

Bradford South Circuit

Annual Report

September 2018-2019

“Sharing God’s Love”

“As God’s people we seek to work together to celebrate and share God’s love in Christ for all”.

Superintendent's Report

As ever it has been another exciting and challenging year for us all in the Bradford South Circuit, as you will discover reading the reports found herein.

As a circuit we serve a diversity of communities within the city, from social housing estates to communities on the margins of the city who prefer to identify themselves as urban villages, to those where maintaining a Christian presence feels particularly challenging.

With the closure of Clayton Heights we have 11 church buildings, although, with the St Arnold's project in the city centre we have 12 worshipping communities within the circuit. Our presence and work in the city centre continues to develop and grow, with new opportunities being explored as they arise. Rev Graeme Dutton's report on St Arnold's provides a more detailed account of all that has been achieved during the last year.

As we continue to strive to meet and serve the needs of all people throughout the circuit regardless of age, CYG has continued to be an important group for a number of our young people, whilst Holiday at Home has continued to be a highlight of the year for a number of those of more mature years. It was a highlight of the event for me personally, to be able to partner one of our nonagenarians on the dance floor. The same could be said for both CYGers and our holiday makers - they have been able to enjoy crafts, games, conversation and good food in a safe and comfortable environment.

As ever, the annual report bears witness to the fact that Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents, all of whom are encouraged and offered opportunity to use them in ways that are meaningful and fulfilling, not only for the circuit and churches but for the individual also. This we do as an expression of our shared discipleship and mission, taking seriously our responsibility to use the resources we have wisely and responsibly, in a way that honours ourselves, all people, our world and God.

As challenging as all this is, the people of Bradford South Methodist circuit never fail to remain faithful and hopeful, facing opportunity and change with the assurance that God continues to have plans for us and for the city in which we witness.

Revd Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister

Statement of Core Values

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- All we do as a circuit is within the beliefs and practices of the Methodist Church.
- Each person is created in the image of God.
- All people are therefore valued and respected regardless of age, gender, sexuality, ability, cultural background or faith.
- We are responsible, under God, for each other and our social, spiritual and personal needs.
- All members of groups or churches should be allowed and enabled to participate in decision making, within the proper process.
- We adhere to the United Nations rights of the child in our work with young people.
- All should be kept safe from harm and it is the responsibility of us all to work towards this together with particular attention to the requirements of the Methodist Church.
- We respect and value the work of all, paid and voluntary in the circuit.

Circuit Staff Team 2018-19

Ministerial Staff

Revd. Lyn Gregg —Circuit Superintendent

Churches: Southfield Lane, Wibsey, Wyke

Revd. Graeme Dutton (half time in circuit and half time in City Centre ministry)

Churches: New Hey Road (East Bowling),

Revd. Albert Gayle

Churches: Clayton, Clayton Heights, Thornbury, Trinity (Manningham)

Revd. Sarah Jemison (part time minister)

Churches: Cornerstone, Horton Bank,

Revd. Richard Oldroyd (part time minister)

Aldersgate,(Low Moor), Ebenezer (Dudley Hill)

The support ministers across the circuit will be Revd. Lyn Gregg and Revd. Graeme Dutton

Lay Staff

Mrs. Alison Terrell– Circuit Administrator & Lay Pastoral Worker

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Administration

The routine work around the Plan, newsletters, directories, pastoral lists and communicating with the churches continues. Regular contact with the Ministers helps me to keep abreast of what is happening around the Circuit, which both makes the job more meaningful and helps me to find articles of interest for the Newsletter. I have continued to work on the large amount of paperwork in the office, particularly in relation to GDPR and preserving information for archiving.

Spending a week on the Certificate of Administrative Ministry course at Cliff College and the assignment I completed on my return was both challenging and encouraging. It was good to meet others doing the same or similar role and be reminded that God values what we do, even if the job is sometimes a bit isolating. Lyn works from the office once a week if she can and it's always good to see other people. Do feel free to drop in.

Alison Terrell

Circuit Stewards

Another busy year, property wise, made financially easier by proceeds from the sale of Chapel Road being earmarked for manse repairs. This has meant much needed improvements have been, and continue to be made.

This will be my last report as Senior Circuit Steward as Dennis and I have stepped down in August having completed 6 years .

As expected Richard Walsh has replaced us and we wish him well in this new role.

As I write Trinity are preparing to move to Touchstone and we wish them well and hope they soon settle.

We would, again , like to thank Circuit staff for all their help, and hope they have felt our support as well.

Rosie Watson

Finance

This report is written just prior to the financial year end 31st August 2019. At this stage the accounts are not complete or audited but we have enough information to provide an overview of the circuit's current financial situation. The Finance Team are always happy to discuss the finer detail and answer any questions which may be raised on the circuit's financial activity. Accounts for the year 2018-19 will be fully audited by 31

December 2019 and will be presented to the March 2020 Circuit Meeting for approval.

At the Circuit Meeting in September 2018 permission was granted to sell the small terraced house at 8 Chapel Road, Low Moor. We are pleased to report this sale was completed in early 2019 and the net proceeds of approximately £54k added to the circuit's reserves. It was agreed by the Circuit Leadership Team that up to half of this amount should be set aside for manse projects and, although to date no major works have been undertaken, a new kitchen for Snape Drive is currently being costed.

We are also dealing with the sale of Trinity Methodist Church and hope to have that sale concluded during the financial year 2019-20, as that congregation relocate and continue their mission in the new Touchstone building in Easby Road.

The circuit continues to run a deficit budget anticipated to be approximately £40k in 2018-19 and £50k in 2019-20. Whilst this is clearly substantial it remains manageable for now. Our major expense is stipends but we continue to receive excellent and much valued leadership and ministry from our presbyters and feel that our reserves are being well used in maintaining a strong and stable ordained staff team. Alison Terrell continues as our only lay employee and supports the circuit through her administrative work at the Circuit Office.

Assessments continue to be the main source of circuit Income, but equally the main source of concern as churches close and others struggle to meet their assessments at the current level. Although systems for calculating assessments have been reviewed in recent years, it seems that whichever method is used current levels will be unsustainable for some churches going forward. This impacts greatly on the circuit's overall income. We will continue to employ a 'pay what you can' system for assessments for now, but remind churches of their obligation under Standing Orders to meet their assessment payments as a first priority.

So balancing the books continues to be a challenge and it may be that in the future some difficult financial decisions need to be made. For now, thanks to our circuit reserves, we can manage the annual deficit but long term we may need to be more creative. It's important to remember that God is with us in all these things and continues to guide us and sustain us in our work. Our circuit is responding to the present demands with great faith but it is important to remember that your contribution whether financial, practical or spiritual, to the work of the circuit counts for a great deal and helps us to continue to do God's work together. Our churches, our circuit and our mission may change over the coming years but we must be ready to face up to these challenges positively and trust God to support us in everything we do.

Trevor Kershaw & Melanie Walsh
Circuit Finance Team

Property

It's been a few years now since the Circuit Leadership Team sat in the lounge at Clayton Heights and began a conversation about the future of church buildings. We could see that there were many challenges facing our local churches with regard to the way in which we are all asked to be stewards of God-given resources. From that meeting we put together the 12 to 1 paper and circulated it to all of our churches asking you to consider the way in which your buildings could act as a resource or a drain for mission. It was a paper that caused a great deal of conversation in a lot of our churches. Many churches have embraced the challenges outlined in that paper and have thought very seriously about their future. For some churches that has meant a renewed focus on mission amongst the communities that are already using their buildings, for others it has meant the painful but sometimes liberating process of leaving a building and continuing their fellowship journey in new ways at new places. Over the coming years we will continue to work together as a Circuit to explore and fund new and exciting ways of being God's church. It is probable that this will mean that more of our buildings are sold to release resources, including finance and people's energy. In all these explorations I am very grateful to all those who dedicate a great deal of their time and effort into caring for and managing our buildings. As a Circuit we give thanks to God for all that he has done and is continuing to do in our area of this country. I pray that we are able to support each other in the joys and sorrows we face as we journey into our future with him.

Revd Graeme Dutton

The Plan and LCA's

It has, once again, proved to be a challenge making the Plan this year. Churches are becoming more accustomed to managing a significant number of LCAs. As ever, they have risen to the challenge and (for the most part) have accepted them as the opportunity to explore new ways of working and worshipping, be that alone or with other circuit churches. There have been café-style services, Songs of Praise services, as well as readers' services and a significant number of services led by Worship Leaders.

For some churches LCAs have offered the opportunity to 'visit' other churches. This has not only solved the problem of not having a preacher on a Sunday, but has also offered the chance to build relationships that may offer even more opportunities in the future. Preparing for the future, some churches are choosing to develop a real sense of partnership with neighbouring churches, changing something that began as a plan-directed necessity into something that seems more organic and Spirit-led.

Revd Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister

Local Preachers

The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently stands at 27, including 2 preachers 'on Trial'. Of these 8 (either temporarily or permanently) have withdrawn from taking services. With the closure of Clayton Heights at the end of December 2018 this means we have had 19 Local Preachers plus five ministers (some full time, some part-time) to take the 198 morning services in our churches, 41@11 services in the city centre and 4 evening services, plus occasional circuit services, during the four-month period on each plan. This is a total of 206+ services per plan.

These figures are evidence that there are just not enough preachers to fill all appointments on the plan, as it is not feasible for every one of our Local Preachers to offer the 7 appointments that would be required to do so. As a result, the letters "LCA" appear with a disturbing degree of frequency against each of our churches on various dates. LCA stands for Local Church Arrangement, when the church stewards are responsible for ensuring appropriate worship happens on that particular Sunday. A number of our churches have Worship Leaders, and they take many of the LCAs in their own churches, something for which we are all extremely grateful.

As noted above we have 2 Local Preachers 'on Trial'. These are Richard Walsh and Mike Bedford, who are both studying through the online 'Worship: Leading and Preaching' course, the official training course of the Methodist Church. The course is designed to be accessible to everyone (although it does require some basic computer skills and access to the internet). We currently have no Local Preachers 'on Note'.

I would like to encourage anyone who feels they are being nudged towards becoming a Local Preacher or Worship Leader to speak to someone about it. Who knows, you might possibly be hearing a 'call to preach', and we would very much want to welcome and encourage you to test that calling.

Revd Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister

Lay Pastoral Workers

The pastoral side of my work has reduced lately. Not surprisingly some have passed away and I have not been asked to visit new people. In discussion with Lyn it has been recognised that visiting people with dementia who don't know me is often not a good idea as they can become distressed trying to work out who I am and why I am there.

The pastoral work keeps me involved with Rowanberries and I take services there. I was involved in Holiday at Home again which is a real joy. I also value being part of that small group who come together regularly to pray on a Wednesday morning at Java Joe's, known as 'Pray First'. It's a great opportunity to pause midweek and remember why we are here.

Alison Terrell

Circuit Youth Work

This year the leadership of CYG has been offered by John Marshall, Victor Kuyeli and Rev Lyn Gregg. Week by week they have followed a more biblical theme rather than following a series of topic-based themes as has been done in previous years.

The two groups (8-12yrs and 13-18yrs) have met together as one group on a number of occasions, usually at the end of term 'party night' and also as they prepared for the Youth Service held on July 7th at Cornerstone.

Numbers have dropped during the year with some of the young people choosing to leave for different reasons. Those who remain enjoy the opportunity to meet for discussion and activities. The weekly overlap session, when the larger number makes it possible to play some favourite games, including dodge ball and Ninja, continues to be a favourite time of the evening.

The Youth Service, led by CYG, was based upon the theme of 'Being Transformed by Jesus'. The young people settled upon the theme following a conversation about Superheroes, Transformers and Power Rangers. As ever they delivered a well-constructed and meaningful act of worship that was well received and much appreciated.

A number of our young people attended 3Generate (the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly) in November 2018. A number also attended the District Youth weekend in April 2019. Both events offer young people the opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new ones, allowing them to appreciate the concept of 'connexion'.

The relationship between the youth of the Bradford North and Bradford South circuits has continued to deepen as they have met together for regular fellowship meetings throughout the year. They were also able to meet socially during the summer, enjoying a number of activities together.

Although we have not had anyone participating as an intern on the 'One Opp' programme this year, Victor, who previously served his internship as a 'Young Leader' with the younger CYG group, has been involved in supporting and encouraging the group of this year's participants from across the District.

Next year will, undoubtedly, hold new challenges and opportunities for the group, not least because we expect to be saying farewell to our oldest members who will be going to university. We wish them well and hope they will come back and see us as often as they are able.

Revd Lyn Gregg

Holy Week

Some reflections by Richard Sheard

Palm Sunday

I was preaching this morning. I looked at the entry into Jerusalem from a bystanders point of view. How would we feel with what we knew of Jesus from stories and snippets we had gleaned from others. As the story slowly unfolds this week our emotions change and almost take on a rollercoaster ride. But I don't want to jump the gun. We are concentrating today on being happy as we shout hosanna with the crowd. We are expecting great things. We also have no idea how this week will pan out for us. We may have made plans but things change and we have to rearrange.

This evening we followed a similar theme. Reflecting on the day. As Methodists we enjoy singing and we have done a lot of that today. We sing our faith and we certainly did today.

Monday

This evening was the first of the Holy Week services. After a rocky start, we were blocked in by someone parking their car on the pavement and across the access road. Once we managed to get out we were treated (if that is the right word) to a peaceful and relaxing atmosphere in the host church. We were encouraged to join in our minds eye with Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane by visiting various places around the church, reading a script and praying or contemplating on the words.

For me, after the frustrating start it was a double bonus. A chance to relax and forget about the frustration as I prayed for others and myself in the church. Maybe I, and possibly you, need to take more time to be quiet in God's garden to reflect.

Tuesday

Tonight we stayed in the garden but we moved on from sharing the prayer with Jesus to the approach of Judas. Judas gets a bad press in the gospels. True he was the one who went to the officials but they could have found Jesus without his help. He identified his friend but then filled with remorse at what he'd done, hanged himself. Peter also betrayed Jesus when he denied him. The rest of the disciples betrayed him when they ran away. Only Judas is remembered for the act of betrayal. Would Jesus have forgiven him? He forgave those who nailed him to the tree so more than likely

Just imagine if we were remembered for the worse thing we had ever done.

As Jesus implored his disciples he implored us today "stay here, remain here with me, watch and pray" Will we? Or will we join the betrayers?

Wednesday

Tonight we moved out of the garden to the courtyard. Jesus was being questioned. We can't say on trial as it was a foregone conclusion. We are now with Peter. I wonder how we would react if challenged. "You're one of his crowd. I saw you coming out of Wibsey Methodist the other day" would you admit it knowing if you did your life might be forfeit or would you try and bluff your way out of it?

Peter bottled it "nah you've got the wrong guy" not once but three times. What would you do?

The cock crows and Jesus looks at us. Have we disowned him or stood by him?

You know how you would react.

Later Jesus said to Peter "feed my sheep"

Even if we disown him he will forgive us.

The cock will crow in the morning. Will you be ashamed?

Maundy Thursday

Tonight we started with soup rice and bread. A meal to remember the last supper but a meal that anyone across the world could recognise.

We shared the peace and then listened to story of the first last supper and then followed the service with the responses being from memory. The bread was broken and given, however we were asked to hold on to it and then dip it in the wine before eating.

The service was a very quiet reflective service as we followed the footsteps of Jesus.

We left in silence. A chance to think about the service

As we move to Good Friday may we continue to reflect on this precious gift of love.

Good Friday

A gloriously bright, sunny and warm day today, meaning that we had to use our imaginations about the darkness of the first Good Friday before we set off on the traditional Wibsey walk of witness. The short worship time beforehand included a reading, a reflection, and a prayer and then 'There is a green hill far away', all in the car park at the Fair Ground. Then we followed the cross through the village to the Salvation Army hall for another short reflective service (and hot cross buns). People we passed along the way received a card with a message.

Then this evening, a thoughtful reflective service led by Free Spirit, focusing on the words of Jesus during Good Friday, with readings and poems (in the voice of Jesus), songs from Free Spirit and a couple of hymns for us to sing. We left in silence, as although we know the outcome, we still remember that Jesus is, at the moment, dead. The poems gave me plenty to think about, especially the last one, which was based on 'Father into your hands I commit my spirit'. I won't give it all here, but the last line was:

"...until I give it up to you it cannot be returned to anyone; father into your hands I commit my spirit." What a price he paid to give us the gift of his Spirit, may we use it well.

Holy Saturday

We sat in the relative darkness this morning, mostly in silence but with music and words to reflect on. One of the readings highlighted the 'strange limbo' of this day, less so for us who know what happens tomorrow, but still a day of contrasts. As we left the church, we came across people in the village going about their daily lives as normal, while we still had that sense of loss. Just as would have been the case on the first Holy Saturday.



St Arnold's

We've held three Beer and hymns events so far this year. In February we held our 'Valentine's Beer and hymns' entitled 'All you need is love' where all the hymns featured the word love. This was followed by our Easter Day Beer and Hymns where we sang resurrection songs. Finally, we held our annual sporting themed Beer and Hymns where we made an appeal for a youth work fund held within the circuit in the names of two former youth group members who died in the Bradford City fire disaster. All of these events were well attended (between 50 and 100 people at each) and offered an opportunity to share the Gospel through a very simple message. August Bank Holiday will see the return of our annual 'Beach Party Beer and Hymns', followed by our Harvest Festival in October and (my favourite event of the whole year) Curry and Carols on the Sunday before Christmas.

The Holy Week photography exhibition, held in the upper room at The Peacock bar, was very well received with approximately 100 people visiting the exhibition during Holy Week, including 21 who came to a guided event where I was able to play traditional Holy Week hymns and read Passiontide Bible passages offering in-between, an explanation of each of the photos. The Exhibition is still currently on display.

We were asked again to provide volunteers for this year's North Parade Street Party after the 'amazing job' the team did last year and although the event proved to be a bit of a washout, the role the volunteers played on the day was again very much appreciated.

During Refugee week we showed a film at The Peacock Bar called "Female voices" which had been directed, filmed and produced by a number of Syrian women. The film tells the story of Syrian refugees living in a variety of contexts. 22 people attended what proved to be a very moving screening and discussion.

The regular quiz evenings that take place at The Peacock bar now always feature a team made up of our St Arnold's members. This social gathering is helping our church community to become even more imbedded in the life and work of the street. (We've even won the quiz on several occasions!)

One@11 has seen some important growth this year. Our usual congregation is now between 6 and 10 people and bar staff in various venues on the street are beginning to recognise our congregation and talk to them about the events they attend.

I have now been asked to appear on Radio Leeds Sunday morning breakfast show on a number of occasions to speak about the work we are doing on North Parade and give my opinions on other news stories as their 'guest clergy' for the show.

Our presence as a church on North Parade has led to a number of requests for pastoral services including funerals, marriages, vow renewals and baby naming ceremonies, all of which are done in the name of Saint Arnold's Church as the people involved don't have any contact with any other churches.

Revd Graeme Dutton



Church and Society

In addition to the many ways that individuals are involved in serving their communities, the concerns for the environment and refugees demand the churches attention.

Refugee Week

BEACON: The annual sponsored walk this year was joined by Refugee Action and focussed on raising awareness of the Lift the Ban Campaign. As reported in the last Circuit Newsletter, this campaign is urging the government to lift restrictions on asylum seekers right to work. The **'Walk for Work'** on June 19th included many asylum seekers and refugees from around the world, now living in our area. BEACON's Team leader was interviewed by BBC Leeds and Bradford Community Radio. And the final stage of the walk was filmed by BBC Leeds and featured on the Sunday Regional Politics Programme as part of a discussion on the need to change the law in respect of asylum seekers right to work.

Thank you to all who sponsored walkers!



'Female Voice' on June 17th at The Peacock Bar was a moving and powerful collection of short films made by female Syrian filmmakers, sharing their experiences of being a refugee in Lebanon, Jordan and Turkey. It was screened to a packed 'upper room' and was followed by a short discussion.

Climate Emergency

At the Methodist Conference this year, there was debate regarding our responsibility for sustaining the earth's resources for future generations. The following is part of a response to a memorial from the Bristol Synod,

'The Methodist Church's statement on climate change, *Hope in God's Future: Christian Discipleship in the Context of Climate Change*, remains relevant and offers a theological and biblical approach.

Faced with a climate emergency, the Conference joins with Pope Francis and the Anglican Communion in endorsing the call for urgent action. It welcomes the declarations by the parliaments of the UK, Scotland and Wales and encourages (Methodist) members to pray, to reduce their own emissions, and to continue to ask MPs to support the robust policies needed to achieve net zero emissions.'

Methodist young people in their 3 Generate Manifesto, which I hope is displayed on all our church notice boards, invites every Church Council to consider how it can look after the environment by: i) Recycling, ii) Using less plastic, iii) Picking up litter

Revd Sarah Jemison

Schools Work

The Circuit continues to have close connections and warm relationships with some primary schools in Bradford, a consequence of which enables us to engage in valuable outreach and mission in addition to providing hospitality where schools use our premises for their work.

- At Low Moor Primary school "Open the Book" is now well established. It uses collective worship time each Monday morning to tell Bible stories whereby children act out the story and a team from the Circuit and Holy Trinity church lead the worship, on a rota basis. The team from the Circuit comprises myself, Revds Graeme and Lyn together with Beverley and Jenny Hardy and Geoff and Mary Twentyman.
- The whole school managed to squeeze into Aldersgate on 9th November to commemorate Remembrance Sunday, with an appropriate act of worship led by myself.
- Each year group (6 in total) from the school have attended Aldersgate where they have learned about an important festival and custom of the Christian faith as well as the rites of passage relating to baptism, weddings and funerals. These teaching sessions have been led by myself.
- At Hill Top Primary Revds Graeme, Lyn and myself, along with the vicar of Holy Trinity, delivered collective worship on a rota basis once a week, on a Tuesday afternoon, during term time.
- At both Low Moor and Hilltop primary schools we continue to be invited to lead the story and worship sessions of their Messy Church events which are held 2-3 times a year in each school.
- Revd Graeme has led worship on a regular basis at St John's Primary School, Bierley.
- Wibsey Primary School, one of the largest primary schools in Bradford, continues to receive a welcome at Wibsey Methodist Church for their 'whole school' assemblies, their own premises being unable to provide a large enough space for such a large gathering. Lyn goes in to lead assemblies, and by invitation to other events.
- Aldersgate continues to host a carers' and toddlers' group each Tuesday morning, during term time, run by staff at Low Moor and Hill Top primary schools.
- As a result of the relationship that has built up with Hill Top and Low Moor primary schools children from both schools came to entertain the guests during the Holiday at Home last year. This year the choir from Low Moor primary school provided the entertainment one afternoon and were very well received.

Revd Richard Oldroyd

Work in Homes

Flowers Nursing Home

Isaiah 49: 15 I will not forget you.

I like the idea of going into a place where care is given to those who are full of years. I go into Nursing Homes to show God's love to his people. Sometimes the people in these places are confused, bewildered, far away in their minds, but occasionally the light comes on when something visual is shown or when a song is sung or when a reading is read or a story is told.

Sarah Jemison and I go into the Flowers Nursing Home once a month to help the staff and residents to know that they're not forgotten. We help them to be attentive to God in worship by reading scripture, by singing, by prayer, by story and by worship. It's good that the Church invests in this ministry of care. The church is saying that the arm of God reaches people wherever they are and in whatever condition they're in. He will never forget us even when we're disorientated and confused, or in a worse state of dementia, because we belong to him and nothing can separate us from his love. We are reassured by his word in Romans 8:35-39.

'Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?... No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.'

Revd Albert Gayle

Rowanberries

Another year almost over and as we look back at Rowanberries we see moments of sadness when we have shared in the sorrow of saying goodbye to well loved residents and also the sadness of losing contact with relatives we have come to know over the years their family have lived with us. But alongside those moments we have the joys of welcoming new residents into the Rowanberries family, and getting to know them as we share together.

Over the year we have enjoyed spending time chatting one to one, and also in group activities. Pub lunches have continued to be a popular outing, particularly for those who live alone, or are unable to get out. In house activities have included the ever popular bingo afternoons, crafts, reminiscence, baking, along with musical entertainment and other interesting afternoons such as the visit from the birds of prey centre. A joint coffee afternoon with visitors from other MHA housing schemes, and visits from local school children, and from the children of staff members brought even more enjoyment to our residents.

Many of our residents particularly appreciate the opportunity to attend a church service, especially if they are no longer able to attend their own church regularly. Once again we would like to pass on our appreciation to all who have shared in this ministry, often fitting this into what is already a very busy schedule.

As we move towards Christmas we look forward to making many more memories and pass on our best wishes for the year ahead.

Dawn Harris (Chaplain)

I am your God and will take care of you
until you are old and your hair is gray.
I made you and will care for you;
I will give you help and rescue you.

Isaiah 46 v 4 (Good News Bible)

New Hey Road at Gateway

Many of our churches have, over the last few years, started to think about their future in very different terms. They have needed to consider all of the resources available to them for mission and worship and to begin to think about how best they can be used to sustain the life of the local church.

New Hey Road have taken this challenge very seriously indeed. After several long and difficult meetings the congregation decided to approach the local nursing home, The Gateway Centre at Dudley Hill, to enquire if there would be space which they could use for worship on a Sunday morning. When I met with Chris, the centre manager, to talk through that request he was immediately very helpful. He could see that having worship on site, on a Sunday morning, would be of great benefit for a number of the home's residents. He explained that many of the residents in the home did have a church background but, due to the level of care that they require, it isn't possible for them to attend worship independently. By allowing us to use one of the lounge areas the home would be able to say it was working hard to fulfil the spiritual needs of their residents.

So worship at Gateway began in one of the lounges downstairs, but with most of the congregation from NHR plus a good number of the residents it quickly became apparent that there wasn't enough space for us all. The first lounge was too small. So we moved into a different lounge. This second lounge was bigger but was really two rooms, a dining room and lounge. The setup of this room with its different floor coverings, large chairs and location on the main corridor next to the kitchens meant that it was often difficult to hear what was happening during the service. The second lounge was too noisy. So we moved again, this time into one of the lounges on the second floor. As soon as you walk into this lounge you are immediately struck by the view offered by the floor to ceiling windows which run the length of the far wall giving you a panoramic view across the rooftops of the city. This lounge is a much better size and the acoustics are much more manageable, allowing us to use a small 'magic' keyboard with most of Hymns and Psalms on disk. For now, this lounge is just right!

Things have not always gone smoothly with moving Sunday morning worship to Gateway, there have been and continue to be lots of little bumps along the road, but we are now in a place where we have almost doubled our congregation due to residents (and sometimes their families) joining us. Worship, by necessity, is different. There are a high number of residents in the home who are in the advanced stages of dementia so a service needs to be crafted to take that into consideration. Hymns need to lean towards the traditional and well known, prayers using repeated phrases or responses often work well and preachers and worship leaders need to be prepared for interruptions and interjections (even more than you usually do at NHR!). Sometimes it can seem that many people in the room aren't 'present', and due to the nature of their medical condition they may well not be. However, at some point in every service I have lead at Gateway there has always been at least one moment when I have looked around the room and known that God is with us and is we are all sharing in that presence together. It's a remarkable feeling and a true moment of grace.

Over the next months and years there may well be more changes to the way worship is conducted at New Hey Road and Gateway. We are hoping to encourage more residents and their families to partake in the gift of worship that we are offering. The Carol concert we ran last year was so well attended that, even in the larger lounge, we had to spill out into the corridor. While there are always troubles and heartbreaks associated with thinking about leaving a church building I remain incredibly proud about the way in which the congregation at NHR have risen to the challenge of being 'The Church' in a new way, in a new place. I believe that God is blessing and rewarding their bravery and I look forward to all that is to come.

Revd Graeme Dutton

Free Spirit

Next year we will be celebrating 20 years of singing together.

It all began with an inspiring Christian music educator called Maggie Hamilton. Maggie worked for Counterpoint, a world music project sponsored by Christian Aid. She travelled widely in southern and east Africa, South America and the Philippines and brought back a wealth of material to share with churches in the northern hemisphere. Some of us were fortunate to attend a couple of her workshops where we were introduced to a wide diversity of songs.

Fired with enthusiasm we began to meet informally to sing some of those songs. We sang occasionally at Circuit services and enlarged our repertoire to include worship songs from other traditions and in differing styles.

We have sung at a number of ecumenical and interfaith gatherings over the years. The Hindu Festival in 2005 was a particular highlight. To be asked, as a Christian group, to sing at a major festival of another faith was a great privilege and we were able to send greetings from our local Methodist Churches to a gathering of at least five hundred Hindus.

In March 2015 we returned to City Hall as representatives of the Christian Church at a multi faith remembrance of World War I. The Banqueting Hall is a superb space to sing in and again it was a privilege to be asked to take part.

We have also sung a number of times in the Cathedral, another wonderful space in which to sing.

In 2008 we sang at the newly opened Eastbrook complex. It was unaccompanied singing in what was not a very good space acoustically but singing for Prince Charles and then getting opportunity to talk to him about our choir just had to be the icing on the cake for us!

In Geoff Reid's year as Lord Mayor we sang for the Christmas lunch at City Hall and in the following year had a concert back in the Banqueting Hall to raise money for the Lord Mayor's Appeal.

In the last few years we have enlarged our repertoire to include secular material and have sung quite a lot outside our own Circuit - performing two or three concerts each year. This year in the Circuit we led a service of meditation and music on Good Friday and sang at the Easter offering service and the Action for Children service.

Our Autumn concert in aid of Action for Children is at Cornerstone on Saturday September 28th at 2.30pm. We have lots of Christmas bookings so a busy time ahead. Our Christmas Concert within the Circuit is at Cornerstone on Saturday December 14th.

Thinking ahead, in our twentieth year we would be happy to sing to support individual churches with their fundraising or provide an evening service. Sorry we can't do morning services as choir members are all active in their own churches on Sunday mornings. We rehearse at Cornerstone on Monday evenings at 7.45pm and would welcome more members - a love of singing is all that is required.

Angie Brown (Cornerstone)

Pray First

Our weekly Circuit prayer meeting now takes place every Wednesday morning in Java Joe, the coffee shop at the Dudley hill roundabout. Moving this meeting out of the church has, I feel, had a number of really positive effects. I love the way that we are now visibly praying in and amongst our community. The church is no longer hidden away in its own building focussing its prayer out into the world. We are now in and amongst the bustle of everyday life, visibly present and engaged with other people around us. We are able to support a local, independent business and in return get to drink excellent coffee. We have also been able to nurture relationship with the staff at the coffee shop, learning about their lives and showing that we care. This kind of incarnational mission is simple, easy and effective. The more we are able to show that the church genuinely cares for the world and people around us, the greater the effect of living out the Gospel can have. The large windows at Java Joe give us the perfect opportunity to be aware of our surroundings as we pray. A blast of a siren or officers grabbing a quick coffee on their break sends our prayers off in a new direction. The screens showing the rolling news channel (with subtitles on) often also inform our

prayers and even the music being played on the radio has been used as a focus to send thanks or intercessions to God. The liturgy we use, from the Northumbria Community, includes short readings and passages of prayers that we say together as well as space for more general prayer for others. For me, this meeting serves as an anchor and a place of rebalancing. On the weeks I'm unable to attend, I really feel that I've missed out!

Revd Graeme Dutton

St Arnold's 'way of life' meetings

The meeting is a small fellowship group, meeting in Lefteris Café in the city centre at 10.30am every Saturday, for an hour or so, as part of St Arnold's presence in the city.

We used to look at the lectionary readings for each week as a basis for discussions, but recently have started to consider the Methodist Way of Life cards by Roger Walton, using the questions to guide our thoughts. Sometimes we set ourselves a challenge for the week ahead, other weeks we may look back on the past week and see how it has followed the guidelines. Some weeks there is something else that may take precedence, and some weeks are much more relaxed. As we continue to meet each week, it will more than likely continue to evolve.

The focus on the city centre underlies many of our discussions, and from September a couple of us will be starting a prayer walk in the city after the meeting.

The intention is to cover a different section each week, guided by any particular needs that Graeme may have identified during the previous week.

Teresa Lunn (Wibsey)

Holiday at Home

July 16th Tuesday to Thursday July 8th 2019.

Captain Quicksand and his crew welcomed 35 passengers aboard the good ship HS Wesley for a cruise in the Pacific, sailing from Hawaii to California and on to Hollywood.

Despite the Captain being very new to the post and having no navigational skills at all we did arrive at our destinations.

The catering team once again provided very appetising meals and some passengers were able to sit at the Captain's table. Coffee was served on arrival and afternoon tea before leaving for the day.

In the morning passengers were invited to take part in a variety of activities and after lunch were able to browse in the duty-free shop before the afternoon entertainment provided by Bradford Ukes, Low Moor First School Choir and the Silhouettes Dance Band.

All this would not have been possible without the wonderful team of volunteers from the circuit.

Many thankyou letters have been received from our passengers; perhaps an extract from one sums up the feelings of so many:

Just wanted to say a Big Thankyou to everyone who made Holiday at Home happen. For those three days in July I left my cares at the door and relished the feeling of being cosseted. The volunteers made us feel special and included. It was a joy and a privilege to be part of such a happy event.

Thanks to everyone .

Jenny hardy (Aldersgate)





Worship under the same roof

In my section I have two different denominations worshipping in Methodist Church buildings. For two years now the Church of God of Prophecy have been worshipping in the Trinity building in Manningham. We talked about a partnership in the early stages, but circumstances have steered us away from a formal arrangement. People have got older or have become unwell and so we looked realistically at ourselves and discerned that God wanted us to work differently.

In September therefore we'll be moving to Touchstone to continue our mission and ministry in a different context. It doesn't mean that we'll abandon our desire to extend God's kingdom as some of our number have expressed a wish to worship with the Church of God of Prophecy as the need arises and to support God's work in a challenging context.

You will no doubt be aware of Jesus' response to some of his disciples who didn't want to have anything to do with other people who did things differently. He encouraged them in partnership, mission and respect by saying that if they were not against him they were for him.

"Teacher," said John, "we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us." "Do not stop him," Jesus said. "For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us." Mark 9:38-40

I have long thought that Christians would do well to embrace any and all who walk and work on the side of love, regardless of their theology, religion or ideology.

Why should I not stand side by side and shoulder to shoulder with anyone who is on the side of love, regardless of what else we disagree with? Whoever is not against us is for us.

It is unfortunate that in some situations we end up with one group of Christians thinking that they have a monopoly on the truth.

When we fail to live with contradictory convictions, when we call others 'them', then we're in trouble because that's when racism and fear of the other is allowed to take root in us. That is not what God wants. God wants peace and harmony and justice for everyone, not just for those we're comfortable with.

At Thornbury we have recently made arrangements for the Assembly of God to use our building for worship. It feels good to lend a home to people who are in need. What is God saying to the Methodist Church as these opportunities present themselves?

When we worship in different buildings it is one way in which the Christian Church appears to be more divided than it really is. When different Churches decide to share their buildings, it is not only good stewardship of limited resources, but also a public statement that our mission is to unite, not to divide.

Revd Albert Gayle

Hindi Church at Ebenezer

Christians from an Indian background meet to worship at Ebenezer.

They are all members of other churches and meet together on Saturday afternoon, once a month, to worship in the Hindi language. The Hindi Church is led by a family who are members at Ebenezer and the church is pleased to host this gathering of Christians who meet to worship God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Revd Richard Oldroyd

Hospitality @ Clayton

We recognise that some people don't even want to set foot inside a church building so we decided to organise events that could attract more people.

Our coffee mornings are always popular. Tea Party Worship, Ping (Table Tennis) and Place of Welcome all bring people into the building to join with us and give us the opportunity to show God's love.

Recently widowed and lonely, several have been glad of a rest, chat and cuppa as they struggle up the hill.

We have a core of people who join us each session, whilst others come when they can. A number have joined us for church services and others now come to more than one event.

We have built up good relations and can see that they are more relaxed, feeling free to chat and share their feelings or problems. We discuss many topics and find ourselves answering questions about church life, God and funerals. It keeps us on our toes.

We work as a team making sure we welcome each one as they come in the door, learning their names and welcoming them by their name.

On 20th July we start a series of events on a Saturday, possibly 2 monthly, suggested by our congregation.

The first will be "Fun Time." There will be various table games and Wi games and a Pie and Pea lunch.

The second, maybe in September, will be a "Sing a long with Ian" (Baxter).

In September we are aiming to start another venture: Art for All.

This will be a series of art classes aimed at all levels of ability and led by a very enthusiastic artist.

We aim to show God's love by what we say and what we do.
All are welcome in this place.

Joy Donkin (Clayton)



'Chattabox' Holiday Club

Fifteen children attended our Good Friday club which had the usual mix of songs, games, crafts and of course the Easter Story, both in words and on screen. We made Easter baskets later to be filled with eggs and cards. We planted seeds to represent new life and also made a collage to place in church. A treasure hunt with clues took place in church and all around the entrance area, with the children collecting miniature items to reinforce the story. This proved to be chaotic but very popular, particularly as the children could exchange their full plastic eggs for chocolate ones. The children left at 12.15 p m, hopefully having learnt more of the Easter Message whilst having a fun time.

The theme this year for our summer 'Chattabox' was 'God's big plan' for the world. We used the Scripture Union programme 'Showstoppers' which helps us to uncover the good news of Jesus Christ with the children whether they are part of a church community or not. We had done the first session which was 'Creation' at our October half term holiday club so it was good to follow with the stories of David and Goliath. These showed the children that when we trust in God we can do amazing things: Daniel shows that God hears us when we call out to him and the Nativity, the birth of Jesus, which was the next part of God's plan for the world.



This was introduced to the congregation in our All Age Worship Service led by Rev Sarah Jemison held on the Sunday prior to the holiday club.

We were lower on numbers this year with 13 children attending and the setting was a theatre. The children were in 3 groups depending on age and their task was to create a piece of scenery and for each to choose a name for the group. Each group was given a theme for their scenery - the countryside, the jungle and space under the sea. The scenery was then taken into church the following Sunday to show the congregation. We enjoyed an energetic warm-up session, an audition time where volunteers took part in tasks such as a blindfolded person trusting someone to give directions to avoid standing in pools of jelly or trying to pick up a cereal packet with your teeth, not kneeling or using hands and the packet getting smaller and smaller.

We played games - using the parachute, which is always popular, and how far the children could send balls using catapults; also the picking a Malteser from the top of a mound of squirty cream with only your mouth caused some hilarity. The crafts involved painting stones, making shields, lion masks, lion pencil boxes and the annual decoration of biscuits - this year in the shape of stars. We sang songs and the children particularly enjoyed our theme song 'Showstoppers'.

This year we attempted to do the drama 'Search for a Star' with our volunteers young and old taking part. This was enjoyed by all despite the lack of rehearsal.

We are fortunate to have a group of dedicated volunteers and a growing number of younger volunteers, who as children have previously attended the holiday club, and without whose help we could not continue with 'Chattabox'.

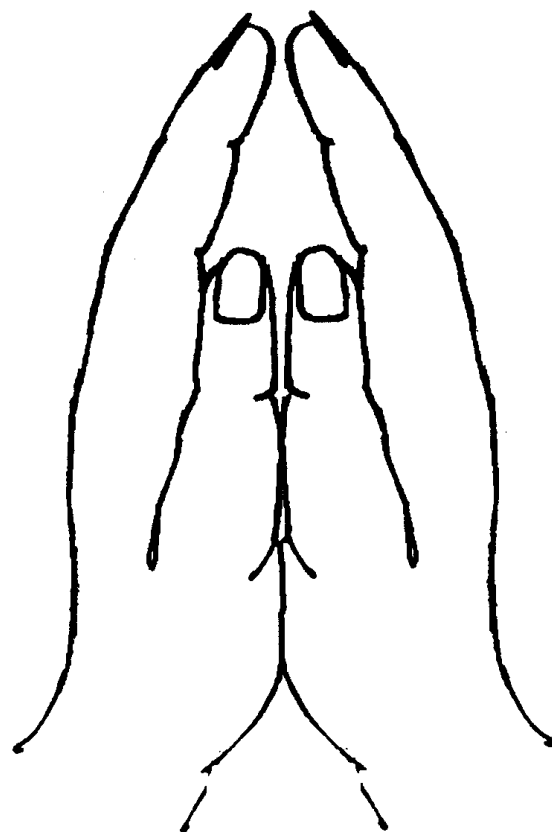
Christine Peacock (Horton Bank)

Prayer diary

Daily prayer focus:

1. Our ministers and their families
2. Our stewards, our treasurers who take care of our finances, and all those who work to keep our churches going.
3. For our District, our New Chair of District Rev Kerry Tankard and his family and all district office holders.
4. For Rev Barbara Glasson during her presidential year.
5. Our youth and those who work with them
6. The housebound and those in supported living. For the pastoral visitors who maintain contact with them.
7. Our local preachers and worship leaders
8. Our uniformed groups and those who work with them.
9. Local schools, where our ministers and members are involved in leading worship, Messy church and curriculum activities.
10. Aldersgate, as it provides a home for important community groups, Peer Talk and memory Tree.
11. Clayton as it reaches out into the community as a Place of Welcome, and with 'Ping' 'art for all' and Tea Party Worship.
12. Clayton Heights, that we might discern how best to use this space for witness and mission.
13. Cornerstone as it offers hospitality to groups within the community, especially the Congolese Church.
14. Ebenezer that they may discern a clear way forward.
15. Horton Bank, for their work with children at 'Toddlers', Holiday Club and the uniformed organisations.
16. New Hey Road and Gateway as they continue to explore what it means to be church in community.
17. Southfield Lane, as they begin to face the challenges before them with optimism and courage.
18. Thornbury as they explore new ways of using their resources.
19. Trinity as they are freed up to explore new ways of being church.
20. Wibsey, that their relationships with the community may be strengthened.
21. Wyke, for the work done as 'churches together', especially the food bank.

22. St Arnolds, that it may continue to pioneer faith sharing in a vibrant and changing city centre.
23. For peace, justice and harmony between the diverse communities within Bradford
24. Circuit Youth Group (CYG) for the young people and leaders in ever changing circumstances and for God to give people in the circuit a heart for youth.
25. For the ways we are able to work together with other Christian groups.
26. BEACON (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern): CHAT Conversation Class, CHAT Phoenix House, Hosting Project & McKenzie Friends
27. Chaplains around the city working in universities, hospitals, Marie Curie, and the Courts.
28. Rowanberries, all who live, work and volunteer there.
29. Touchstone, for all who use that space.
30. Inn churches and those who work with the homeless and with the foodbanks
31. Methodist Connexion and Worldwide mission



Looking forward to 2019-2020

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;
like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly,
and rejoice with joy and singing.

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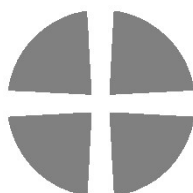
They shall see the glory of the Lord,
the majesty of our God.

Isaiah 35: 1-2

PLEASE PRAY:

- That we may continue to explore how the circuits can be a unit for mission across the City of Bradford
- For a circuit that engages in, and lives by prayer.
- For St Arnold's, that relationships developed will continue to deepen and our presence in the City Centre will be cemented.
- That CYG, alongside the churches, will continue to nurture our young people
- That we will seek ways to reach out and build relationships with community groups who use our premises.
- For support for the new initiatives around the circuit

Thank you to
everyone who has
supported the
Circuit over the
last year and
a big thanks to
all our volunteers!



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2018-2019**

THE METHODIST CHURCH

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)**

for the year ended 31 August 2019

Bradford South	Circuit
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Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

West Yorkshire	District No / Circuit No	27/33
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Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Richard Oldroyd

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Rosie Watson
Mr Denis Watson
Mrs Nancy Hare
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mrs Joy Donkin

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018-19 £	Total 2017- 18 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies						0	0
2 Income from monetary investments						0	0
3 Income from investment properties		500				500	4,144
4 Assessments on Churches		179,004				179,004	183,859
5 Capital Receipts						0	0
6 Grants received						0	0
7 Other charitable income		95,731	595	665	7	96,998	34,466
8 Total income		275,235	595	665	7	276,502	222,469
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		4,000				4,000	6,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		156,497				156,497	157,160
11 Property maintenance		4,569				4,569	16,288
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy						0	0
13 District Assessment & Levy		46,332				46,332	44,552
14 Depreciation						0	0
15 Office expenses		15,471				15,471	24,206
16 Other outgoings		32,947	143	752	2	33,844	14,928
17 Contributions to district advance fund			1,793			1,793	2,172
18 Total charitable expenditure		259,816	1,936	752	2	262,505	265,305
19 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0	0
20 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	116,548				-116,548	0
21 Net income/(expenditure)		-101,129	-1,341	-87	6	-102,551	-42,836
22 Transfers between funds	-	9,745		9,621	124	0	0
23 Other gains/(losses)							
24 Net movement in funds		-110,875	-1,341	9,534	130	-102,551	-42,836
25 Total funds brought forward		1,368,794	71,703	6,945	861	1,448,303	
26 Total funds carried forward		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,752	- 42,836

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2018/19	Totals 2017/18
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment		970,090			970,090	970,090
Investment properties					0	109,690
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets		970,090	0	0	970,090	1,079,780

Current Assets

Debtors & Prepayments		15,658			15,658	16,682
Loans by the Circuit					0	
Investments with TMCP			70,362		71,353	72,564
Central Finance Board Deposits		234,766			234,766	273,244
Cash at Bank and in hand		61,269		16,479	77,748	44,440
Total current assets		311,692	70,362	16,479	399,524	406,930

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		23,863			23,863	38,407
Grants payable within 2018-19					0	
Total current liabilities		23,863	0	0	23,863	38,407
Net current assets/liabilities		287,829	70,362	16,479	375,661	368,523

Total assets less current liabilities		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,751	1,448,302
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)

						0	
Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,751	1,448,302

Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,257,919				1,257,919	1,368,794
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			70,362			70,362	71,703
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,328,281	1,440,496
Restricted Funds				16,479		16,479	6,945
Endowment Funds					991	991	861
Total Funds		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	0	1,345,751	1,448,302

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

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

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Impacts of accounting changes

A statement is required if there has been any restatement required to previous reported information as a consequence of the new SORP.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

4. Investment income

	Circuit Model Trust			2019 Total	2018 Total
	Unrestricted	Fund	Restricted		
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board				0	
Rental income	500			500	4,144
Other				0	
Total	500	0	0	500	4,144

5. Payment to trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		
Total	0	0

6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,100	2,000
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor		
Total	2,100	2,000

7. Paid employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	111,518	117,261
Employer's national insurance costs	11,013	9,882
Pension costs	27,748	30,017
Total	150,278	157,160
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	7	7

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

8. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			970,090	109,690				
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)				-109,690				
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	109,690	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No **1157285**

9. Analysis of current assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income		
Other debtors	15,658	16,682
Total	15,658	16,682

10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors		
Other creditors	23,863	38,407
Total	23,863	38,407

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2019 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2019.

Bradford South Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2019 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name of Treasurer

Address

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 were, or will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on
and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

Bradford South Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2019.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiners

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2019 present a true and fair view of the Circuit's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Bradford South Circuit

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

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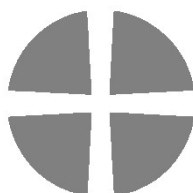
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Name of independent examiner	Peter Sleigh FCCA
Signature of independent examiner	
Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner	Chartered Certified Accountant
Name of firm (where appropriate)	Sleigh & Story Ltd
Address	Thornhill Briggs Mill, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse, HD6 4AH
Date	21/11/2019



**Circuit
Accruals Accounts
2018-2019**

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**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)**

for the year ended 31 August 2019

Bradford South	Circuit
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Registered Charity - Registration number

1157285

West Yorkshire	District No / Circuit No	27/33
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Ministers

Rev Lyn Gregg (Superintendent)
Rev Graeme Dutton
Rev Sarah Jemison
Rev Albert Gayle
Rev Richard Oldroyd

Circuit Stewards

Miss Suzanne Allsop
Mrs Rosie Watson
Mr Denis Watson
Mrs Nancy Hare
Mrs Elizabeth Smith
Mrs Joy Donkin

Circuit Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2019

	Notes to the accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Restricted Funds £	Endowment Funds £	Total 2018-19 £	Total 2017- 18 £
Income							
1 Donations and legacies						0	0
2 Income from monetary investments						0	0
3 Income from investment properties		500				500	4,144
4 Assessments on Churches		179,004				179,004	183,859
5 Capital Receipts						0	0
6 Grants received						0	0
7 Other charitable income		95,731	595	665	7	96,998	34,466
8 Total income		275,235	595	665	7	276,502	222,469
Expenditure							
9 Grants and donations		4,000				4,000	6,000
10 Salaries and associated costs		156,497				156,497	157,160
11 Property maintenance		4,569				4,569	16,288
12 Connexional assessment & model trust levy						0	0
13 District Assessment & Levy		46,332				46,332	44,552
14 Depreciation						0	0
15 Office expenses		15,471				15,471	24,206
16 Other outgoings		32,947	143	752	2	33,844	14,928
17 Contributions to district advance fund			1,793			1,793	2,172
18 Total charitable expenditure		259,816	1,936	752	2	262,505	265,305
19 Gains/(losses) on monetary investments						0	0
20 Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	116,548				-116,548	0
21 Net income/(expenditure)		-101,129	-1,341	-87	6	-102,551	-42,836
22 Transfers between funds	-	9,745		9,621	124	0	0
23 Other gains/(losses)							
24 Net movement in funds		-110,875	-1,341	9,534	130	-102,551	-42,836
25 Total funds brought forward		1,368,794	71,703	6,945	861	1,448,303	
26 Total funds carried forward		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,752	- 42,836

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2019

Notes to the Accounts	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Circuit Model Trusts (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals 2018/19	Totals 2017/18
	£	£	£	£	£	£

Fixed Assets

Circuit Manses & Equipment		970,090			970,090	970,090
Investment properties					0	109,690
Investments					0	
Total fixed assets		970,090	0	0	970,090	1,079,780

Current Assets

Debtors & Prepayments		15,658			15,658	16,682
Loans by the Circuit					0	
Investments with TMCP			70,362		71,353	72,564
Central Finance Board Deposits		234,766			234,766	273,244
Cash at Bank and in hand		61,269		16,479	77,748	44,440
Total current assets		311,692	70,362	16,479	399,524	406,930

Current liabilities

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		23,863			23,863	38,407
Grants payable within 2018-19					0	
Total current liabilities		23,863	0	0	23,863	38,407
Net current assets/liabilities		287,829	70,362	16,479	375,661	368,523

Total assets less current liabilities		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,751	1,448,302
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Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)

Grants payable after 2018-19						0	
Loans to the Circuit						0	
						0	
Net assets		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	991	1,345,751	1,448,302

Funds of the Circuit

Funds of the Circuit							
General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,257,919				1,257,919	1,368,794
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			70,362			70,362	71,703
Total Unrestricted Funds						1,328,281	1,440,496
Restricted Funds				16,479		16,479	6,945
Endowment Funds					991	991	861
Total Funds		1,257,919	70,362	16,479	0	1,345,751	1,448,302

Notes to the Accounts**1. Basis of accounting**

The financial statements have been prepared under the Charities Act 2011 in accordance with the 2014 version of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard for Smaller Entities applicable in the UK (effective from 1 January 2015) – the Charities SORP (FRSSE) – in replacement for the SORP's 2005 version specified in its related 2008 Regulations and in accordance with the 'true and fair override' provision contained therein."

2. Funds

The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the Circuit which are Unrestricted. The Circuit Model Trust Fund has wide purposes defined in Standing Orders and is categorised as unrestricted. Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose. There are also the following Endowment funds as listed. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any funds may be represented by more than just cash.

3. Accounting policies**Basis**

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

Income recognition

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

Resources expended

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

Grants

Grants made by the Circuit from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Circuit accepts that there is a legal or operational obligation to make the payment. When the grant is recurrent over more than one year the balance payable in future years is treated as a provision for future commitments in the Balance Sheet against the appropriate fund, the provision being released in future years as instalments are paid in accordance with the originally agreed terms.

VAT

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

Tangible fixed asset for use by the Circuit

These are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and individually cost at least £1,000.

The freehold property is shown in the accounts at 2015 deemed values, of which the land component is not known. No depreciation is provided on the building because the trustees consider the current residual fair value of the buildings (on the assumption that it had reached the end of its useful economic life by the year-end) to be not less than its current value. Any depreciation would not be material. The property has been reviewed for impairment.

Investment properties

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

Investments

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

Debtors and prepayments

Debtors relate to the payment of the September stipend in August.

Creditors

Creditors include both sundry expenses and specifically the 1st quarter assessment received in August.

Impacts of accounting changes

A statement is required if there has been any restatement required to previous reported information as a consequence of the new SORP.

Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No 1157285

4. Investment income

	Unrestricted	Circuit Model Trust Fund	Restricted	2019 Total	2018 Total
	£	£	£	£	£
Central Finance Board				0	
Rental income	500			500	4,144
Other				0	
Total	500	0	0	500	4,144

5. Payment to trustees

	This Year	Last Year
Payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Circuit by agreement with the Circuit meeting		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses		
Total	0	0

6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

	This Year	Last Year
Independent examiner's or auditors fees for reporting on the accounts	2,100	2,000
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor		
Total	2,100	2,000

7. Paid employees

	This Year	Last Year
Staff costs paid during the year were:		
Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	111,518	117,261
Employer's national insurance costs	11,013	9,882
Pension costs	27,748	30,017
Total	150,278	157,160
Average number of staff employed during the year were:	7	7

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8. Tangible fixed assets**Cost or valuation**

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward			970,090	109,690				
Additions								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)				-109,690				
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

Accumulated depreciation

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward								
Depreciation charge for year (-)								
Revaluations (+/-)								
Disposals (-)								
Transfers * (+/-)								
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Net book value

	Residential land £	Other land £	Manse £	Other buildings £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Brought forward	0	0	970,090	109,690	0	0	0	0
Carried forward	0	0	970,090	0	0	0	0	0

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9. Analysis of current assets

	This Year	Last Year
Debtors and prepayments		
Pre paid assessments		
Accrued income		
Other debtors	15,658	16,682
Total	15,658	16,682

10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

	This Year	Last Year
Current liabilities		
Trade creditors		
Other creditors	23,863	38,407
Total	23,863	38,407

11. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

At the 31st August 2019 the Circuit has no capital commitments.

No contingent liabilities were identified at the 31st August 2019.

Bradford South Circuit DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31st August 2019 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer Date

Name of Treasurer

Address

Presentation of the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2019 were, or will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Date

Independent Examiner's report of the Trustees of the

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