

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 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 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

GN

	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

	General	Circuit Model		Total	Total
	(Unrestricted)	Trust	Designated	2024-25	2023-24
	£	£	£		£
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

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24 £
Trust 9411					
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

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24 £
Note 17b. Investments with TMCP					
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

	General (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Designated (Unrestricted) £	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24 £
Note 17c. Investments with TMCP					
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
---	----------	----------------	----------	----------------	----------------

Note 18. Central Finance Board Deposits

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

Note 19. Cash at Bank and in hand

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
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)

	General (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted)	Designated (Unrestricted)	Total 2024-25	Total 2023-24
	£	£	£	£	£
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

Name of independent examiner:

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner:

Name of firm (where appropriate):

Address:

S. N. Mountford
STEPHEN N. MOUNTFORD

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

BRAUMONTS CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

29-31 MOORLAND RD, BURSLEM, STAFFS

Post Code:

ST6 1DS

Date:

29th May 2026

