Bank			2,532	2,532	2,532
Charity Aid Foundation	1,261			1,261	1,230
Total	29,555	-	2,532	32,087	82,211

Note 22. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

	Circuit Model			Total 2023-24	Total 2022-23
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses - Independent Examiner's Fees	480	-	-	480	960
Prepaid Income - Assessments on Churches	26,450	-	-	26,450	19,308
Property Funds liability	-	-	-	-	60
Cost of living Gift to Swan Bank Staff	500	-	-	500	500
Ministers and Lay-workers Expenses	4,519	-	-	4,519	3,454
Preaching Expenses	-			-	91
Total	31,949	-	-	31,949	24,373

23. Money received and passed on to External Organisations - Ref Note 22

	2023-24	2022-23
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	120	60
Balance carried forward	0	60

24. Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties and no common investment funds holdings.

25. Loans

The circuit has no loans payable and has not given out any loans

26. Analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2023-24 - refer to note 21

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	-	-	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	-	-	2,532	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2022 - 23

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	122,532	-	(120,000)	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *gfboateng⁴*

Date...20/02/2025.....

Name and address of the treasurer.

Frederick Sarpong Boateng

16 Geneva Way

Biddulph. ST8 7FE

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 25th February 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

..... *[Signature]*

Date *25/6/25*

Address:

*Ruth Jeffries
32 Milehouse Lane
ST5 9JT*

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of the report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 7 to 18. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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 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 *S.N. Mountford*

Name of independent examiner: *STEPHEN N. MOUNTFORD*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT*

Name of firm (where appropriate): *BEAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS*

Address: *29-31 MOORLAND RD, BURBLEM STAFFS*

..... Post Code: *ST6 1DS*

Date: *6th June 2025*

STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2022/23

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 10 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing God-given gifts; meeting the needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all this, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims of the organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local, or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship are open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work includes visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income of £300,973 was primarily received from assessments paid by the circuit churches and contributions but associated organisation towards their staff remuneration cost. Interest received increased significantly compared to last year. Most income received was in line with budgeted Income.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 416,396. Stipend costs were mainly covered through the assessments from churches. £120,000 of the expenditure was for a building on Lord's Street – Biddulph as a replacement of the Park View Church, Biddulph. 22.8% of the revenue expenditure part of the expenditure was the Circuit's contribution to the Stoke Chester District, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost and training cost for the year.

Fund balances

The Circuit's net current assets on 31 August 2023, excluding designated funds, were £276,639 giving over 4 months of cover for expenditure.

Financial Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full-time ordained staff, 1.5 lay pastors, and other paid lay- workers with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there was a budgeted increase of 12.13% on district assessment.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church,' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees. The district provided grants towards a training activity over the year.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is made up of the following churches:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit meeting, Circuit Leadership Team, and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure are being monitored in total and are compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of males and females in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in

Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and, therefore, to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance, and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is committed to providing support, advice, and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. Refer to the financial review section above.

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3 September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit Office): 5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, and membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Circuit Lay Workers Mrs. Amy Wyatt

Mrs. Alison Price

Mr. Sam Taylor

Mrs. Glynis Cooper

Mr. Brian Tattersall

Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Circuit Secretary Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards Mr. Brian Barber

Mr. Derek Mack

Mr. Kenneth Burgess

Mr. David Greatbatch

Mr. Timothy Sproston

Administrator: Mrs. Alison Lynley

Treasurer: Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner Name and address:
Beaumonts Chartered Accountants
29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.
Stoke on Trent. ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Circuit Standard Form of Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Circuit No 11/18

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income						
Donations and legacies					0	0
Income from monetary investments	4	1,535	4,933		6,468	970
Income from investment properties					0	0
Assessments on Churches	5	284,540			284,540	311,601
Capital Receipts	6				0	137,168
Grants received	7	212			212	1,640
Other charitable income	8	9,753			9,753	9,243
Total income		296,040	4,933	0	300,973	460,622
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	9	957			957	8,424
Salaries and associated costs	10	199,108			199,108	241,282
Property maintenance	11	9,419			9,419	9,826
Connexional assessment & model trust levy	12		794		794	493
District Assessment & Levy	13	58,233	9,350		67,583	63,686
Depreciation					0	0
Office expenses	14	1,118			1,118	2,223
Other outgoings	15	17,418		120,000	137,418	21,233
Total charitable expenditure		286,253	10,143	120,000	416,396	347,167
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)		9,787	(5,210)	(120,000)	(115,423)	113,455
Transfers between funds	16	30,460	42,059		72,519	(20,168)
Other gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		40,247	36,849	(120,000)	(42,904)	93,287
Total funds brought forward		598,051	116,491	122,532	837,074	743,787
Total funds carried forward		638,298	153,340	2,532	794,170	837,074

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Circuit No 11/18

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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £	
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	17	515,000			515,000	515,000	R
Investment properties					-	-	R
Investments					-	-	
Total fixed assets		515,000	-	-	515,000	515,000	
Current Assets							
Debtors	18	8,520			8,520	8,138	S
Loans by the Circuit					-	-	
Investments with TMCP	19		153,340		153,340	236,491	
Central Finance Board Deposits	20	59,473			59,473	53,034	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	79,679		2,532	82,211	31,323	
Total current assets		147,672	153,340	2,532	303,544	328,986	
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	24,373			24,373	6,913	U
Grants payable within 2022-23					-	-	V
Total current liabilities		24,373	-	-	24,373	6,913	
Net current assets/liabilities		123,299	153,340	2,532	279,171	322,073	
Total assets less current liabilities		638,299	153,340	2,532	794,171	837,073	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23					-	-	V
Loans to the Circuit					-	-	
Total long term liabilities							
Net assets		638,299	153,340	2,532	794,171	837,073	W
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		638,298			638,298	598,050	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			153,340		153,340	116,491	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,532	2,532	122,532	
Total Unrestricted Funds					794,170	837,073	
Restricted Funds					-	-	
Endowment Funds					-	-	
Total Funds		638,298	153,340	2,532	794,170	837,073	

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which is Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared based on historical cost, except those investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accrual basis, to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when there is a reduction in economic benefit. Provisions for expense are also recognised when the Circuit has a present legal or constructive obligation, and it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefit, which can be reliably measured.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of the agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £200. The freehold manses are revalued at their estimated market value at the end of the year. No depreciation has been calculated on the land and building, as trustees consider any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment and trustees believe no impairment has occurred. Impairment of the manses is recognised when there are reasons to believe that their recoverable amounts are less than the carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value, less cost to sell, and the value in use of the manses.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the Charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year-end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Debtors were made up of prepayment expenses and accrued income. The prepaid expenses include one month's ministers' stipends paid in advance and any other prepaid expenses. The accrued income relates to accrued contributions due from churches and other associated organisations.

Creditors due under one year

These are recognised when there are present obligations for the circuit to transfer economic resources as a result of past events.

Note 4. Income from monetary investments

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Interest received from Central Finance Board	1,530			1,530	95
Interest received from CAF Bank	5			5	-
Interest received from Model Trust		4,933		4,933	875
Total	1,535	4,933	0	6,468	970

Note 5. Assessments on Churches

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Gateway	13,138			13,138	12,074
Mount Pleasant	6,009			6,009	5,599
Newchapel	-			-	3,857
Oasis Community	35,753			35,753	45,541
Packmoor	6,272			6,272	6,041
Pottor's	23,783			23,783	23,399
Swan Bank	142,251			142,251	161,350
The Village	12,775			12,775	10,822
Wesley Hall	22,739			22,739	20,259
Whitehill	21,820			21,820	21,224
ECG	-			-	1,435
Total	284,540	0	0	284,540	311,601

Note 6. Capital Receipts

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Sales Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church	-	-	-	-	137,168
Total	0	0	0	0	137,168

Note 7. Grants received

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Training Grant	212			212	-
Furlough Grant from HMRC	-			-	1,640
Total	212	0	0	212	1,640

Note 8. Other charitable income

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Manse Rent Received - 19 Woodland grove	8,484			8,484	8,808
Newchapel Rent Received	1,209			1,209	0
Methodist Property Funds - Gateway	60			60	60
Insurance Claim	-			-	375
	9,753	0	0	9,753	9,243

Note 9. Grants and donations

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Connexion Pension Reserve Donation	-			-	8,100
Donation	957			957	324
	957			957	8,424

Note 10a. Salaries and associated costs

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Minister's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipends of Presbyters	53,856			53,856	51,648
Employer's NI	5,466			5,466	5,218
Ministers Pension	14,487			14,487	13,893
Super's Allowance	2,693			2,693	2,582
Com in Ministry Allowance	352			352	342
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	286			286	274
Lay-worker's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Salaries	110,263			110,263	150,795
Employer's NI	5,516			5,516	8,078
Pension	5,062			5,062	7,122
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	1,126			1,126	1,330
Total	199,108	0	0	199,108	241,282

Note 10b.

No trustee was paid for their work as trustees or additional service offered to the Circuit.

Note 10c.

There Circuit incurred cost towards the remuneration and re-imbursed expenses to two trustees for their employment as ministers of the Circuit. The ministers were paid the minimum stipends and associated costs as prescribed by conference. The remuneration costs were paid by the Circuit through the connexion's payroll. There was no discretionary local allowance approved by the circuit meeting. All essential expenses incurred by ministers in the discharge of their responsibilities of their appointment were re-imbursed by the Circuit, (CPD of the Methodist Church Vol 2, Standing order 801 (1&2), 2021).

Rev Kathryn Stephens: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 25,824), Allowances £2,869 (2022: 2,753), Employer's NI £2,923 (2022: 2,792), Pension £7,244 (2022: 6,945) and Reimbursed expenses £2,124 (2022: 2,145).

Rev Ruth Jefferies: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 25,824), Allowances £176 (2022: 171), Employer's NI £2,543 (2022: 2,425), Pension £7,244 (2022: 6,945) and Reimbursed expenses £1,360 (2022: 1,682).

Pastor Sam Taylor: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 24,301), Employer's NI £1,371.16 (2022: 2,197.87), Pension £869.49 (2022: 1,458.24)

Note 11. Property maintenance

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Council Tax	4,410			4,410	4,261
Insurance	2,020			2,020	1,892
Water	1,258			1,258	730
Newchapel Electricity and Gas	1,008			1,008	-
Building Inspection Report (Quinquennial inspections)	-			-	1,425
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	142			142	136
Manse Maintenance	581			581	1,382
Total	9,419	-	-	9,419	9,826

Note 12. Connexional assessment & model trust levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
TMCP Administration Charge	-	794	-	794	493

Note 13. District Assessment & Levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
District Assessment	58,233			58,233	57,544
District levy		9,350		9,350	6,142
Total	58,233	9,350	-	67,583	63,686

Note 14. Office expenses

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Stationery, Copying and Postage	15			15	1,079
Methodist Handbook	-			-	-
Photocopy Lease	563			563	563
Bank Charges	60			60	101
Independent Examiner's Fees	480			480	480
Total	1,118	-	-	1,118	2,223

Note 15. Other outgoings

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Staff expenses reimbursements	5,196			5,196	6,190
Furlough Reimbursement to Churches				-	1,640
Rent - 32 Milehouse Lane	9,702			9,702	9,000
Preaching Expenses	381			381	196
Methodist Property Funds	60			60	60
Telephone	883			883	935
Training	635			635	25
DSB Application	38			38	-
Sales of Manse Expenses charge by District	-			-	2,550
Sundry Expenses/Previous Assessment Adjustment	523			523	637
Total	17,418	-	-	17,418	21,233

Note 16. Transfer of Funds

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Transfer from Newchapel TMCP to Circuit	-	42,059		42,059	
Transfer from Newchapel Current Accounts to Circuit Current	30,461			30,461	-
Newchapel Children Funds AC to Circuit Current	3,461			3,461	(17,168)
Payment of Newchapel Children Funds to Packmoor	(3,461)			(3,461)	(3,000)
Total	30,461	42,059	-	72,520	(20,168)

Note 17. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000

Circuit manses are 5 Sandiacre valued at £295,000 and 19 Woodland Grove valued at £220,000

Note 18. Debtors

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£		£
Total Prepaid Expenses:					
Presbyters' Salaries and Associated Costs	6,876	-	-	6,876	6,401
Methodist Insurance	1,559	-	-	1,559	0
Manses Water Rates	38	-	-	38	59
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacare Manse	47	-	-	47	48
Total Accrued Income:					
Assessments on Churches	-	-	-	-	1,630
Total	8,520	0	0	8,520	8,138

Note 19a. Investments with TMCP

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 9411	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		236,491		236,491		172,851
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		3,583		3,583		875
Add Property Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church (Note 6)		-		-		137,168
Less Transfer to CFB for Ministry (Note 17)		-		-		(42,500)
Less Transfer between funds - Transfer to Oasis fro replacement project (Note 17)		-		-		(17,168)
Less District levy (Note 14)		9,350		9,350		(6,142)
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		674		674		(493)
Less Pension reserve payment/Donation (Note 9)				-		(8,100)
Less Cost of Property on Lord Street - Oasis		(120,000)		(120,000)		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023		110,051	-	110,051		236,491

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 16793 - S of Land	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		41,954		41,954		-
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		1,347		1,347		-
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		120		120		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	43,181	-	43,181		-

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 338 - John Hamlett Legacy for poor	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		106		106		-
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		3		3		-
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		-		-		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	109	-	109		-
Total Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	153,340	-	153,340		236,491

Note 20. Central Finance Board Deposits

	General	Circuit Model		Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	(Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£		£
Central Finance Bank	59,473	-	-	59,473	53,034

Note 21. Cash at Bank and in hand

	General	Circuit Model		Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	(Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Natwest Bank	78,448			78,448	26,951
Cooperative Bank			2,532	2,532	2,532
Charity Aid Foundation	1,230			1,230	1,840
Total	79,679	-	2,532	82,211	31,323

Note 22. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

	General	Circuit Model		Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	(Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses - Independent Examiner's Fees	960	-	-	960	480
Prepaid Income - Assessments on Churches	19,308	-	-	19,308	6,373
Property Funds liability	60	-	-	60	60
Cost of living Gift to Swan Bank Staff	500	-	-	500	-
Ministers and Lay-workers Expenses	3,830	-	-	3,830	-
Preaching Expenses	91			-	-
Total	24,750	-	-	24,658	6,913

23. Money received and passed on to External Organisations - Ref Note 22

	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	60	60
Balance carried forward	60	60

24. Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties and no common investment funds holdings.

25. Loans

The circuit has no loans payable and has not given out any loans

26. Analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2022 - 23

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	122,532	-	(120,000)	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2021 - 22

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *gfsboateng⁴*

Date... 15/11/2023.....

Name and address of the treasurer

Frederick Sarpong Boateng

16 Geneva Way

Biddulph. ST8 7FE

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Date

Address:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of the report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 7 to 18. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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.

Signature of independent examiner C. N. Mountford

Name of independent examiner: S. N. MOUNTFORD

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

Name of firm (where appropriate): BEAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

Address: 29-31 MOORLAND RD, BURSLEM STAFFS

ST6 1DS Post Code:

Date: 3rd JUNE 2024

STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2022

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2021/22

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 10 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing God-given gifts; meeting the needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all this, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims of the organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local, or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship are open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work includes visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income of £460,622 was primarily received from assessments paid by the circuit churches and contributions but associated organisation towards their staff remuneration cost. 30% of the income was from the sales of a church – Biddulph Park Methodist Church. All the income from the sales of the church has been designated toward the purchase of a place of worship. Most income received was in line with Budgeted Income.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 347,167 Stipend costs were mainly covered through assessments from churches and associated organisations. 18.34% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the Stoke Chester District, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost and training cost for the year.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022, the Circuit's net current assets, excluding designated funds, were £199,541, giving approximately 4 months of cover for expenditure.

Financial Plans for 2022/2023

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full-time ordained staff, 3.4 lay pastors, and other paid lay- workers with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there is a budgeted increase of 1.20% on district assessment which led to an average of 5.90% increase in church assessments.

Post Balance sheet event

Newchapel Methodist church, one of the churches which formed the circuit was closed on the 5th of September 2022 by the Circuit Meeting. This is because the church had less than 12 members and attempts to find a way of working with its closest Methodist church in the circuit had failed. This will not have any significant affect the going concern of the circuit.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church,' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is made up of the following churches:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Newchapel Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Other organisations linked to the Circuit:

Number 11

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit meeting, Circuit Leadership Team, and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure are being monitored in total and are compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of males and females in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and, therefore, to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance, and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is committed to providing support, advice, and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manse and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. Refer to the financial review section

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3 September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit Office): 5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, and membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

 Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Circuit Lay Workers Mrs. Amy Wyatt

 Mrs. Alison Price

 Mr. Sam Taylor

 Mrs. Glynis Cooper

 Mr. Brian Tattersall

 Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Circuit Secretary

Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards

Mr. Brian Barber

Mr. Derek Mack

Mr. Kenneth Burgess

Mr. David Greatbatch

Mr. Timothy Sproston

Administrator:

Mrs. Alison Lynley

Treasurer:

Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner

Name and address:

Beaumonts Chartered Accountants

29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.

Stoke on Trent. ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Circuit Standard Form of Accounts and Notes

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Circuit No 11/18

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2022

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Income								
1 Donations and legacies		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from monetary								
2 investments	4	95	875	-	-	-	970	271
Income from investment								
3 properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4 Assessments on Churches	5	311,601	-	-	-	-	311,601	369,845
5 Capital Receipts	6	-	-	137,168	-	-	137,168	-
6 Grants received	7	1,640	-	-	-	-	1,640	18,635
7 Other charitable income	8	9,243	-	-	-	-	9,243	164,370
8 Total income		322,579	875	137,168	-	-	460,622	553,121
Expenditure								
9 Grants and donations	9	-	8,100	-	-	-	8,100	-
10 Salaries and associated costs	10a	241,282	-	-	-	-	241,282	297,447
11 Property maintenance	11	9,826	-	-	-	-	9,826	12,072
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy	12	-	493	-	-	-	493	145
13 District Assessment & Levy	13	57,544	6,142	-	-	-	63,686	103,288
14 Depreciation		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 Office expenses	14	2,223	-	-	-	-	2,223	1,184
16 Other outgoings	15	21,557	-	-	-	-	21,557	25,731
17 Total charitable expenditure		332,432	14,735	-	-	-	347,167	439,867
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 Net income/(expenditure)		(9,853)	(13,860)	137,168	-	-	113,455	113,255
21 Transfers between funds	16	39,500	(42,500)	(17,168)			(20,168)	(175,000)
22 Other gains/(losses)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23 Net movement in funds		29,647	(56,360)	120,000	-	-	93,287	(61,745)
24 Total funds brought forward		568,404	172,851	2,532			743,787	805,532
25 Total funds carried forward		598,051	116,491	122,532	-	-	837,074	743,787

**Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2022**

Circuit No: 11/18

	Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Totals 2021/22 £	Totals 2020/21 £
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	17	515,000	-	-	-	-	515,000	515,000
Investment properties		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		515,000	-	-	-	-	515,000	515,000
Current Assets								
Debtors	18	8,138	-	-	-	-	8,138	8,699
Loans by the Circuit		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments with TMCP	19	-	116,491	120,000	-	-	236,491	172,851
Central Finance Board Deposits	20	53,034	-	-	-	-	53,034	29,347
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	28,791	-	2,532	-	-	31,323	24,888
Total current assets		89,963	116,491	122,532	-	-	328,986	231,786
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	6,913	-	-	-	-	6,913	6,999
Total current liabilities		6,913	-	-	-	-	6,913	6,999
Net current assets/liabilities		83,050	116,491	122,532	-	-	322,073	228,787
Total assets less current liabilities		598,050	116,491	122,532	-	-	837,073	743,787
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2021-22		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Loans to the Circuit	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net assets		598,050	116,491	122,532	-	-	837,073	743,787
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		598,050	-	-	-	-	598,050	568,404
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		-	116,491	-	-	-	116,491	172,851
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	28	-	-	122,532	-	-	122,532	2,532
Total Unrestricted Funds							837,073	743,787
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funds		598,050	116,491	122,532	-	-	837,073	743,787

Signed

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FREDERICK SARPONG-BOATENG

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102) and taking note of the Update Bulletin 1 issued in 2016.

2 Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit, which is Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds are held for a narrower purpose. There are no Endowment funds. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3 Accounting policies

Basis

These accounts have been prepared based on historical cost, except those investments are shown at their market value at the end of the year, on the accrual basis, to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities.

Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when there is a reduction in economic benefit. Provisions for expense are also recognised when the Circuit has a present legal or constructive obligation, and it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefit, which can be reliably measured.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of the agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500. The freehold manses are revalued at their estimated market value at the end of the year. No depreciation has been calculated on the land and building, as trustees consider any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment and trustees believe no impairment has occurred. Impairment of the manses is recognised when there are reasons to believe that their recoverable amounts are less than the carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value, less cost to sell, and the value in use of the manses.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the Charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year-end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Debtors were made up of prepayment expenses and accrued income. The prepaid expenses include one month's ministers' stipends paid in advance and any other prepaid expenses. The accrued income relates to accrued contributions due from churches and other associated organisations.

Creditors due under one year

These are recognised when there are present obligations for the circuit to transfer economic resources as a result of past events.

Note 4. Income from monetary investments

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Interest received from Central Finance Board	95			95	35
Interest received from Model Trust		875		875	236
Total	95	875	0	970	271

Note 5. Assessments on Churches

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020- 21 £
Gateway	12,074			12,074	9,693
Mount Pleasant	5,599			5,599	5,133
Newchapel	3,857			3,857	3,216
Oasis Community	45,541			45,541	43,112
Packmoor	6,041			6,041	5,944
Pottor's	23,399			23,399	34,434
Swan Bank	161,350			161,350	144,111
The Village	10,822			10,822	4,854
Wesley Hall	20,259			20,259	15,069
Whitehill	21,224			21,224	21,557
ECG	1,435			1,435	7,350
Number 11	-			-	53,253
District Contribution towards staff cost	-			-	22,120
Total	311,601	0	0	311,601	369,845

Note 6. Capital Receipts

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020- 21 £
Sales Proceeds - 172 Birches Heads Rd Manse			-	-	162,173
Sales Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church			137,168	137,168	-
Total	0	0	137,168	137,168	162,173

Note 7. Grants received

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Furlough Grant from HMRC	1,640			1,640	18,635

Note 8. Other charitable income

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Manse Rent Received - 19 Woodland grove	8,808			8,808	5,705
Methodist Property Funds - Gateway	60			60	-
Insurance Claim	375			375	1,408
	9,243	0	0	9,243	7,113

Note 9. Grants and donations

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Connexion Pension Reserve Donation		8,100		8,100	0

Note 10a. Salaries and associated costs

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Minister's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipends of Presbyters	51,648			51,648	51,048
Employer's NI	5,218			5,218	5,697
Ministers Pension	13,893			13,893	13,049
Super's Allowance	2,582			2,582	2,552
Com in Ministry Allowance	342			342	338
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	274			274	314
Lay-worker's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipend/Salaries	150,795			150,795	201,357
Employer's NI	8,078			8,078	12,423
Pension	7,122			7,122	8,626
Contribution to Statutory Maternity Leave	0			-	299
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	1,330			1,330	1,744
Total	241,282	0	0	241,282	297,447

The average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year

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Note 10b. Payments to Trustees

Trustees paid for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting.

	2021-22	2020-21
Number of Trustees paid	0	0
Total amount	£0.00	£0.00

Salaries and associated costs as per note 10 and staff expenses reimbursements as per note 16 include payments to 6 trustees who are employed by the circuit

Note 11. Property maintenance

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Council Tax	4,261			4,261	4,539
Insurance	1,892			1,892	2,134
Water	730			730	1,009
Building Inspection Report (Quinquennial inspections)	1,425			1,425	0
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	136			136	106
Manse Maintenance	1,382			1,382	9,202
Total	9,826	-	-	9,826	16,989

Note 12. Connexional assessment & model trust levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
TMCP Administration Charge	-	493	-	493	145

Note 13. District Assessment & Levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
District Assessment	57,544			57,544	56,612
District levy		6,142		6,142	46,676
Total	57,544	6,142	-	63,686	103,288

Note 14. Office expenses

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Stationery, Copying and Postage	1,079			1,079	-
Methodist Handbook	-			-	118
Photocopy Lease	563			563	563
Bank Charges	101			101	23
Independent Examiner's Fees	480			480	480
Total	2,223	-	-	2,223	1,184

Note 15. Other outgoings

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Total 2020-21 £
Staff expenses reimbursements	6,190			6,190	5,842
Furlough Reimbursement to Churches	1,640			1,640	18,635
Rent - 32 Milehouse Lane	9,000			9,000	-
Preaching Expenses	196			196	-
Methodist Property Funds	60			60	-
Telephone	935			935	1,075
Training	25			25	-
DSB Application	-			-	120
Sales of Manse Expenses charge by District	2,550			2,550	-
Donations	324			324	-
Sundry Expenses	637			637	59
Total	21,557	-	-	21,557	25,731

Note 16. Transfer of Funds

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
Transfer from TMCP to CFB	59,668	(42,500)	(17,168)	-	(175,000)
Transfer to Oasis for replacement project	(17,168)	-	-	(17,168)	-
Grant to Wesley Hall	(3,000)	-	-	(3,000)	-
Total	39,500	42,500	17,168	(20,168)	175,000

Note 17. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000

Circuit manses are 5 Sandiacre valued at £295,000 and 19 Woodland Grove valued at £220,000

Note 18. Debtors

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	£	£	£	£	£
Total Prepaid Expenses:					
Presbyters' Salaries and Associated Costs	6,401	-	-	6,401	6,097
Methodist Insurance	0	-	-	0	1,892
Manses Water Rates	59	-	-	59	69
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacare Manse	48	-	-	48	39
Total Accrued Income:					
Assessments on Churches	1,630	-	-	1,630	602
Total	8,138	-	-	8,138	8,699

Note 19. Investments with TMCP

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model		Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2021	-	172,851	-	172,851	72,263
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)	-	875	-	875	236
Add Property Proceeds - 172 Birches Heads Rd Manse	-	-	-	-	162,173
Add Property Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church (Note 17)	-	-	137,168	137,168	-
Less Transfer to CFB for Ministry (Note 17)	-	42,500	-	(42,500)	(15,000)
Less Transfer between funds - Transfer to Oasis fro replacement project (Note 17)	-	-	(17,168)	(17,168)	-
Less District levy (Note 14)	-	6,142	-	(6,142)	(1,807)
CPF Levy Taken due to Sales of manse	-	-	-	-	(44,869)
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)	-	493	-	(493)	(145)
Less Pension reserve payment/Donation (Note 9)	-	(8,100)	-	(8,100)	-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2022	-	116,491	120,000	236,491	172,851

Note 20. Central Finance Board Deposits

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model		Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Bank	53,034	-	-	53,034	29,347

Note 21. Cash at Bank and in hand

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model		Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
		Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Natwest Bank	26,951	-	-	26,951	21,356
Cooperative Bank	-	-	2,532	2,532	2,532
Charity Aid Foundation	1,840	-	-	1,840	1,000
Total	28,791	-	2,532	31,323	24,888

Note 22. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

	Circuit Model			Total 2021-22	Total 2020-21
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)		
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses - Independent Examiner's Fees	480	-	-	480	480
Prepaid Income - Assessments on Churches	6,373	-	-	6,373	6,459
Property Funds liability	60	-	-	60	60
Total	6,913	-	-	6,913	6,999

Note 23. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

The Circuit is in the processing of buying Lord Street property to replace the Biddulph Park Church building sold.

No Contingent liabilities were identified by the circuit on 31 August 2022.

Note 24. Transfer to Oasis for Biddulph Park Church replacement project - refer note 16

	£
Amount transfer from Circuit to Oasis	17,168
Biddulph Park Church Sale:	
Floorplan for sale brochure	50
Architect details for B.P. Church	960
Lord Street Purchase:	
Search charges	852
Asbestos survey	300
Electrical survey	98
Electrical equipment	2,315
Total spent	4,575
Balance at 31 August 2022	12,593

25. Money received and passed on to External Organisations - Ref Note 22

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	60	0
Offerings/Gifts - received from External Organisations	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	60	0
Balance carried forward	60	60

26. Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties and no common investment funds holdings.

27. Loans

The circuit has no loans payable and has not given out any loans

28. Analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2021 - 22

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2020 - 21

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	-	-	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	-	-	2,532	

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 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 *gfsboateng*

Date...12/11/2022.....

Name and address of the treasurer

Frederick Sarpong Boateng

16 Geneva Way

Biddulph. ST8 7FE

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were ~~will be~~ presented to the Circuit meeting held on8 Feb 2023.....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

..... *rf*

Date ...17.04.23.....

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

32 Milehouse Lane

Newcastle. ST5 9JT

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of the report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022, set out on pages 7 to 18. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts

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 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: *S.N. Mountford*

Name of independent examiner: *STEPHEN N MOUNTFORD*

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner: *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT (ICAEW)*

Name of firm (where appropriate): *BEAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS*

Address: *25-31 MOORLAND ROAD BURSLEM STAFFS*

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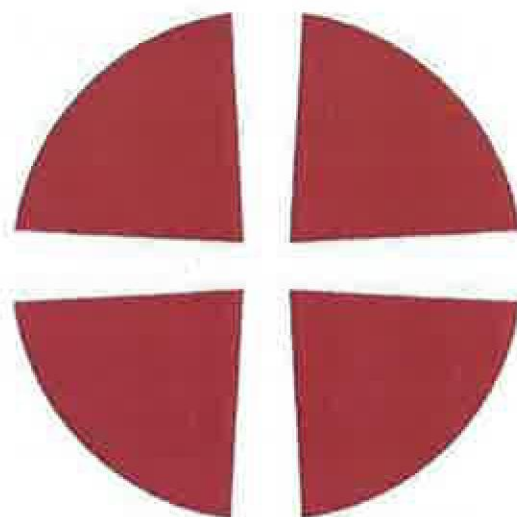
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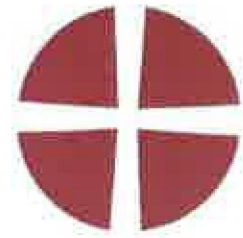
STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual Report 2020-2021





Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2020/21

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 10 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing of God-given gifts; meeting needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all of this we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income of £553,121 was primarily received from assessment paid by the circuit churches and contribution but associated organisation towards their staff remuneration cost. Most income received were in line with Budgeted Income, however, there a few outstanding incomes owed to the circuit.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 439,867. Stipend costs were mainly covered through assessments from churches and associated organisations. 23% of expenditure is the Circuit contribution to the District and Connexion, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church.

The other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost and training cost for the year.

Fund balances

As at 31st August 2021 the net current assets of the Circuit were £235,786, giving approximately 4 months cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021/2022

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full time ordained staff, 4.5 lay pastors and other paid lay- workers with anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there is a budgeted increase of by 1.64% on district assessment leading to an average of 6.04% increase in circuit churches assessments.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as induction to their role as trustees.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The following Methodist Churches are linked to the circuit:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist church

Newchapel Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Other organisations linked to the Circuit:

Burslem Bookroom

Burslem Coffee Lounge

Number 11

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit Finance and Property Committee with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3rd September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit office):

5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of circuit office holders, ministers and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

 Rev. Peter Hancock

Circuit Lay Workers Mrs. Amy Wyatt

 Mrs. Alison Price

 Mr Sam Taylor

 Mrs. Glynis Cooper

 Mr. Brian Tattersall

 Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Circuit Secretary

Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards

Mr Brian Barber

Mr Derek Mack

Mr Kenneth Burgess

Mr David Greatbatch

Mr Timothy Sproston

Administrator:

Mrs. Alison Lynley

Treasurer:

Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner

Name and address

Beaumonts Chartered Accountants

29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.

Stoke on Trent.ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers

Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Standard Form of Account

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit						Circuit No:	11/18
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021							
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Total 2020-21	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Income							
1 Donations and legacies	0	0					0
2 Income from monetary investments	35	236					271
3 Income from investment properties							0
4 Assessments on Churches	369,845						369,845
5 Capital Receipts							0
6 Grants received	18,635						18,635
7 Other charitable income	2,197	162,173					164,370
8 Total income	390,712	162,409	-	-	-		553,121
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations							0
10 Salaries and associated costs	297,447	-					297,447
11 Property maintenance	12,072	-					12,072
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy		145					145
13 District Assessment & Levy	56,612	46,676					103,288
14 Depreciation							0
15 Office expenses	1,184	-					1,184
16 Other outgoings	25,731	-					25,731
17 Total charitable expenditure	393,046	46,820	0	0	0		439,867
18 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments							0
19 Gains/(losses) on investment properties							
20 Net income/(expenditure)	(2,334)	115,589	0	0	0		113,255
21 Transfers between funds	(160,000)	(15,000)					(175,000)
22 Other gains/(losses)							
23 Net movement in funds	(162,334)	100,589	0	0	0		(61,745)
24 Total funds brought forward	730,737	72,263		2,532			805,532
25 Total funds carried forward	568,404	172,851	0	2,532	0		743,787

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2020/21	Totals 2019/20	GN
Fixed Assets								
Circuit Manses & Equipment	9	515,000				515,000	690,000	R
Investment properties		0				0		R
Investments		0				0		
Total fixed assets		515,000	0	0	0	515,000	690,000	
Current Assets								
Debtors		8,699				8,699	23,470	S
Loans by the Circuit		0				0	0	
Investments with TMCP			172,851			172,851	72,263	T
Central Finance Board Deposits		29,347				29,347	29,728	
Cash at Bank and in hand		22,357	2,532			24,888	25,656	
Total current assets		60,403	172,851	2,532	0	235,786	151,117	
Current liabilities								
Creditors (due in under 1 year)		6,999				6,999	35,585	U
Grants payable within 2020-21		0				0		V
Total current liabilities		6,999	0	0	0	6,999	35,585	
Net current assets/liabilities		53,404	172,851	2,532	0	228,787	115,532	
Total assets less current liabilities		568,404	172,851	2,532	0	743,787	805,532	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)								
Grants payable after 2020-21						0		V
Loans to the Circuit						0		
Net assets		568,404	172,851	2,532	0	743,787	805,532	W
Funds of the Circuit								
General Fund (Unrestricted)		568,404				568,404	730,737	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			172,851			172,851	72,263	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			2,532			2,532	2,532	
Total Unrestricted Funds						743,787	805,532	
Restricted Funds				0		0		
Endowment Funds					0	0		
Total Funds		568,404	172,851	2,532	0	743,787	805,532	

Signed

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FREDERICK SARPONG-BOATENG

Circuit Treasurer

Notes to the Accounts

1 Basis of accounting

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Basis

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Incoming Resources

Income is included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources; and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

This is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises, that results in the payment being unavoidable. Liabilities are recognised as soon as an outflow of economic benefit is considered more likely than not under the legal or constructive obligation committing the Circuit to pay out resources.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £500.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at August 2021 deemed values, of which the land component is deemed to be £40,000. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the manse buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year- end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors and Prepayments

The Prepaid expenses include one month minister stipends paid in advance, manses council tax and water charges paid in advance.

Creditors, Accrued Expenses and Prepaid Income

Accrued expenses include lay workers' salaries and associated costs for August, a minister's expenses for the last quarter and expenses on one of the manses for the last quarter.

The prepaid income includes some churches monthly assessments paid in advance and furlough grant owed to some churches for August.

4 Payment to Trustees

There were no payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit Meeting, this excludes stipends.

Trustee expenses

	2020/21	2019/20
Number of Trustees	0	0
Total amount	£0	£0

Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	2020/21 £	2019/20 £
Auditors' fees for reporting on the accounts	0	0
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor	480	480

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

Employer's National Insurance costs

Pension costs

Total staff costs

	2020/21	2019/20
£	212,896.22	331,883.15
£	18,119.45	37,423.23
£	21,674.85	24,564.44
£	252,690.52	393,870.82

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

15

18

7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st of August 2021 there are no capital commitments.
No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2021.

8 For information only Money received and passed on to External Organisations

	2020/21	2019/20
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year		
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	0	0
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0

9 Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Land £	Manses £	Other building s £	Fixtures, fittings and equipme nt £	Payments on account and assets under constructio n £	Total £
Balance brought forward	55,000	635,000	0	0	0	690,000
Additions	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations (+/-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals (-)	15,000	160,000	0	0	0	175,000
Transfers * (+/-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward	40,000	475,000	0	0	0	515,000

Accumulated depreciation

Balance brought forward	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation charge for year (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Revaluations (+/-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Disposals (-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers* (+/-)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

Brought forward	55,000	635,000	0	0	0	690,000
Carried forward	40,000	475,000	0	0	0	515,000

The Circuit Meeting sold one of the manses within the next financial year (72 Birches Head).

10 Investment assets

The circuit has no Investment properties

The circuit has no common investment fund holdings

11 Loans

The Circuit currently has no loans

12 Analysis of restricted and designated funds

2020 - 21

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	0	0	0		0	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource centre	2,532				2,532	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	2,532				2,532	

****Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds 2019/20

Restricted Fund Name	Opening Balance	Incoming Resources	Resources Expended	Transfers	Closing Balance	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	0	0	0		0	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	0	0	0		0	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resource Fund	2,532	0	0		2,532	Fund designated for the maintenance of the centre.
Totals	2,532	0	0		2,532	

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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..... 01/04/2022

Name and address of treasurer

Frederick Sarpong Boateng
16 Geneva Way
Biddulph. ST8 7FE

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be presented to the Circuit meeting held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting
..... 

Date..... 16/06/2022

Rev. Kathryn Stephen
5 Sandiacre Avenue
Stoke on Trent. ST6 5BX

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the **Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit** for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 7 to 8

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.

Name of Circuit ...**Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit** No ...11/18....

Independent Examiner's Statement

[The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of (*insert name of applicable listed body*)]. Delete [] if not applicable.
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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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts*
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts *Delete if not applicable ie all R&P accounts.*

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**STEPHEN MOUNTFORD**.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner**ACA**.....

Name of firm (where appropriate)**BEAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS**.....

Address **29-31 MOORLAND ROAD**.....

STOKE ON TRENT..... Post Code **ST6 1DS**

Date **27/06/2022**.....

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September 2021

STOKE ON TRENT MISSION CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1185146

Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Annual Report and Accounts
for the year ended 31 August 2023

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit Annual report 2022/23

Stoke-on-Trent Mission Circuit is a group of 10 Christian churches committed to increasing awareness of God's presence; helping people find and grow in faith through mutual love and care; developing God-given gifts; meeting the needs of all people through service and challenging injustice and working out our faith in daily life. In all this, we seek to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRS) 102

Aims of the organisation

The Charity's objective is to act as a resource provider within the area around Stoke on Trent for the Methodist Church:

The purposes of the Methodist Circuit are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local, or another organisation of The Methodist Church.
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church.
- The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship are open to members of the church and non-members alike.
- The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses, and small groups.
- The resourcing of pastoral work includes visiting the sick and bereaved.
- Taking religious assemblies in local schools.
- Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.
- Provision of chaplaincy services to the local university and other institutions.

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Brief financial review of the year

Income trends

Circuit income of £300,973 was primarily received from assessments paid by the circuit churches and contributions but associated organisation towards their staff remuneration cost. Interest received increased significantly compared to last year. Most income received was in line with budgeted Income.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure was £ 416,396. Stipend costs were mainly covered through the assessments from churches. £120,000 of the expenditure was for a building on Lord's Street – Biddulph as a replacement of the Park View Church, Biddulph. 22.8% of the revenue expenditure part of the expenditure was the Circuit's contribution to the Stoke Chester District, of which a significant part is used to fund the work of the wider Methodist Church. Other expenditure includes manse maintenance running cost and training cost for the year.

Fund balances

The Circuit's net current assets on 31 August 2023, excluding designated funds, were £276,639 giving over 4 months of cover for expenditure.

Financial Plans for 2023/24

Circuit financial plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis that there will be 2 full-time ordained staff, 1.5 lay pastors, and other paid lay- workers with the anticipated cost of living stipend increases combined. In addition, there was a budgeted increase of 12.13% on district assessment.

Structure, Governance, and Management

The governing document for the Circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day-to-day management of the Circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers' meeting, the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, and the Circuit Policy Committee.

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the Circuit, specifically the leaflet 'The Role of a Trustee in The Methodist Church,' is given to all new Circuit meeting members as an induction to their role as trustees. The district provided grants towards a training activity over the year.

Related Parties

The Circuit is part of the Chester and Stoke on Trent District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is made up of the following churches:

Gateway Methodist Church

Mount Pleasant Methodist Church

Oasis Community Church

Packmoor Methodist Church

Potters Church

Swan Bank Methodist Church

The Village Church

Wesley Hall Methodist Church

Whitehill Methodist Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Circuit meeting, Circuit Leadership Team, and the Circuit Finance and Property Committee, with professional advice taken as required.

There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and expenditure are being monitored in total and are compared with the approved annual budget on a quarterly and yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has value and dignity, which comes directly from the creation of males and females in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in

Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and, therefore, to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- The care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people, and adults
- The safeguarding and protection of all children, young people, and adults when they are vulnerable.
- The establishment of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child, or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended a child, young person, or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles, we will follow legislation, guidance, and recognised good practice.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit commits itself to ensure the implementation of the Connexional Safeguarding Policy, government legislation, guidance, and safe practice in the Circuit and in the churches.

The Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit is committed to providing support, advice, and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to 4 months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and/or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches. Refer to the financial review section above.

Circuit Details:

Full Name of Charity: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Registration Charity Number: 1185146

Date of registration: 3 September 2019

Main communication address (Circuit Office): 5 Swan Square, Stoke-On-Trent ST6 3EA

The members of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit meeting are the Charity Trustees, and membership is made up of circuit office holders, ministers, and representatives appointed by the local churches.

Circuit Ministers and officers

Active Circuit Ministers Rev. Kathryn Stephens

Rev. Ruth Jeffries

Circuit Lay Workers Mrs. Amy Wyatt

Mrs. Alison Price

Mr. Sam Taylor

Mrs. Glynis Cooper

Mr. Brian Tattersall

Mrs. Lynn Tindale

Circuit Secretary Mrs. Bev Beverley Rushton

Circuit Stewards Mr. Brian Barber

Mr. Derek Mack

Mr. Kenneth Burgess

Mr. David Greatbatch

Mr. Timothy Sproston

Administrator: Mrs. Alison Lynley

Treasurer: Mr. Frederick Sarpong-Boateng

Independent examiner Name and address:
Beaumonts Chartered Accountants
29/31 Moorland Road, Burslem.
Stoke on Trent. ST6 1DS

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

Circuit Standard Form of Accounts

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Circuit No 11/18

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Income						
Donations and legacies					0	0
Income from monetary investments	4	1,535	4,933		6,468	970
Income from investment properties					0	0
Assessments on Churches	5	284,540			284,540	311,601
Capital Receipts	6				0	137,168
Grants received	7	212			212	1,640
Other charitable income	8	9,753			9,753	9,243
Total income		296,040	4,933	0	300,973	460,622
Expenditure						
Grants and donations	9	957			957	8,424
Salaries and associated costs	10	199,108			199,108	241,282
Property maintenance	11	9,419			9,419	9,826
Connexional assessment & model trust levy	12		794		794	493
District Assessment & Levy	13	58,233	9,350		67,583	63,686
Depreciation					0	0
Office expenses	14	1,118			1,118	2,223
Other outgoings	15	17,418		120,000	137,418	21,233
Total charitable expenditure		286,253	10,143	120,000	416,396	347,167
Gains/(losses) on monetary investments		0	0	0	0	0
Gains/(losses) on investment properties		0	0	0	0	0
Net income/(expenditure)		9,787	(5,210)	(120,000)	(115,423)	113,455
Transfers between funds	16	30,460	42,059		72,519	(20,168)
Other gains/(losses)		0	0	0	0	0
Net movement in funds		40,247	36,849	(120,000)	(42,904)	93,287
Total funds brought forward		598,051	116,491	122,532	837,074	743,787
Total funds carried forward		638,298	153,340	2,532	794,170	837,074

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit
Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2023

Circuit No 11/18

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	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted) £	Designated Funds (Unrestricted) £	Totals 2022/23 £	Totals 2021/22 £	
Fixed Assets							
Circuit Manses & Equipment	17	515,000			515,000	515,000	R
Investment properties					-	-	R
Investments					-	-	
Total fixed assets		515,000	-	-	515,000	515,000	
Current Assets							
Debtors	18	8,520			8,520	8,138	S
Loans by the Circuit					-	-	
Investments with TMCP	19		153,340		153,340	236,491	
Central Finance Board Deposits	20	59,473			59,473	53,034	T
Cash at Bank and in hand	21	79,679		2,532	82,211	31,323	
Total current assets		147,672	153,340	2,532	303,544	328,986	
Current liabilities							
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	22	24,373			24,373	6,913	U
Grants payable within 2022-23					-	-	V
Total current liabilities		24,373	-	-	24,373	6,913	
Net current assets/liabilities		123,299	153,340	2,532	279,171	322,073	
Total assets less current liabilities		638,299	153,340	2,532	794,171	837,073	
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)							
Grants payable after 2022-23					-	-	V
Loans to the Circuit					-	-	
Total long term liabilities							
Net assets		638,299	153,340	2,532	794,171	837,073	W
Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		638,298			638,298	598,050	
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			153,340		153,340	116,491	W
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)				2,532	2,532	122,532	
Total Unrestricted Funds					794,170	837,073	
Restricted Funds					-	-	
Endowment Funds					-	-	
Total Funds		638,298	153,340	2,532	794,170	837,073	

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Incoming Resources

Income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Circuit becomes entitled to the resources, the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Resources Expended

Expense is recognised when there is a reduction in economic benefit. Provisions for expense are also recognised when the Circuit has a present legal or constructive obligation, and it is probable that there will be an outflow of economic benefit, which can be reliably measured.

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of the agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment.

VAT

Since the Circuit is not VAT registered, all input VAT is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

Tangible fixed assets for use by the Circuit

Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year and cost at least £200. The freehold manses are revalued at their estimated market value at the end of the year. No depreciation has been calculated on the land and building, as trustees consider any depreciation would not be material. The properties have been reviewed for impairment and trustees believe no impairment has occurred. Impairment of the manses is recognised when there are reasons to believe that their recoverable amounts are less than the carrying value. The recoverable amount is the higher of the fair value, less cost to sell, and the value in use of the manses.

Investment Properties

Investment properties - no property is currently deemed to not be held for the long-term purposes of the Charity.

Investments

Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year-end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable, and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year-end are shown in the SOFA.

Debtors

Debtors were made up of prepayment expenses and accrued income. The prepaid expenses include one month's ministers' stipends paid in advance and any other prepaid expenses. The accrued income relates to accrued contributions due from churches and other associated organisations.

Creditors due under one year

These are recognised when there are present obligations for the circuit to transfer economic resources as a result of past events.

Note 4. Income from monetary investments

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Interest received from Central Finance Board	1,530			1,530	95
Interest received from CAF Bank	5			5	-
Interest received from Model Trust		4,933		4,933	875
Total	1,535	4,933	0	6,468	970

Note 5. Assessments on Churches

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Gateway	13,138			13,138	12,074
Mount Pleasant	6,009			6,009	5,599
Newchapel	-			-	3,857
Oasis Community	35,753			35,753	45,541
Packmoor	6,272			6,272	6,041
Pottor's	23,783			23,783	23,399
Swan Bank	142,251			142,251	161,350
The Village	12,775			12,775	10,822
Wesley Hall	22,739			22,739	20,259
Whitehill	21,820			21,820	21,224
ECG	-			-	1,435
Total	284,540	0	0	284,540	311,601

Note 6. Capital Receipts

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Sales Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church	-	-	-	-	137,168
Total	0	0	0	0	137,168

Note 7. Grants received

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£	£	£
Training Grant	212			212	-
Furlough Grant from HMRC	-			-	1,640
Total	212	0	0	212	1,640

Note 8. Other charitable income

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Manse Rent Received - 19 Woodland grove	8,484			8,484	8,808
Newchapel Rent Received	1,209			1,209	0
Methodist Property Funds - Gateway	60			60	60
Insurance Claim	-			-	375
	9,753	0	0	9,753	9,243

Note 9. Grants and donations

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Connexion Pension Reserve Donation	-			-	8,100
Donation	957			957	324
	957			957	8,424

Note 10a. Salaries and associated costs

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Minister's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Stipends of Presbyters	53,856			53,856	51,648
Employer's NI	5,466			5,466	5,218
Ministers Pension	14,487			14,487	13,893
Super's Allowance	2,693			2,693	2,582
Com in Ministry Allowance	352			352	342
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	286			286	274
Lay-worker's Salaries and associated Costs:					
Salaries	110,263			110,263	150,795
Employer's NI	5,516			5,516	8,078
Pension	5,062			5,062	7,122
Apprenticeship Levy Recharge	1,126			1,126	1,330
Total	199,108	0	0	199,108	241,282

Note 10b.

No trustee was paid for their work as trustees or additional service offered to the Circuit.

Note 10c.

There Circuit incurred cost towards the remuneration and re-imbursed expenses to two trustees for their employment as ministers of the Circuit. The ministers were paid the minimum stipends and associated costs as prescribed by conference. The remuneration costs were paid by the Circuit through the connexion's payroll. There was no discretionary local allowance approved by the circuit meeting. All essential expenses incurred by ministers in the discharge of their responsibilities of their appointment were re-imbursed by the Circuit, (CPD of the Methodist Church Vol 2, Standing order 801 (1&2), 2021).

Rev Kathryn Stephens: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 25,824), Allowances £2,869 (2022: 2,753), Employer's NI £2,923 (2022: 2,792), Pension £7,244 (2022: 6,945) and Reimbursed expenses £2,124 (2022: 2,145).

Rev Ruth Jefferies: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 25,824), Allowances £176 (2022: 171), Employer's NI £2,543 (2022: 2,425), Pension £7,244 (2022: 6,945) and Reimbursed expenses £1,360 (2022: 1,682).

Pastor Sam Taylor: Stipends £26,928 (2022: 24,301), Employer's NI £1,371.16 (2022: 2,197.87), Pension £869.49 (2022: 1,458.24)

Note 11. Property maintenance

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Council Tax	4,410			4,410	4,261
Insurance	2,020			2,020	1,892
Water	1,258			1,258	730
Newchapel Electricity and Gas	1,008			1,008	-
Building Inspection Report (Quinquennial inspections)	-			-	1,425
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacre Manse	142			142	136
Manse Maintenance	581			581	1,382
Total	9,419	-	-	9,419	9,826

Note 12. Connexional assessment & model trust levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
TMCP Administration Charge	-	794	-	794	493

Note 13. District Assessment & Levy

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
District Assessment	58,233			58,233	57,544
District levy		9,350		9,350	6,142
Total	58,233	9,350	-	67,583	63,686

Note 14. Office expenses

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Stationery, Copying and Postage	15			15	1,079
Methodist Handbook	-			-	-
Photocopy Lease	563			563	563
Bank Charges	60			60	101
Independent Examiner's Fees	480			480	480
Total	1,118	-	-	1,118	2,223

Note 15. Other outgoings

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Staff expenses reimbursements	5,196			5,196	6,190
Furlough Reimbursement to Churches				-	1,640
Rent - 32 Milehouse Lane	9,702			9,702	9,000
Preaching Expenses	381			381	196
Methodist Property Funds	60			60	60
Telephone	883			883	935
Training	635			635	25
DSB Application	38			38	-
Sales of Manse Expenses charge by District	-			-	2,550
Sundry Expenses/Previous Assessment Adjustment	523			523	637
Total	17,418	-	-	17,418	21,233

Note 16. Transfer of Funds

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2022-23 £	Total 2021-22 £
Transfer from Newchapel TMCP to Circuit	-	42,059		42,059	
Transfer from Newchapel Current Accounts to Circuit Current	30,461			30,461	-
Newchapel Children Funds AC to Circuit Current	3,461			3,461	(17,168)
Payment of Newchapel Children Funds to Packmoor	(3,461)			(3,461)	(3,000)
Total	30,461	42,059	-	72,520	(20,168)

Note 17. Tangible Fixed Assets
Cost or valuation

	Land	Manses	Other buildings	Fixtures, fittings and equipment	Payments on account and assets under construction	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Balance brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Depreciation charge for the year (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Disposals (-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Transfers * (+/-)	-	-	-	-	-	0
Balance carried forward	-	-	-	-	-	0
Net book value						
Brought forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000
Carried forward	-	515,000	-	-	-	515,000

Circuit manses are 5 Sandiacre valued at £295,000 and 19 Woodland Grove valued at £220,000

Note 18. Debtors

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22
	£	£	£		£
Total Prepaid Expenses:					
Presbyters' Salaries and Associated Costs	6,876	-	-	6,876	6,401
Methodist Insurance	1,559	-	-	1,559	0
Manses Water Rates	38	-	-	38	59
RMG CRA - Ground management for Sandiacare Manse	47	-	-	47	48
Total Accrued Income:					
Assessments on Churches	-	-	-	-	1,630
Total	8,520	0	0	8,520	8,138

Note 19a. Investments with TMCP

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 9411	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		236,491		236,491		172,851
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		3,583		3,583		875
Add Property Proceeds - Biddulph Park Church (Note 6)		-		-		137,168
Less Transfer to CFB for Ministry (Note 17)		-		-		(42,500)
Less Transfer between funds - Transfer to Oasis fro replacement project (Note 17)		-		-		(17,168)
Less District levy (Note 14)		9,350		9,350		(6,142)
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		674		674		(493)
Less Pension reserve payment/Donation (Note 9)				-		(8,100)
Less Cost of Property on Lord Street - Oasis		(120,000)		(120,000)		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023		110,051	-	110,051		236,491

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 16793 - S of Land	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		41,954		41,954		-
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		1,347		1,347		-
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		120		120		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	43,181	-	43,181		-

	Circuit Model			Total 2022-23	Total 2021-22	2021- 22
	General (Unrestricted)	Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)			
Trust 338 - John Hamlett Legacy for poor	£	£	£			£
Opening Balance - 01/09/2022		106		106		-
Add Trust Interest (Note 4)		3		3		-
Less TMCP Administration charges (Note 13)		-		-		-
Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	109	-	109		-
Total Closing Balance - 31/08/2023	-	153,340	-	153,340		236,491

Note 20. Central Finance Board Deposits

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	£	£	£		£
Central Finance Bank	59,473	-	-	59,473	53,034

Note 21. Cash at Bank and in hand

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Natwest Bank	78,448			78,448	26,951
Cooperative Bank			2,532	2,532	2,532
Charity Aid Foundation	1,230			1,230	1,840
Total	79,679	-	2,532	82,211	31,323

Note 22. Creditors (due in under 1 year)

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2022-23	Total 2021- 22
	£	£	£	£	£
Accrued Expenses - Independent Examiner's Fees	960	-	-	960	480
Prepaid Income - Assessments on Churches	19,308	-	-	19,308	6,373
Property Funds liability	60	-	-	60	60
Cost of living Gift to Swan Bank Staff	500	-	-	500	-
Ministers and Lay-workers Expenses	3,830	-	-	3,830	-
Preaching Expenses	91			-	-
Total	24,750	-	-	24,658	6,913

23. Money received and passed on to External Organisations - Ref Note 22

	2022-23	2021-22
	£	£
Balance brought forward from last year	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - received for External Organisations	60	60
Offerings/Gifts - passed to External Organisations	60	60
Balance carried forward	60	60

24. Investment assets

The circuit has no investment properties and no common investment funds holdings.

25. Loans

The circuit has no loans payable and has not given out any loans

26. Analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2022 - 23

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	122,532	-	(120,000)	2,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Comparative analysis of restricted and designated funds: 2021 - 22

Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Incoming Resources £	Resources Expended £	Closing Balance £	Purpose of the fund
Benevolent Fund	-	-	-	-	Support for individuals in specific need
Development Fund	-	-	-	-	Available for funding outreach and development work
Circuit resources centre	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	Funds designated for the maintenance of the centre
Totals	2,532	137,168	17,168	122,532	

Name of Circuit: Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

No: 11/18

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 *gfsboateng⁴*

Date... 15/11/2023.....

Name and address of the treasurer

Frederick Sarpong Boateng

16 Geneva Way

Biddulph. ST8 7FE

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Date

Address:

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit

Charity Number: 1185146

Responsibilities and basis of the report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Stoke on Trent Mission Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023, set out on pages 7 to 18. 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.

Independent Examiner's Statement

The Circuit's gross income exceeded £250,000, and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives 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; or
- the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view, which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- the trustees' annual report is not consistent with the accounts.

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.

Signature of independent examiner C. N. Mountford
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