

THE CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales · Charity number 1189839

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 2020-06-08

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 PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY SOCIETY OR INSTITUTION SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH;(D) ANY CHARITABLE PURPOSE FOR THE TIME BEING OF ANY CHARITY BEING A CHARITY SUBSIDIARY OR ANCILLARY TO THE METHODIST CHURCH.

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Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Acts As An Umbrella Or Resource Body
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- Durham
- Hartlepool

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-08-31	£150,253	£183,703	-	-
2024-08-31	£185,582	£203,033	-	-
2023-08-31	£466,830	£173,375	-	-
2022-08-31	£507,928	£532,953	£267,080	1
2021-08-31	£181,392	£187,348	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Beverly Hollings	Chair	2020-09-01
Alison Ogle		2007-09-01
Brenda Evelyn Talbot		2007-09-01
Colin Williams		2007-09-01
Craig Anthony Long		2007-09-01
Diane G Coleman BA		2025-03-10
Geoffrey Massey MA,BA,PGCE		2007-09-01
Ian Andrew Henderson		2007-09-01
JOSEPH WEATHERSPOON		2007-09-01
JUDITH ELIZABETH WINN		2007-09-01
Janice Adele Long		2022-11-29
Jillian Harris BSc		2024-03-01
Joan Mary Rennie		2007-09-01
John Robert Lyons		2025-11-01
Josephine Bonner		2021-07-01
Judith Parker Cert Ed		2020-09-14
Kathleen Bosworth		2021-09-01
Kathleen Margaret Murray		2007-09-01
Linda Turton		2022-03-16
Madeleine Bell		2007-09-01
Margaret Elaine Bramfitt		2007-09-01
Pauline Caswell		2007-09-01
Peter John Massey		2007-09-01
Rev Sally Ann Coleman		2022-09-01
Susan Caroline Percival MA Cert Ed		2020-11-04
Susan Hutchinson		2025-11-20
Tracey Cammock		2007-09-01

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Trustees' Annual Report for the period

	Period start date			Period end date			
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Sept	2024		31	Aug	2025

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name	Castle Eden Methodist Circuit
Other names charity is known by	Previously – United North East Methodist Circuit
Registered charity number (if any)	1189839
Charity's principal address	Circuit Office, 22 Tremaine Close Hartlepool Postcode TS27 3LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Beverly Hollings	Superintendent		Methodist Conference
2	Sally Coleman	Presbyter		Methodist Conference
3	Tracey Cammock	Circuit Steward EDMC Horden treasurer		Circuit Meeting EDMC Council
4	Janice Long	Circuit Steward & Circuit meeting secretary		Circuit Meeting
5	Alison Ogle	Circuit Steward Central Estate Rep		Circuit Meeting Central Estate CC
6	Judith Parker	Circuit Steward		Circuit meeting
7	Pauline Caswell	Circuit Steward & LP Secretary & EDMC Rep		Circuit Meeting LP meeting EMDC Council
8	Joan Rennie	Treasurer		Circuit Meeting
9	Ian Henderson	Property steward		Circuit meeting
10	Sue Percival	Safeguarding Officer		Circuit meeting
11	Judith Winn	MWiB Rep		MWiB group
12	Colin Williams	EDMC – Blackhall Treasurer		EDMC Council
13	Joe Weatherspoon	EDMC – Blackhall Steward		EDMC Council
14	Josephine Bonner	Central Estate Treasurer		Central Estate CC
15	Diane Coleman	Central Estate Rep		Central Estate CC
16	Linda Turton	Coxhoe Steward		Coxhoe CC
17	Wendy Carr	Coxhoe Steward		Coxhoe CC

18	Marjorie Talbot	Coxhoe Treasurer		Coxhoe CC
19	Kathleen Murray	EDMC- Easington Rep		EDMC Council
20	Katie Bosworth	Grange Road Steward		Grange Road CC
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

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Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Induction/training

- Range of guidance by Methodist Connexion via their website
- Leaflet 'The role of Trustees in the Methodist Church structure'.
- Part of the Darlington District who provide training.
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

- Considered by the Circuit leadership team and Circuit Meeting
- Take professional advice as required
- Regular review process
- Adopted Safeguarding Policy, reviewed at least annually and ensure it is rolled out to the churches
- Adopted GDPR Policy which is rolled out to churches.

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Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

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Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the Methodist churches in its geographical area.

Individual Churches provide additional opportunities for worship including alternate Thursday mornings at EDMC Peterlee, monthly Saturday shoppers services at Coxhoe.

These are open to all people, without charge.

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

The Circuit advise local church trustees of their responsibilities and provide training and guidance through Circuit officers especially with regard to Finance, Property, Safeguarding and GDPR.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust fund had a balance at the end of the year of £399,076

This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Three sites, Easington Colliery, Seaton Carew, and Horden have been leased and Peter Lee Memorial let by licence to be used for community activities in keeping with the aims of the Methodist Church whilst remaining registered for and available for worship.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through children's activities, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
- b) Weekly 'worship at home' printed materials which were started during covid restrictions, have continued. Support has been given as requested to members of the community.
- c) Environmental considerations –The carbon footprint of the circuit is regularly reviewed and care for the environment encouraged. A number of the circuit churches are working towards eco-church awards. At least one has been awarded the Bronze award.
- d) Mindful of the need to make efficient use of human, property and financial resources each local church is regularly reviewed and where they are no longer providing for the needs of the local community permission is sought for them to cease worship.
- e) Fixed Assets. We aim to dispose of buildings and land no longer needed for the mission of the circuit or, where appropriate partners can be found, to lease the properties to community groups whose aims are in keeping with the Methodist Church
- f) As part of the aim to be more inclusive the majority of churches in the circuit have been registered for same sex marriage.
- g) Members of the circuit leadership are encouraged to participate in training events to further develop their skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy of the Castle Eden Circuit is:-

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity.

The Circuit fund (unrestricted general fund). Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the maintenance of the manses.

Our Reserves Policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand in addition to funding required to pay ministers to the end of their current appointments and lay workers for at least 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

A significant grant of £39,500 has been received from the Methodist Connexion via the Darlington District to enable a community missionary to be employed by the circuit for work at six8nine.

Section F

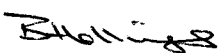

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Beverly Hollings	ALISON OGGLE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Superintendent Minister (Chair)	CIRCUIT STEWARD

Date 3/1/2026.

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

CASTLE EDEN	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2025**

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	1304
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1189839
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If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Ministers:

Reverend Beverly Hollings
Reverend Sally Coleman

Circuit Stewards:

Miss Tracey Cammock
Mrs Pauline Caswell

Mrs Janice Long

Mrs Alison Olge
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		76,050		76,050	82,620
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		1,970	19,685	21,655	25,458
a5	Grants			39,500	39,500	38,081
a6	Other receipts	1	13,048		13,048	39,423
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		91,068	19,685	150,253 (a8)	185,582

SECTION B							
b1	PAYMENTS						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	5	88,357		6,526	94,883	85,925
b3	Manse Costs		12,211			12,211	8,903
b4	Administration etc	2	8,476	26,705		35,181	35,302
b5	District Assessment		28,276			28,276	28,276
b6	Grants & donations						10,645
b7	Six8nine Refurbishment	4			7,000	7,000	
b8	Other payments	3	5,564		588	6,152	33,982
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		142,884	26,705	14,114	183,703 (b9)	203,033

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(51,816)	(7,020)	25,386	(33,450)	(17,451)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		26,659	453,096	63,330	543,085 (c6)	560,536
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(25,157)	446,076	88,716	509,635	543,085
c4	Transfers and adjustments		40,000	(47,000)	7,000	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	14,843	399,076	95,716	509,635 (c8)	543,085 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			15,563
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			15,563
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1							
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	150,253 (a8)	183,703 (b9)	(33,450)	(c7)	543,085 (c6)	509,635 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	150,253	183,703	(33,450)		543,085 (x)	509,635 (y)
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	25,597
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	64,392
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	453,096
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL	543,085 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	543,085 (x)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Notes to SFoA

1 Other Receipts

Horden Lease	12,125
Seaton Carew	757
Donations	166
Total	<u>13048</u>

2 Administration

Rachel	6577
Postage	166
Stationery	85
Telephone	1,059
The Vine	152
Ministers. Books etc	437
Total	<u>8,476</u>

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CMT Fund	
Levy charge	25,232
Admin charge	1,473
Total	<u>26,705</u>

3 Other Payments

Quinquennials	2,340
Land Reg	630
Bank Charges	78
Church Exps	1336
Computer & Web	217
Preaching Appt	300
CCLI	663
Total	<u>5,564</u>

4 Six8nine

This is for the renovation work at 689
which will be claimed from the proceeds
of Grange Rd Church, held by TMCP

5 Resticted Funds 6,526

This relates to salary and expenses paid
to the Communiy Mission Worker.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *J M Rennie* Date *26-9-25*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Joan Rennie

15 Nookston Close, Hartlepool. TS26 0PG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 will be* presented to the Circuit meeting held on 25th November 2025

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *B Hollings*

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Rev Beverly Hollings

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Castle Eden Circuit

Charity Number 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the *Castle Eden* Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages *1* to *3*. 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 R. D. Kirk.

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA, CTA

Name of firm (where appropriate) DRAYCOTT & KIRK LLP.

Address 92 WILTON ST

..... GUISBOROUGH Post Code TS14 6AP

Date 10/10/25

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- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through children's activities, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
- b) Weekly 'worship at home' printed materials and which were developed during covid restrictions, have continued. Support has been given as requested to members of the community.
- c) Environmental considerations –The carbon footprint of the circuit is regularly reviewed and care for the environment encouraged.
- d) Mindful of the need to make efficient use of human, property and financial resources each local church is regularly reviewed and where they are no longer providing for the needs of the local community permission is sought for them to cease worship.
- e) Fixed Assets. We aim to dispose of buildings and land no longer needed for the mission of the circuit or, where appropriate partners can be found, to lease the properties to community groups whose aims are in keeping with the Methodist Church
- f) As part of the aim to be more inclusive the majority of churches in the circuit have been registered for same sex marriage.
- g) Members of the circuit leadership are encouraged to participate in training events to further develop their skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy of the Castle Eden Circuit is:-

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
2. To give reassurance to the general public that the Circuit, which is a charity, intends to use all the money coming into its care for the purpose of the charity.

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Our Reserves Policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand in addition to funding required to pay ministers to the end of their current appointments and lay workers for at least 6 months.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Beverly Hollings	Joan Mary Rennie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Superintendent Minister (Chair)	Treasurer
Date	20 th Feb 2025	20 th Feb 2025

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

CASTLE EDEN	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2024**

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	1304
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1189839

If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

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Reverend Beverly Hollings
Reverend Sally Coleman

Circuit Stewards:

Miss Tracey Cammock
Mrs Pauline Caswell from 7.3.24
Mr John Kidd to 7.3.24
Mrs Alison Ogle
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Assessment/Share	82,620			82,620	85,000
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,425	24,033		25,458	11,092
a5	Grants			38,081	38,081	41,919
a6	Other receipts	10,605	28,818		39,423	328,819
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	94,650	52,851	38,081	185,582 (a8)	466,830

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	85,925			85,925	82,827
b3	Manse Costs	8,903			8,903	8,619
b4	Administration etc	7,821	27,481		35,302	7,112
b5	District Assessment	28,276			28,276	28,276
b6	Grants & donations			10,645	10,645	
b7						
b8	Other payments	32,681	1,301		33,982	46,541
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	163,606	28,782	10,645	203,033 (b9)	173,375

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
	Note	£	£	£	£	£	
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(68,956)	24,069	27,436	(17,451)	293,455
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	48,567	476,074	35,894	560,535 (c6)	267,080	
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	(20,389)	500,143	63,330	543,084	560,535
c4	Transfers and adjustments	47,047	(47,047)			(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	26,658	453,096	63,330	543,084 (c8)	560,535 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS						
(these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	185,582 (a8)	203,033 (b9)	(17,451)	(c7)	560,535 (c6)	543,084 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	185,582	203,033	(17,451)		560,535 (x)	543,084 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	
f2	Bank Current Account	41,444
f3	Bank Deposit Account	
f4	Central Finance Board	43,017
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	476,074
f6	Other funds	
f7	SUB TOTAL	560,535 (c6)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	560,535 (x)
		543,084 (c8)
		(e12)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)	
g2	Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	
g3	Other Assets	
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	
g5	Other Liabilities	

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Note 1

Other Receipts

Six8nine-caretaker salary	6,080
Solicitor refund	1,308
Deposit refunded	200
The Villages-Trust acct closed	677
Easy Fundraising	177
Pension donation refunded	<u>2,163</u>
Total	<u>10,605</u>

Note 2

Other Payments

Feasibility Study-689	4,752
Quinquennials	900
Bank charges	82
Church Expenses:-	
Easington Colliery	3,101
Grange Rd	1,794
Hesleden	858
Horden	1,951
Seaton Carew	6,487
Other	351
Preaching Appt	415
Office holder expenses	152
CCLI	758
Caretaker-689	6,080
Advance to 689 X	<u>5,000</u>
Total	<u>32,681</u>

X TMCP have the proceeds from the sale Grange Rd Church which will be used for the renovation of Six8nine, This is an advance from the proceeds which the Circuit will claim at a later date.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 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 *J M Rennie* Date..... *11-2-25*

Name and address of treasurer Mrs Joan Rennie

..... 15 Nookston Close, Hartlepool

TS26 0PG

Presentation to the Circuit meeting

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/~~will be~~* presented to the Circuit meeting held on *11/12/2024*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *B Hollings*

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Rev Beverly Hollings

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Castle Eden Circuit

Charity Number 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Castle Eden Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages ~~1.~~ to ~~4.~~. 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 *JR Lyons*

Name of independent examiner John Robert Lyons

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ... Lyons &co Ltd

Address 23 Yarm Road, Stockton on Tees

..... Post Code . TS18 3NJ

Date *11.02.2025*

* delete or circle as appropriate

THE CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189839

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Sept	2022		31	Aug	2023

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Castle Eden Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by

Previously – United North East Methodist Circuit

Registered charity number (if any)

1189839

Charity's principal address

Circuit Office,
 22 Tremaine Close
 Hartlepool
 Postcode TS27 3LE

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	See Attached			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Castle Eden Methodist Circuit Trustees 1st Sept 2022 – 31st August 2023

Surname	First Name	Representing
Hollings	Bev	Superintendent
Coleman	Sally	Minister
Cammock	Tracey	Circuit Steward
Kidd	John	Circuit Steward
Long	Janice	Circuit Steward
Parker	Judith	Circuit Steward
Ogle	Alison	Circuit Steward (& Central Estate)
Rennie	Joan	Circuit Steward (Finance)
Murray	Kathleen	Circuit Meeting Sec
Henderson	Ian	Circuit Officers (Property)
Percival	Sue	Circuit Officers (Safeguarding)
Winn	Judith	Circuit Officers (MWiB)
Williams	Colin	Blackhall Treasurer
Weatherspoon	Joe	Blackhall Steward
Caswell	Pauline	Blackhall Rep
Bonner	Josephine	Central Estate Treasurer
Talbot	Marjorie	Coxhoe Treasurer
Turton	Linda	Coxhoe Steward
Thornhill	Mavis	Easington Colliery Steward
Thornhill	Kevin	Easington Colliery Rep
Elliston	Ray	Grange Road Treasurer
Bosworth	Katie	Grange Road Steward
Bell	Madeleine	Grange Road Rep
Talbot	Brenda	Horden Steward
Long	Craig	Horden Rep
Fletcher	Sylvia	Horden Rep (instead of treasurer)
Bramfitt	Elaine	Milbank Treasurer
Lyons	Janet	Milbank Steward
Massey	Peter	Peterlee Treasurer
Massey	Geoff	Peterlee Rep

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document
(eg. trust deed, constitution)

Deed of Union (1932) & Methodist Church Act (1976)

How the charity is constituted
(eg. trust, association, company)

Act of Parliament

Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Appointment by local churches and existing trustees.
Ministers stationed in the Circuit are automatically trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

<p>Induction/training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of guidance by Methodist Connexion via their website • Leaflet 'The role of Trustees in the Methodist Church structure'. • Part of the Darlington District who provide training. • Accountable to the Methodist Conference <p>Risks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered by the Circuit leadership team and Circuit Meeting • Take professional advice as required • Regular review process • Adopted Safeguarding Policy, reviewed at least annually and ensure it is rolled out to the churches.
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Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

The purpose of the Methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union for 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 other 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 of the Methodist Church.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 8 Methodist churches in its geographical area.

These are open to all people, without charge.

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

The Circuit advise local church trustees of their responsibilities and provide training and guidance through Circuit officers especially with regard to Property, Safeguarding and GDPR.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

The Circuit Model Trust fund had a balance at the end of the year of £464,999.22

This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

Two churches and one manse have been sold during this year with the intention that the proceeds will be used to further staffing and activities across the circuit including a new base for the Grange Road Society.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through children's activities, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
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Details of any funds materially in deficit

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Further financial review details (Optional information)

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Section F



Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Beverly Hollings	Joan Mary Rennie
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Superintendent Minister (Chair)	Treasurer

Date 21/5/2024.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

CASTLE EDEN	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

DARLINGTON	District	Circuit no	1304
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Mr John Kidd
Mrs Alison Ogle
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	85,000			85,000	92,270
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	500	10,592		11,092	2,099
a5	Grants	41,919			41,919	20,500
a6	Other receipts	24,619	304,200		328,819	393,059
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS	152,038	314,792		466,830 (a8)	507,928

SECTION B		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs	82,827			82,827	77,238
b3	Manse Costs	8,619			8,619	12,348
b4	Administration etc	7,112			7,112	6,217
b5	District Assessment	28,276			28,276	29,764
b6	Grants & donations					8,985
b7	Purchase of Manse					278,953
b8	Other payments	35,013	11,528		46,541	119,448
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS	161,847	11,528		173,375 (b9)	532,953

SECTION C		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(9,809) (a7-b9)	303,264		293,455	(25,025)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	46,270	220,810		267,080 (c6)	292,105
c3	Sub total	36,461 (c1+c2)	524,074		560,535	267,080
c4	Transfers and adjustments	48,000	(48,000)			(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	84,461 (c3+c4)	476,074		560,535 (c8)	267,080 (c6)

SECTION D		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)					
d1	Balance brought forward from last year					
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				95,843	
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				95,843	
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)					

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	466,830 (a8)	173,375 (b9)	293,455	(c7)	267,080 (c6)	560,535 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	466,830	173,375	293,455		267,080 (x)	560,535 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	18,703	41,444
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	27,567	43,017
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	220,810	476,074
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	267,080 (c6)	560,535 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	267,080 (x)	560,535 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer *J M Rennie* Date... *30-4-2024*..

Name and address of treasurer Joan Mary Rennie

..... 15 Nookston Close Hartlepool

TS26 0PG

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 *7th March 2024* .

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *B Hollings*

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. RevBeverly Hollings

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Castle Eden Circuit

Charity Number 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Castle Eden Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to As the Circuit's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Circuit's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 *J R Lyons*

Name of independent examiner John Robert Lyons

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. Lyons & Co Ltd

Address 23 Yarm Road Stockton on Tees

..... Post Code TS18 3NJ

Date *04.04.2024*

* delete or circle as appropriate

Form reviewed

May-23

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Signature of independent examiner *J R Lyons*

Name of independent examiner John Robert Lyons

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .. Lyons & Co Ltd

Address 23 Yarm Road Stockton on Tees

..... Post Code TS18 3NJ

Date *04.04.2024*

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THE CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189839

Accounts

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

Period start date Period end date
 From Day Month Year To Day Month Year
1 Sept 2021 31 Aug 2022

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name

Castle Eden Methodist Circuit

Other names charity is known by

Previously – United North East Methodist Circuit

Registered charity number (if any)

1189839

Charity's principal address

Circuit Office, Grange Road Methodist Church,
 Tankerville Street
 Hartlepool
Postcode TS26 8DU

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	See Attached			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Castle Eden Circuit Trustees Sept 21 - Aug 22

Surname	First Name	Representing
Hollings	Bev	Superintendent
Richardson	Susan	Minister
Cammock	Tracey	Circuit Steward
Kidd	John	Circuit Steward
Parker	Judith	Circuit Steward
Ogle	Alison	Circuit Steward (& Central Estate)
Rennie	Joan	Circuit Steward (Finance)
Murray	Kathleen	Circuit Meeting Sec
Henderson	Ian	Circuit Officers (Property)
Percival	Sue	Circuit Officers (Safeguarding)
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Minto	Pat	Seaton Carew Steward

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Description of the charity's trusts

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Trustee selection methods	Appointment by local churches and existing trustees. Ministers stationed in the Circuit are automatically trustees.

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

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Induction/training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Range of guidance by Methodist Connexion via their website • Leaflet 'The role of Trustees in the Methodist Church structure' • Part of the Darlington District who provide training. • Accountable to the Methodist Conference
Risks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considered by the Circuit leadership team • Take professional advice as required • Regular review process • Adopted Safeguarding Policy, reviewed at least annually and ensure it is rolled out to the churches.

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<p>The purpose of the Methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union for the advancement of:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 other organisation of the Methodist Church; Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church; <p>Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary of the Methodist Church.</p>

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The Circuit produces a quarterly preaching plan to ensure regular acts of worship take place at each of the 8 Methodist churches in its geographical area.

These are open to all people, without charge.

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

The Circuit advise local church trustees of their responsibilities and provide training and guidance through Circuit officers especially with regard to Property and Safeguarding.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

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This fund derives from sales of chapels and manses and is restricted by the Conference. This restriction is an internal regulation though the fund can be used for a variety of purposes.

One church and one manse have been sold during this year with the intention that the proceeds will be used to further staffing and activities across the circuit.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through children's activities, toddler groups, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
- b) Weekly 'worship at home' printed materials and newsletters along with online worship, which were developed during covid restrictions, have continued. Support has been given as requested to members of the community.
- c) Environmental considerations –The carbon footprint of the circuit is regularly reviewed and care for the environment encouraged.
- d) Mindful of the need to make efficient use of human, property and financial resources each local church is regularly reviewed and where they are no longer providing for the needs of the local community permission is sought for them to cease worship.
- e) Fixed Assets. We aim to dispose of buildings and land no longer needed for the mission of the circuit
- f) As part of the aim to be more inclusive the majority of churches in the circuit have been registered for same sex marriage.
- g) Members of the circuit leadership have actively engaged in a learning community to further develop their skills.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The Reserves Policy of the Castle Eden Circuit is:-

1. To secure and sustain the Circuit's viability and future.
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The Circuit fund (unrestricted general fund). Under Standing orders the Circuit must meet its financial obligations in relation to the support of its ministers and the maintenance of the manses.

Our Reserves Policy is to hold at least six months expenditure in hand in addition to funding required for fixed term contract lay workers.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:

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Section F

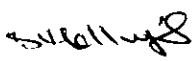
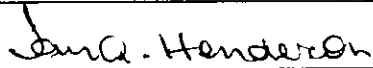
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Beverly Hollings	IAN HENDERSON
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Superintendent Minister (Chair)	
Date	23-3-23.	

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Castle Eden Circuit	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 AUGUST 2022

Darlington	District	Circuit no	1304
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Reverend Susan Richardson

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Mr John Kidd
Mrs Alison Ogle
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Castle Eden Circuit

Circuit

SECTION A		Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share		92,270		92,270	108,945
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		53	2,046	2,099	6,570
a5	Grants		20,500		20,500	20,000
a6	Other receipts		18,193	374,866	393,059	45,877
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		131,016	376,912	507,928 (a8)	181,392

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		77,238		77,238	103,504
b3	Manse Costs		12,348		12,348	15,785
b4	Administration etc		6,217		6,217	3,636
b5	District Assessment		29,764		29,764	33,348
b6	Grants & donations		8,985		8,985	3,666
b7	Purchase of Manse			278,953	278,953	
b8	Other payments		22,109	97,339	119,448	27,409
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		156,661	376,292	532,953 (b9)	187,348

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(25,645)	620	(25,025)	(5,956)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		48,115	243,990	292,105 (c6)	298,061
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	22,470	244,610	267,080	292,105
c4	Transfers and adjustments		23,800	(23,800)		(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	46,270	220,810	267,080 (c8)	292,105 (c6)

SECTION D				
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)			
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds				(e11)	(e12)
e9	Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)					
	507,928 (a8)	532,953 (b9)	(25,025)	(c7)	292,105 (c6)	267,080 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT					
	507,928	532,953	(25,025)		292,105 (x)	267,080 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	32,366	18,703
f3		
f4	15,749	27,567
f5	243,990	220,810
f6		
f7	292,105 (c6)	267,080 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	292,105 (x)	267,080 (y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 *J M Rennie* Date... *8-3-23*

Name and address of treasurer Joan Mary Rennie
..... 15 Nookston Close Hartlepool

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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 on 29-Nov-22

Signature of the Chair of the meeting *B Hollings*

Name of the Chair of the meeting .. Rev Beverly Hollings

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Castle Eden Methodist

Charity Number . 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CASTLE EDEN METHODIST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages 1. to 3. 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.

* ~~delete or circle as appropriate~~

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

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Name of independent examiner John Robert Lyons

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .. FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) Lyons & Co Ltd

Address 23 Yarm Road Stockton on Tees

..... Post Code TS18 3NJ

Date *06.03.2023*

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Sep-22

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Sep-22

THE CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT

England & Wales - Charity number 1189839

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
From	Day	Month	Year	To	Day	Month	Year
	1	Sept	2020		31	Aug	2021

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Other names charity is known by

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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year

Castle Eden Circuit Meeting Constitution 1st Sept. 2020 - 31st Aug. 2021

Surname	First Name	Representing	
Hollings	Bev	Superintendent	
Richardson	Susan	Minister	
Terry	Annabel	Minister	
Dawson	Sheila	Circuit Steward	To 20th April 2021
Long	Janice	Circuit Steward	
Kidd	John	Circuit Steward	and LP Secretary
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Parker	Judith	Circuit Steward	
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Ogle	Alison	Westbourne Steward	& Circuit Std fm 3 June 2021
Forcer	Muriel	Westbourne Rep	
Fenney	Jean	Old Villages Church Council	
Cheese	Jenny	Old Villages Church Council	
Wilson	Rachel	Circuit Administrator	(Non Voting) Fm 2nd Nov 2020
Coleman	Diane	Villages	(Non voting)
Swan	Pauline	Peterlee Steward	(Non voting)

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Type of adviser	Name	Address

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document

(eg. trust deed, constitution)

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Induction/training

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- Part of the Darlington District who provide training.
- Accountable to the Methodist Conference

Risks

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The Circuit leadership team is drawing up a set of ground rules to be accepted by the Circuit meeting, to ensure grants that are made from the Circuit Model Trust fund are used efficiently for mission and capital works.

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- a) The circuit churches have continued to offer regular public worship throughout the area. Through Children's activities, toddler groups, coffee mornings and other community activities service is being offered to a wider public.
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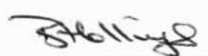

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Beverly Hollings	John Kidd
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Superintendent Minister (Chair)	Circuit Steward

Date 9/9/2021.

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Castle Eden Methodist	Circuit
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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Deacon Annabel Terry

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Miss Tracey Cammock
Mrs Sheila Dawson (To 20th April 2021)
Mr John Kidd
Mrs Janice Long
Mrs Alison Ogle (from 3rd June 2021)
Mrs Judith Parker

Treasurer:

Mrs Joan Rennie

20ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

Castle Eden Methodist

Circuit

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a1	RECEIPTS	Note	£	£	£	£
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a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		22	6,548	6,570	3,617
a5	Grants		20,000		20,000	3,750
a6	Other receipts		6,396	39,481	45,877	394,541
a7	TOTAL RECEIPTS		135,363	46,029	181,392 (a8)	517,962

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		103,504		103,504	88,566
b3	Manse Costs		15,785		15,785	16,736
b4	Administration etc		3,636		3,636	5,199
b5	District Assessment		33,348		33,348	34,028
b6	Grants & donations		3,666		3,666	1,750
b7						
b8	Other payments		10,316	17,093	27,409	361,605
b9	TOTAL PAYMENTS		170,255	17,093	187,348 (b9)	507,884

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a7-b9)	(34,892)	28,936	(5,956)	10,078
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		58,007	240,054	298,061 (c6)	287,983
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	23,115	268,990	292,105	298,061
c4	Transfers and adjustments		25,000	(25,000)	(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	48,115	243,990	292,105 (c8)	298,061 (c6)

SECTION D					
d	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)				
d1	Balance brought forward from last year				33
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			225	315
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			225	348
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)			0	0

SUMMARY OF CIRCUIT ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATION REPORTING TO THE CIRCUIT MEETING

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Circuit accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Circuit Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross receipts and payments totals of the Circuit. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold of £250,000, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the Circuit and connected Circuit Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	181,392 (a8)	187,348 (b9)	(5,956)	(c7)	298,061 (c6)	292,105 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	181,392	187,348	(5,956)		298,061 (x)	292,105 (y)
	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

SECTION F
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CIRCUIT - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	48,932	32,366
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	9,075	15,749
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	240,054	243,990
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	298,061 (c6)	292,105 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	298,061 (x)	292,105 (y)

SECTION G
OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land and Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	750,000	750,000
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
 f5 Include only CFB Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
 g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trust accounts this is inserted in line f5)

Name of Circuit CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT No. 1304

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment 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 J M Rennie Date 2-3-22

Name and address of treasurer JOAN MARY RENNIE

15 NOOKSTON CLOSE HARTLEPOOL Post Code TS260PG

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 16-3-2022

Signature of the Chair of the meeting B Hollings

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV BEVERLY HOLLINGS Date 2-3-22

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CASTLE EDEN METHODIST Circuit

Charity Number 1189839

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CASTLE EDEN METHODIST Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 1. to 3. 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Circuit CASTLE EDEN METHODIST CIRCUIT No 1304

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (~~other than that disclosed below*~~) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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 J R Lyons

Name of independent examiner JOHN ROBERT LYONS

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate) LYONS & CO LTD

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Date 28.02.2022

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