



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

## **Trustees' Annual Report for the period**

**From 1st September 2022 To 31st August 2023**

**Charity name: Meon Valley Methodist Circuit**

**Charity registration number: 1196360**

## **Objectives and Activities**

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	The purposes of the Methodist Church are: (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church; (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church; (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Equip Churches for mission. Support and Train local preachers to spread the word of God. Provision of manse and stipends for minister to enable them to perform ministry. Provide support to churches in fulfilling financial, legal and safeguarding obligations.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	The trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit.

### **Additional information (optional)**

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	
	Para 1.38	

Policy on social investment including program related investment		
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	The Charity continued to provide ministerial support to the five churches in the circuit as well as pastoral care to church members. The minister spent time meeting with congregations as well as establishing links with other denominations and organisations in the circuit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41f	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41f	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	

Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity was able to maintain its income during the year – the two highest areas of expenditure were stipend and salaries - £70.7k and property running costs and maintenance at £5.7k.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves, stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Reserves Policy allows for a contingency which is equal to 6 months essential running cost of the Circuit. It also includes funds restricted to pay for residual costs of a 5-year fixed term employee and for future mission-based projects to expand the work of the circuit.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£135,697
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A.
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	The Circuit is dependent on its linked churches for its income. The ability of these churches to make these contributions is kept under review.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25:	Deed of Union (1932) and the Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g. unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25:	Religious organisation
Trustee selection methods, including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25:	Nominated by linked churches and employees in the circuit.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51f	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51f	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name:	Meon Valley Methodist Circuit
Other name the charity uses:	
Registered charity number	1195360
Charity's principal address	Shirrell Heath Methodist Church High Street Shirrell Heath Southampton SO32 2JN

**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	Revd Philip Griffin	Chair		
2	Andy Hallam			
3	Alyson Miller			
4	Anne Gilbert			
5	Anouska Kirby			
6	Brenda Byrne			
7	Dennis Gamblin			
8	Derek Morgan			
9	Jill Letts			
10	Jordan Cousins			
11	John Sargeant			
12	Justin Kirby			
13	Martin Letts			
14	Liz Sorsky			
15	Mark Chester			
16	Robin Pye			
17	Ron Morgan			
18	Stephen Freemantle			
19	Jill Sutton			
20	Les Sutton			
21	Mark Tizzard			
22	Carol Sealey			
23	Rachel Firth			
24	Kathy Saunders			
25				

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

Director name		

**Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity**

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	

**Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

**Additional information (optional)****Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)**

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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**Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)**

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**Exemptions from disclosure**

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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**Other optional information**

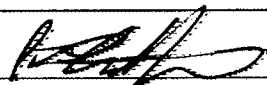
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## Declarations

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

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Philip Griffin

Position (eg Secretary,  
Chair, etc)

Chair

Date

19-03-24



**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Meen Valley	Circuit
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2023**

Southampton	District	Circuit no.	#26-6
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1195360

**If not a registered charity Her 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:**

Rev. Andrew de Ville (Superintendent)
Rev. Phill Griffin

**Circuit Stewards:**

Stephen Freeman
Mark Chester
Martin Letts

**Treasurer:**

Dennis Gambin
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SECTION A		Un- restricted Funds	Circuit Model/Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
a1	RECEIPTS	£	£	£	£	£
a2	Assessment/Share	70,656			70,656	62,450
a3	Capital receipts					
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,595		1,025	3,619	584
a5	Grants					35,000
a6	Other receipts	2,166			2,166	2,240
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>75,416</b>		<b>1,025</b>	<b>76,441 (a8)</b>	<b>100,274</b>

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	42,228		6,566	48,794	64,825
b3	Manse Costs	5,028			5,028	9,076
b4	Administration etc	1,509		79	1,588	1,931
b5	District Assessment	11,808		7,908	19,716	19,716
b6	Grants & donations	1,536		2,100	3,636	11,254
b7						
b8	Other payments	3,276			3,276	3,118
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>65,384</b>		<b>16,652</b>	<b>82,037 (b9)</b>	<b>108,920</b>

SECTION C		Un- restricted Funds	Circuit Model/Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	£	£	£	£	£
c1		(a7-b9)	10,032	(15,628)	(5,596)	(9,648)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	47,955	68,929	24,409	141,293 (c6)	150,939
c3	<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>57,987</b>	<b>68,929</b>	<b>135,697</b>	<b>141,293</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>57,987</b>	<b>68,929</b>	<b>135,697 (c8)</b>	<b>141,293 (c6)</b>

SECTION D		Un- restricted Funds	Circuit Model/Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
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	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1 + d2 - d3)</b>					

## 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)					
e10	76,441 (a8)	82,037 (b8)	(5,596)	(c7)	141,293 (c8)	135,697 (c8)
	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT</b>		<b>(5,596)</b>		<b>141,293 (x)</b>	<b>135,697 (y)</b>
	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

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	13,520	24,932
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	95,063	77,941
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	32,709	32,823
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	141,292 (c8)	135,696 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance totals above) (e12)	(e41)	(e42)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	141,292 (x)	135,696 (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)		344,131
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 inline 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  Date: 8/3/24

Name and address of treasurer DENNIS GAMMUN

44 ORCHARDIA, SWANMORE Post Code: SO30 2PZ

### 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 19-03-24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting Philip Griffin Date: 19-03-24

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Meon Valley Circuit

Charity Number 1195360

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Meon Valley Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 David John Warren

Name of independent examiner DAVID JOHN WARREN

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner AFA

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address 33 OAKLAND ROAD

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Date 11/03/2024

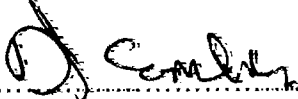
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Signature of independent examiner ..... *D Warren*

Name of independent examiner ..... *DAVID JOHN WARREN*

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

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

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*BOTLEY SOUTHAMPTON* Post Code: *SO32 2SX*

Date *11/03/2024*

\* delete or circle as appropriate