



**CHARITY COMMISSION  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES**

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

**From 1st September 2024 To 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025**

**Charity name: Meon Valley Methodist Circuit**

**Charity registration number: 1195360**

## **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	Grants Policy – agreed by Circuit Meeting 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2024 Grants will be given in the light of the Circuit Mission Statement and the purposes of the Methodist Church. Grants will be given in response to written requests which seek to meet the criteria set out below, and if appropriate following the appropriate

		permissions being sought from Circuit, District and Connexion. Any single grant to a local church will be limited up to 30% of the cost of a project or activity. The Circuit Meeting is the authorising body for any grants with authority delegated to the Circuit Stewards meeting.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
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.

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Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	

Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
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 three highest areas of expenditure were stipend and salaries - £50.2k, District Assessment £14.6k and property running costs and maintenance at £6.8k.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. £87,250 contingency which is equal to 6 months essential running cost of the Circuit, sinking fund for Manse (£16k), general contingency (3k) and potential grants to Churches towards building maintenance projects.</li> <li>2. £22,300 general outreach fund – annual allocation £6k earmarked for outreach and mission on application from Circuit and Churches</li> <li>3. £22,200 – held in TMCP account for large outreach activities in line with Circuit Policy and approved by Circuit meeting.</li> </ol>
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	£131,750
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 by the Circuit Stewards and Treasurer.

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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	A fall in attendance across the churches in the Circuit which would potentially lead to a fall in income which as a consequence may impact on their ability to contribute to the running of the Circuit through their annual assessment.
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	By holding specified roles within a church e.g., Treasurer, nominated by linked churches and employees in the circuit.

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
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	Waltham Chase Methodist Church Curdrige Lane Waltham Chase Southampton SO32 2LD

## 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	Melissa Hutchings			
10	John Sargeant			
11	Justin Kirby			
12	Liz Sorsky			
13	Mark Chester			
14	Robin Pye			
15	Ron Morgan			
16	Stephen Freemantle			
17	Les Sutton			
18	Mark Tizzard			
19	Carol Sealey			
20	Rachel Firth			
21	Kathy Saunders			
22	Graham Barber			
23	Nikki Barber			
24	Sam Charles			
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26	Niki Freemantle		17 <sup>th</sup> March 2025	
27	Julie Tizzard		18 <sup>th</sup> June 2025	
28	Val Jenkins		1 <sup>st</sup> April 2025	

## 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	

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### **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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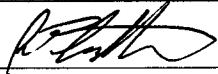
### **Other optional information**

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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

18 <sup>th</sup> March 2026
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**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

<b>Meon Valley</b>	<b>Circuit</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2025**

<b>Southampton</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>#26-6</b>
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<b>Dennis Gamblin</b>
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**ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 August 2025**
**Meon Valley**
**Circuit**

<b>SECTION A</b>			Un - restricted Funds	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>	£	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>						
a2	Assessment/Share		80,188			80,188	73,593
a3	Capital receipts						
a4	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,727	1,472		5,199	5,761
a5	Grants						
a6	Other receipts		4,562		1,630	6,192	2,247
a7	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>		<b>88,477</b>	<b>1,472</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>91,579 (a8)</b>	<b>81,601</b>

<b>SECTION B</b>							
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>						
b2	Stipends, salaries, NIC, Pension and travel costs		51,386			51,386	48,181
b3	Manse Costs		6,168			6,168	5,709
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b7							
b8	Other payments		4,405	950		5,355	3,053
b9	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>		<b>81,041</b>	<b>950</b>	<b>1,630</b>	<b>83,621 (b9)</b>	<b>84,702</b>

<b>SECTION C</b>							
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a7-b9)</b>	<b>7,436</b>	<b>522</b>		<b>7,958</b>	<b>(3,101)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		54,886	68,929	8,781	132,596 (c6)	135,697
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>62,322</b>	<b>69,451</b>	<b>8,781</b>	<b>140,554</b>	<b>132,596</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		47,287	(47,287)			
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>109,610</b>	<b>22,164</b>	<b>8,781</b>	<b>140,554 (c8)</b>	<b>132,596 (c6)</b>

<b>SECTION D</b>							
d	<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b> (these amounts should not be included in total receipts/payments above)						
d1	Balance brought forward from last year						
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**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)	(e)
e9 Circuit accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	91,579 (a8)	83,621 (b9)	7,958	(c7)	132,596 (c6)	140,554 (c)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CIRCUIT	91,579	83,621	7,958		132,596 (x)	140,554 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

**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	16,956	17,304
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	81,998	101,086
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	33,641	22,164
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL	132,596 (c6)	140,554 (c)
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**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
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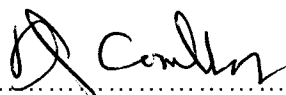
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I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit meeting.

Signature of treasurer  Date 24/2/25

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

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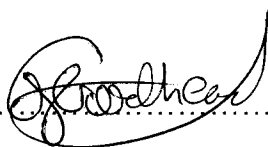
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EASTLEIGH, HAMPSHIRE, SO53 3DA

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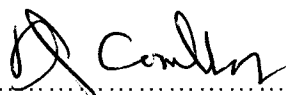
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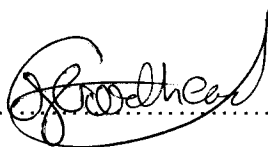
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