

DARLINGTON AND TEESDALE METHODIST CIRCUIT
(Charity Registration No: 1132005)

TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING
31 AUGUST 2022

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CIRCUIT INFORMATION

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Examiner: Stephen Watson Gardner F.C.A. of King Hope, Chartered Accountants,
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Managing Trustees in the year ended 31 August 2022:-

Chair:	Revd Tim Boocock Revd Richard Andrew	(to 20 June 2022) (from 20 June 2022)
Secretary:	Mrs Valerie Tooth	
Circuit Staff:	Revd Graham Cutler Revd Brian Hutton	Presbyter Presbyter
Resident in Circuit:	* Revd Catherine Minor	Hospital Chaplain
Circuit Stewards:	Hazel Neasham Simon Charters Anthony Mawer Judith Tarn Josephine Pollard Valerie Tooth Cathryn Warden	(to 31 August 2022) (to 31 August 2022) (from 1 September 2021) (from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022) (from 1 September 2021)
Lay Employees:	Morvyn Sanderson * Emma Waldon Graham Bright * Lindy Lewis Edwin Hird Lyn Cookson Chris Russell	(to 31 December 2021) Children's and Young People's Worker Children's and Young People's Worker (from 1 January 2022) Community Development Worker Admin/Communications (to 10 January 2022) Property and Finance Circuit Safeguarding Office & Pastoral Missioner Pastoral Missioner
Church Representatives:	Wendy Charlton Heather Coustick Alex Thompson Alison Banner Carol Heslop * Judith Varley	Barnard Castle (from 1 September 2021) Barnard Castle (from 1 September 2021) Barnard Castle (from 1 September 2021) Barton Barton (from 12 October 2021) Barton

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Church Representatives (Continued):	Norma Krishnan	Bondgate Management Group (to 31 August 2021)
	Glenys Drummond	Bondgate Management Group
	Revd John Howard	Bondgate Management Group
	Hazel Neasham	Bondgate Management Group
	Brian Cooper	Cockerton
	Robert Dean	Cockerton
	David Fairer	Cockerton
	Alison Hunter	Cockerton (from 1 May 2022)
	Susan Ashmore	Cockerton (to 30 April 2022)
	Tony Allen	Elm Ridge (from 1 July 2022)
	Mary Everitt	Elm Ridge (to 29 June 2022)
	Peter Gallop	Elm Ridge (from 10 June 2022)
	Ann Haley	Elm Ridge (to 30 April 2022)
	David Hall	Elm Ridge
	Stephen Sutcliffe	Elm Ridge
	Sue Case	Harrowgate Hill
	Margaret Cuthbert	Harrowgate Hill
	Vanessa Simpson	Harrowgate Hill
	Barbara Carter	Haughton
	Ann Thubron	Haughton
	Maureen Mitchell	Haughton (from 18 October 2021 to 30 July 2022)
	Margaret Garret	Hurworth (from 1 September 2021)
	Eric Miller	Hurworth (from 30 January 2022)
	Jane Miller	Hurworth
	Hazel Neasham	Hurworth
	Andy Robinson	Hurworth
	Peter Collins	The Pathway (from 1 September 2021)
	Dorothy Matthews	The Pathway (from 1 September 2021)
	Carol Mitchell	The Pathway (from 1 September 2021)
	Ian Tallentire	The Pathway (from 1 September 2021)
	Kenneth Robson	Staindrop (from 1 September 2021)
	Julia Petty	Staindrop (from 1 September 2021)
	Judith Rutter	Staindrop (from 1 September 2021)
	Ann Marie Wade	Staindrop (from 1 September 2021)
	Graham Bright	The Well
	Brian Russell	The Well
	Chris Russell	The Well
Other:	Revd John Bower	Supernumerary Minister
	Revd Alan Coustick	Supernumerary Minister (from 1 September 2021 to 31 August 2022)
	Revd John Howard	Supernumerary Minister (from 1 September 2021)
	Revd Colin Roberts	Supernumerary Minister (from 1 June 2022)

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Other (Continued):	Margaret Wearmouth	Methodist Women in Britain
	Josanne Hall	Methodist Homes for the Aged
	Karen Riley	Action for Children
	Brian Simpson	Secretary for Worship & Local Preachers (LWLP)
	Liz McAllister	Circuit Complaints Officer
	Catheryn Warden	GDPR Officer

**denotes a member of the Circuit Meeting who is not a trustee*

There are no Trustees holding title to any of the Circuit's property.

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Trustees Annual Report

Introduction

Welcome to the Trustees Annual Report of Darlington and Teesdale Methodist Circuit (“**the Circuit**”) for the year ended 31 August 2022. The Circuit was formed on 1 September 2021 when the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit amalgamated with the Darlington Methodist Circuit under the existing charity registration of the Darlington Circuit. Whilst primarily a financial report we hope to also provide insight into our aims and mission.

Public Benefit

The Circuit provides a seven-day week Christian ministry across Darlington and the surrounding area, Barnard Castle and Teesdale, through its network of staff, volunteers, members and premises. Its activities are open to the whole community. More details are provided under the paragraphs “Interconnexion for Mission, Mutual Encouragement and Help” and “Life of the Circuit”.

The trustees have had due regard to the Charities Commission’s public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant.

Mission Statement

The new Circuit has recently agreed to adopt the Methodist Church’s strategic document ‘Our Calling’ as our core mission statement. This invites church members to live out their discipleship by following a lifestyle that embraces the principles of ‘A Methodist Way of Life’. This is done through Worship, Learning & Caring, Service and Evangelism. How the Circuit will take this forward is in the planning stage but will utilise a range of study material which can be adapted to create a mixed portfolio of options for people to study as relevant to their church’s (or their personal) context.

Purpose and Aims

The purposes of the Methodist Church are the advancement of:

- a. the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- b. any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- c. any 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.

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Purpose and Aims (continued)

The Circuit aims:

- a. To provide varied, relevant and inclusive worship across the Circuit Churches.
- b. To provide training to nurture faith in Christ, as well as to develop local preachers and leaders of worship, and to equip staff and volunteers with best practice, including pastoral care and safeguarding.
- c. To increase awareness of and support voluntary charitable work in Darlington and Teesdale and around the UK and beyond.
- d. To participate in ecumenical relationships.
- e. To continue to give active support to the wider Methodist District and Connexion.
- f. To promote the exploration of sustainable futures for all the churches in the Circuit

Organisation

The Circuit acts as an umbrella or resource body. The Circuit is the primary unit in which local churches express and experience their interconnexion in the Body of Christ, for purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help.

It is in the Circuit that ministers are stationed, and local preachers are trained and admitted and exercise their calling. The purposes of the Circuit include the effective deployment of the resources of ministry, which include people, property and finance, as they relate to the Methodist churches in the Circuit, to churches of other denominations and to participation in the life of the communities served by the Circuit, including local schools and colleges and in ecumenical work in the area.

Discussions on the possibility of an amalgamation of Barnard Castle & Teesdale Methodist Circuit and Darlington Methodist Circuit started in 2017. Once the Trustees of each Circuit had agreed to the merger in principle, a formal process was followed in accordance with The Methodist Church's Constitutional Practice and Discipline rules and the new circuit was treated as commencing 1 September 2021.

Governance

The Circuit is primarily governed by the rules and guidance of The Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church ("CPD") which is updated and approved annually by the Conference of the Methodist Church. This document is available on the Methodist Church website: www.methodist.org.uk.

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Governance (continued)

New trustees are appointed primarily by the Circuit churches, in accordance with CPD. When the new Circuit was formed it was agreed that each church would have up to four representatives on the Circuit Meeting (Church Treasurer, Church Steward and two church members). Guidance documents for new trustees are provided online at the Methodist Church website.

Appointments to lay posts within the Circuit are by proposal, seconder and vote within the Circuit Meeting, again in accordance with CPD.

Where a post is considered essential for the purpose of the Circuit, but no lay person is available, the Circuit has authority to employ a member of staff to carry out that post. The Circuit follows Methodist Church policy of providing at least the Living Wage. Actual salaries are determined in conjunction with the Methodist District, taking into account the tasks of the role.

All decisions of the Circuit, including employment of lay workers, are made at a Circuit Meeting, where all Trustees may vote. Circuit Meetings occur at least four times each year, more may be called if required. All activities of the Circuit Meeting are also governed by CPD.

The Circuit Meeting agreed to establish a sub-committee (the Governance Committee) which gives detailed consideration to property and financial issues raised by churches and makes recommendations to the Circuit Meeting.

People

The Circuit has three paid presbyters, Revd. Tim Boocock (Superintendent Minister), Revd Graham Cutler and Revd Brian Hutton who all took up their appointments on 1st September 2020 replacing two presbyters who had left the Darlington Circuit and the one presbyter who had left the Barnard Castle & Teesdale Circuit. The supernumerary ministers regularly take preaching appointments across the Circuit on a voluntary basis,

In June 2022, due to the absence of Revd Tim Boocock on recuperative leave, Revd Richard Andrew, Chair of Darlington Methodist District, took on the role of Acting Superintendent for governance purposes. Two supernumerary ministers (retired Ministers resident in the Circuit), Revd John Howard and Revd Colin Roberts, kindly agreed to provide temporary presbyteral support to the two churches for which Revd Boocock had oversight on a part-time basis.

The team of presbyters was supported across the year by a Lay Ministerial Team which included two Children and Young People's Workers, two Pastoral Missioners and three Community Development Workers (two of whom were employed directly by individual churches), a Circuit Admin/Communications Officer and a Finance & Property Officer (who left in January 2022).

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Treasurer Responsibilities: These duties have been undertaken by the Circuit Treasurer, Simon Charters, and the Circuit Finance and Property Officer (Edwin Hird) until January 2022. Since January 2022, the Treasurer has been assisted by the Circuit Administrative Officer, Lindy Lowis. Simon Charters stood down as Treasurer on 31 August 2022 and the role has been filled by Stephen Sutcliffe.

Property

There are 10 active churches in the Circuit: Barnard Castle, Barton, Cockerton, Elm Ridge, Haughton, Harrowgate Hill, Hurworth, Staindrop, The Pathway and The Well. The trustees of each church are responsible for the maintenance of the premises. Churches are subject to quinquennial inspections by a qualified surveyor. Churches are not included as assets of the Circuit.

Three church buildings have become surplus to requirements and the position is as follows::

- a. Pierremont Methodist Church was sold in 2022. The church building became vacant and surplus to requirements in 2019 when, with Circuit Trustees' approval, the Pierremont Society decided to move to the (empty) Northland Methodist Church building and site which offered more extensive and more modern facilities. Northland Church was renamed The Well.
- b. Bondgate Methodist Church Society ceased to worship in 2020 and responsibility fell to the Circuit Trustees who appointed a Management Group to oversee the extensive premises whilst the building's future was considered. In due course, the Circuit Trustees made the difficult decision to sell the property. Bondgate had been the Circuit's town centre church and the Trustees accepted a resolution to ring-fence the proceeds of the sale for a specified time limit (initially set at one year) to ensure town centre ministry could continue. The property is currently under offer.
- c. Cotherstone Methodist Church, closed in December 2020 when the Cotherstone society ceased to meet. The Circuit looked into the possibility of entering into a lease arrangement with a Community Group which planned to use the premises for community purposes, which would include a shop and a café. The arrangement would also offer a missional opportunity for the Circuit by maintaining a Christian presence in the village. In the event, it did not prove possible to agree a lease that was acceptable to both parties and the property was put on the market.

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Property (continued)

The Circuit currently owns two manses. One of the presbyters lives in their own property. The Circuit is in the process of purchasing a third manse which will be rented out until it is required. The purchase of this property is being funded by the sale of two manses which had been sold by the former Darlington Methodist Circuit, neither of which met the standards required by the Methodist Church. As with churches, circuit owned manses are subject to quinquennial surveys. There is an approved budget for maintenance of the manses. The Circuit Manse Secretary deals with any recommendations made in the quinquennial report and any day-to-day maintenance issues that arise.

On the amalgamation with Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit, the Circuit also acquired a property, 1 Chapel Cottages, Mickleton. This property was sold in the year.

Life of the Circuit

Circuit Vision

During the Connexional year 2021-2022 time was taken to allow the two former circuits to establish as a new Circuit and get to know each other. The next step was to adopt a new Mission Statement and this will be based on the Methodist Church's strategic document, "Our Calling" as a core mission statement. The Methodist Church, along with other churches, faces significant challenges in the next 10 years with declining and ageing congregations. It is important that the circuit asks itself questions about the future and how it might develop a strategy which takes us forward in a way which is consistent both with Our Calling and A Methodist Way of Life. The Circuit is currently planning how it might take this forward.

Circuit Lay Ministry

The merger of the two circuits highlighted a difference of approach in how lay workers were employed. The former Darlington Circuit employed its lay workers centrally, whereas in the former Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit, lay workers were attached to specific churches. Following a review, and with the exception of the Children and Young People's Work, it was agreed to adopt the model of attaching lay workers to specific churches, or groups of churches to build local community partnerships to discern opportunities for community outreach as Local Church Community Development Workers.

At the start of the year the Circuit employed two Children and Young People's Workers (one full-time and one part-time). The full-time worker left in December 2021 for a change of career. In the light of the above-mentioned lay ministry review, the Circuit did not immediately seek to recruit a replacement youth worker but a temporary appointment of a part-time Development and Community Worker, based at The Well, was made in order to maintain continuity.

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Life of the Circuit (continued)

Eco Church

In response to the climate change emergency, the Circuit is encouraging churches to consider what they can do to help the environment with an aim of making church buildings net zero by 2030. Some churches have registered with A Rocha UK, a Christian organisation which provides a framework for churches to take practical actions to reduce their carbon footprint and ways to encourage members to lead more sustainable lives.

Communications

The new Circuit covers a large geographical area extending beyond the town into the dales and the Circuit is investing in upgrading its IT capacity to avoid unnecessary travel and to enable folk who are unable to travel to attend meetings remotely using the Zoom facility, which had proved to be of great use during lockdown and, subsequently, whilst gatherings were avoided because of social distancing guidance.

Interconnexion for Mission, Mutual Encouragement and Help

Although the Circuit churches have returned to the “new normal” of gathering face to face at our local churches for Sunday worship, the Circuit has continued with two initiatives that started, by necessity, during lockdown which offer alternative Sunday worship – a Circuit Media Service which is available via YouTube and The Telephone Service, centred on Staindrop Church. Both of these offerings mean that folk who are unable to attend church, not least the housebound and their carers, are no longer excluded from regular Sunday worship. During lockdown and for a time after, worship sheets provided by the District were distributed to those who did not have access to the internet and email. In addition, one church started an evening prayer meeting on Zoom which continues.

The Circuit Magazine, The Teesdale Worm which was introduced in November 2020, to help folk across the new Circuit get to know each other, has become a permanent feature and is regarded as a valuable community resource.

Every weekday morning, Revd Brian Hutton shares a verbal message of encouragement via WhatsApp and Email to those who register to receive it. These messages have been uplifting and very well received.

A wide variety of immeasurable good work continues to be carried out by churches across the circuit, often supported by our lay ministry, including:

- ❖ Work in care homes, bereavement support, home visits and a summer “Holiday at Home” week organised by the two pastoral missionaries who were based in Darlington until September 2022.

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- ❖ Activities at the Community Hub at The Well includes Weekly Community Lunch, Baby Bank, Thrift Shop, Coffee Shop and a Giving Garden. During each week of each of the school holidays the youth worker, with the help of a team of volunteers organises “Make Lunch” for families at no charge which incorporates a variety of season-related craft activities followed by a healthy two course lunch. In May 2022, The Well launched as a hub for The Bread and Butter Thing (TBBT). The local community were invited to celebrate The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee when picnics and puddings were enjoyed by all.
- ❖ The Pathway at Middleton in Teesdale, which employs a Community Development Worker, offers regular activities including a weekly baby and toddler group, ‘Chat and Play’, baking sessions at the local primary school, baking for delivery (with a doorstep chat) to the local community. In addition to Christmas and Easter activities, the church provided the community with Bags of Love in February, Holiday at Home during the Summer and a Pumpkin Party in October. Sunday evening “gatherings” via Zoom have continued to support those who are unable to attend services in person.
- ❖ The Pathway supported local community events through an Upper Teesdale Churches Together stall at Eggleston Show and joining with the community celebrations for the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.
- ❖ Barnard Castle Church has a weekly prayer meeting, giving a good start to the week and is well attended and appreciated by those who attend. Following lockdown, the premises are used by various groups from round the town such as the Opera Group, Dog training, ballet, Parkinson’s support and other groups. A weekly Coffee morning is well-supported by the community. Prayer cards are on the tables, and members of the church are available for prayer support if required. Once a month the money from the coffee morning goes to a local or national charity.

Hospitality projects across the Circuit make effective links with local communities. through coffee mornings. Some are involved in more specific community outreach work. The Mustard Tree café at Hurworth Methodist Church opens six days a week and continues to flourish, including working with vulnerable young adults, offering vocational opportunities and providing resources for mental wellbeing to the local community. A community café (Coffee@Haughton) at Haughton Church is staffed by volunteers, not all of whom are church members, and opens two days each week. Haughton is fully accessible, has proved to be increasingly popular and provides valuable opportunities for social interaction. The church is currently working towards becoming recognised as Dementia Friendly.

Looking ahead, Haughton Church is planning a new venture by starting a monthly WAVE (We are All Valued Equally) service. These services - due to start in Autumn 2022 - are aimed at people with learning difficulties and those who care for them.

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Interconnexion for Mission, Mutual Encouragement and Help (continued)

Some churches have their own Boys and Girls Brigades attached to them. Other churches have other uniformed organisations meeting on the premises. It is hoped that these organisations will be involved in church life and take part in worship at Parade services.

The Circuit provides presbyteral support to Melsonby Methodist Primary School and the Circuit is represented on the school's Governing Body.

Children and Young People's Work

The Circuit employed two Young People's and Children's Workers, although one of the workers left in December 2021 and has not yet been replaced. In September of 2021, a group of young people from the Circuit attended 3Generate Youth Conference. This was the first time it was held at Birmingham NEC and saw 16 young people and four leaders camping indoors.

Work in schools in the Darlington part of the Circuit included Harvest, Christmas and Easter assemblies and, in addition, Christingle lessons were taught in two schools. At Easter, two churches hosted the 'Easter Journey' when pupils from nearby primary schools learned about the Easter story through different station points, each with a story, craft and 'thinking' point linked with the days and stories of Holy Week. Staff and students alike loved the experience.

Twinkle Toes Toddler group at The Well continues to grow after the disruption of COVID.

Safeguarding

A Safeguarding Policy for both Children and Vulnerable Adults is in place. Safeguarding training is a continuous process of updating as it is required for those in volunteer roles and those in employment as appropriate to their roles and can include foundation and advanced training. Post holders are required to update their training every four years.

In addition, post holders are required to undertake an appropriate level of DBS check before taking up roles in the circuit. These must be kept up to date and are required to be renewed every five years.

General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR)

The Circuit and the churches are able to demonstrate a good level of compliance in respect of GDPR regulations. Guidelines are available in all the churches and GDPR awareness sessions are held across the circuit for all post holders.

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Financial Review

The annual accounts for the year 2021-22 are attached to this report.

At the close of the period, the Circuit held net current assets of £986,000 (2021: £953,000). All of these funds are unrestricted. However, of this amount, the figure of £142,000 is regarded as required to satisfy our Reserves Policy (see note below). Also, a total of £50,000 has been set aside for the development of mission at The Well Methodist Church, £20,000 for work at Pathway Church (Middleton-in-Teesdale) and £15,000 at Hurworth Methodist Church. It is also expected to purchase a new manse to replace the two that were sold during 2020-21.

All of the funds held at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB") are available for the purposes of the Circuit, however if any were to be requested for specific developments, for example, major property expenditure, these would be subject to a project Review by the Methodist Church.

On amalgamation with the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit on 1st September 2021, the Circuit acquired two properties: 29 Ashtree Drive, Barnard Castle, and 1 Chapel Cottages, Mickleton. The property in Ashtree Drive is valued at cost of £350,000, having been purchased in 2020. No. 1 Chapel Cottages was in the process of being sold at the point of acquisition and is valued at the value realised on sale during the period. Consequently, the value of Fixed Assets consists of £625,000 in respect of the two remaining and £4,000 net value of video equipment purchased in August 2022. The value of manses may only be realised on sale. A Connexional Priority Levy of £13,000 was paid in respect of the sale of No. 1 Chapel cottages and £27,000 in respect of Pierremont Church. In 2020-21 a total of £177,000 levy was paid in respect of the sales of the Barnes Road and Mowbray Drive manses. £110,000 was paid by the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit on sale of Raby Road. Full financial details are given in notes BS1 and BS2.

The principal source of funds is through assessments levied on Circuit churches. This supports the costs of Presbyters and lay workers, who lead worship, provide pastoral and safeguarding services, and seek to extend God's Kingdom through mission. These funds also support an assessment paid to the Darlington Methodist District.

The Circuit has run a deficit of Income less Expenditure during the year with budget approved by the Trustees, to pursue the purposes of the Circuit. The Circuit believes that any surplus funds, subject to its Risk and Reserves Policies, should be put to good use.

Whilst this cannot continue indefinitely, the Circuit continues to plan and budget its activities within the reasonable constraints of its balance sheet and Policies. This is reviewed annually as the budget is formed and agreed by the Trustees.

No professional advice was sought on any financial matters during the year.

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Risk

The Circuit Meeting, acting as Trustees, have considered the key areas of risk to which the Circuit is subject and as part of our comprehensive insurance policy with Methodist Insurance, insurance is in place and is considered adequate to cover the range of known risks, including the manse portfolio, employers' liability, public liability and trustee indemnity.

Aside from the financial risks above, the key risk to the Circuit meeting its purpose lies in the provision of Presbyters and governance by the Methodist Church. Absence of such would severely hamper the work of the Circuit.

Reserves Policy

The Circuit Reserves Policy, agreed by the Trustees, seeks to ensure a minimum reserve equal to six months' operating costs. At August 2022 this is equivalent to £142,000.

The Circuit has adequate reserve funds to cover the planned deficit and this Reserves Policy has been approved by the Trustees.

Investment Policy

The Circuit Investment Policy requires that funds held in excess of day-to-day needs are invested in the funds of the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church via the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.

This requirement has been met throughout the year.

ON BEHALF OF THE TRUSTEES

Revd. Richard Andrew
Trustee and Superintendent Minister

Date:

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES (SOFA)

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	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Revaluation Reserve (Unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Restated Total 2020-21 £
Income						
1	Donations and legacies	S1 380	-	-	380	20,355
2	Income from monetary investments	S2 449	3,575	-	4,024	1,614
3	Income from properties	S3 5,883	-	-	5,883	7,053
4	Assessments on Churches	S4 215,112	-	-	215,112	225,776
5	Capital receipts	S5 8,755	128,457	-	137,212	-
6	Grants received	-	-	-	-	1,000
7	Other charitable income	S6 2,241	-	-	2,241	5,791
8	Total income	232,820	132,032	-	364,852	261,589
Expenditure						
9	Grants and donations	S7 14,377	32,395	-	46,772	9,030
10	Salaries and associated costs	S8 182,108	-	-	182,108	181,214
11	Property expenses	S9 24,876	-	-	24,876	23,531
12	Connexional model trust levy	S10 -	35,628	-	35,628	5,654
13	District assessment and levy	S11 56,580	-	-	56,580	63,396
14	Costs of activities	S12 13,331	-	-	13,331	10,093
15	Costs of administration	S13 10,838	1,982	-	12,820	15,791
	Connexional Priority Levy					
	- property sales	S5/BS1 -	40,330	-	40,330	286,452
16	Other outgoings	S14 434	-	-	434	19,166
17	Total charitable expenditure	302,544	110,335	-	412,879	614,327
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments -	-	-	-	-	-
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-	-
20	Net income/(expenditure)	(69,724)	21,697	-	(48,027)	(352,738)
21	Transfers between funds	(85,709)	85,709	-	-	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	BS1/S15 (15,017)	-	121,899	106,882	(130,348)
23	Net movement in funds	(170,450)	107,406	121,899	58,855	(483,086)
24	Total funds brought forward	700,221	715,401	140,727	1,556,349	2,039,435
25	Total funds carried forward	529,771	822,807	262,626	1,615,204	1,556,349

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	Notes	General Fund (Unrest- ricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrest- ricted) £	Revaluation Reserve (Unrest- ricted) £	Total 2020-21 £
Income					
1	Donations and legacies	S1 355	20,000	-	20,355
2	Income from monetary investments	S2 287	1,327	-	1,614
3	Income from properties	S3 7,053	-	-	7,053
4	Assessments on Churches	S4 225,776	-	-	225,776
5	Capital receipts	S5 -	-	-	-
6	Grants received	1,000	-	-	1,000
7	Other charitable income	S6 5,791	-	-	5,791
8	Total income	240,262	21,327	-	261,589
Expenditure					
9	Grants and donations	S7 3,530	5,500	-	9,030
10	Salaries and associated costs	S8 181,214	-	-	181,214
11	Property expenses	S9 23,531	-	-	23,531
12	Connexional model trust levy	S10 -	5,654	-	5,654
13	District assessment and levy	S11 63,396	-	-	63,396
14	Costs of activities	S12 10,093	-	-	10,093
15	Costs of administration	S13 15,407	384	-	15,791
	Connexial priority levy - property sales S5/BS1	-	286,452	-	286,452
16	Other outgoings	S14 19,166	-	-	19,166
17	Total charitable expenditure	316,337	297,990	-	614,327
18	Gains/(losses) on monetary investments	-	-	-	-
19	Gains/(losses) on investment properties	-	-	-	-
20	Net income/(expenditure)	(76,075)	(276,663)	-	(352,738)
21	Transfers between funds	(523,587)	799,923	(276,336)	-
22	Other gains/(losses)	BS1/S15 (130,348)	-	-	(130,348)
23	Net movement in funds	(730,010)	523,260	(276,336)	(483,086)
24	Total funds brought forward	BS6 1,430,231	192,141	417,063	2,039,435
25	Total funds carried forward	700,221	715,401	140,727	1,556,349

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Total 2021-22 £	Restated Total 2020-21 £
Fixed Assets					
Circuit manses and equipment	BS1/2	629,427	-	629,427	603,874
Investment properties		-	-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-	-
Total fixed assets		629,427	-	629,427	603,874
Current Assets					
Debtors	BS3	20,971	-	20,971	11,355
Investments with TMCP	BS4	-	822,807	822,807	715,401
Central Finance Board deposits	BS4	108,309	-	108,309	223,778
Cash at bank and in hand	BS4	91,569	-	91,569	52,787
Total current assets		220,849	822,807	1,043,656	1,003,321
Current liabilities					
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	57,879	-	57,879	50,846
Grants payable within 2022-23		-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities		57,879	-	57,879	50,846
Net current assets		162,970	822,807	985,777	952,475
Total assets less current liabilities		792,397	822,807	1,615,204	1,556,349
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)		-	-	-	-
Grants payable after 2022-23		-	-	-	-
Loans to the circuit		-	-	-	-
Net assets		792,397	822,807	1,615,204	1,556,349
Funds of the Circuit					
General Fund (Unrestricted)		529,771	-	529,771	700,221
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		-	822,807	822,807	715,401
Revaluation Reserve		262,626	-	262,626	140,727
Total unrestricted funds		792,397	822,807	1,615,204	1,556,349
Restricted Funds		-	-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-	-
Total Funds		792,397	822,807	1,615,204	1,556,349

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees on
signed by:

and were

Rev Richard Andrew
Trustee and Superintendent Minister

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BALANCE SHEET

AS AT 31 AUGUST 2021 : RESTATED

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted) £	Circuit Model Trust (Unrestricted) £	Total 2020-21 £
Fixed Assets				
Circuit manses and equipment	BS1	603,874	-	603,874
Investment properties		-	-	-
Investments		-	-	-
Total fixed assets		603,874	-	603,874
Current Assets				
Debtors	BS3	11,355	-	11,355
Investments with TMCP	BS4	-	715,401	715,401
Central Finance Board deposits	BS4	223,778	-	223,778
Cash at bank and in hand	BS4	52,787	-	52,787
Total current assets		287,920	715,401	1,003,321
Current liabilities				
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	BS5	50,846	-	50,846
Grants payable within 2021-22		-	-	-
Total current liabilities		50,846	-	50,846
Net current assets		237,074	715,401	952,475
Total assets less current liabilities		949,574	715,401	1,556,349
Long term liabilities (due after more than one year)		-	-	-
Grants payable after 2021-22		-	-	-
Loans to the circuit		-	-	-
Net assets		949,574	715,401	1,556,349
Funds of the Circuit				
General Fund (Unrestricted)		700,221	-	700,221
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)		-	715,401	715,401
Revaluation Reserve		140,727	-	140,727
Total unrestricted funds		840,948	715,401	1,556,349
Restricted Funds		-	-	-
Endowment Funds		-	-	-
Total Funds		840,948	715,401	1,556,349

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Note A1 - Accounting Framework and accounting policies

i *Accounting framework*

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice: Accounting and Reporting by Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (issued 16 July 2014) with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) and the Charities Act 2011.

ii. *Public benefit entity*

Darlington and Teesdale Methodist Circuit meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s) below.

iii *Basis*

These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historical cost, except that freehold properties are shown at valuation, and on the accruals basis to show a true and fair view of the Circuit's financial position and activities. On the merger with the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit, the prior year figures have been re-stated to include both circuits.

iv *Content*

The accounts are expressed in £Sterling, rounded to the nearest pound.

v *Going concern*

Based on the monetary assets and human resources available at 31 August 2022, the Trustees believe that the Circuit is a going concern.

vi *Consolidation*

The financial statements of the Churches within the Circuit are not consolidated in these financial statements.

vii *Income recognition*

Income is brought into account when there is entitlement and the amount is reliably measurable once it is more likely than not that the economic benefit of the income will accrue to the Circuit. No attempt is made to measure the value of services donated by volunteers.

viii *Tangible fixed assets*

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 valuation. No depreciation is provided on the buildings because the Trustees consider the current residual fair value of the Manse buildings (on the assumption that they had reached the end of their useful economic life by the year end) to be not less than the carrying value. The properties have been reviewed for impairment.

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Note A1 - Accounting Framework and accounting policies (Continued)

- ix VAT**
As the Circuit is not VAT registered all input VAT is charged with the expenditure to which it relates.

Note A2 - Payments to Trustees

No payments are made to Trustees as remuneration for their work in that capacity.

The Presbyters of the Circuit undertake the primary executive roles within the Circuit.

Remuneration was also paid to non-Presbyteral Trustees as follows for employment other than their position as Trustee at the same time as being a Trustee:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mrs M Sanderson	8,644	25,934
Mrs L C Russell	8,084	7,945
Mrs L Cookson	18,099	17,787
Mr D Fairer	6,620	9,247
Mr G Bright	6,307	-
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	47,754	60,913
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Trustees are however, reimbursed for expenditure properly incurred in carrying out their duties. The total amounts and number of Trustees were:-

	2022	2021
	£	£
Total paid	11,614	5,777
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Number of Trustees paid	13	7
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There were no other related party transactions to disclose.

Note A3 - Independent examiner

An accrual had been made for the fee of the independent examiner of £2,760 including VAT. No additional charges were made in the year for other services.

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Note S1 - Donations and legacies

This comprises all free-will giving received by the Circuit as a contribution to its work. There was a bequest of £20,000 received by the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Methodist Circuit in 2020/21.

Note S2 - Income from monetary investments

This is interest received on accounts held at the Methodist Central Finance Board ("CFB") and Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP").

Note S3 - Income from properties

This includes rentals received in respect of no. 1 Chapel Cottages, Mickleton, up to the point at which it was sold.

Note S4 - Assessments on churches

Assessments levied upon the Circuit churches. Details are as follows:-

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Church:		
Barnard Castle	29,148	38,864
Barton	4,000	6,748
Cockerton	43,000	46,504
Elm Ridge	57,236	57,236
Harrowgate Hill	20,260	20,260
Haughton	14,808	14,808
Hurworth	11,620	11,620
Middleton (Pathway)	16,016	12,012
Staindrop	5,500	4,200
The Well	13,524	13,524
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	215,112	225,776
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Note S5 - Capital receipts

These are funds transferred from Bondgate and Cotherstone Churches, together with the sale proceeds of Pierremont Church.

Note S6 - Other charitable income

This includes income received specifically as part of the activities of the Circuit and miscellaneous receipts.

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Note S7 - Grants and donations

Total donations, as approved by the Circuit meeting are shown below:-

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
from General Fund:		
Darlington Area Churches Youth Ministry (DACYM)	3,480	3,480
The Wall Methodist Church	9,897	-
The Pathway Methodist Church	1,000	-
Methodist Women in Britain (MWiB)	-	50
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	14,377	3,530
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from Circuit Model Trust Fund:		
The Pathway Methodist Church	7,500	-
The Wall Methodist Church	24,895	-
Middleton re Layworker	-	5,500
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	32,395	5,500
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Total grants and donations	46,772	9,030
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Note S8 - Salaries and associated costs

Payroll is administered on the Circuit's behalf by a central Methodist department.

During the year, the Circuit was served by three full-time presbyters. The Circuit is also served by a number of Lay Workers covering Pastoral and Youth Missionary work, plus administrative support. The total costs consist of the following. In 2020-21 they were stated net of recoveries under the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme:-

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Presbyters and presbyteral support	102,902	104,707
Lay Workers	77,892	74,926
Apprenticeship levy	1,168	1,230
Life assurance	146	351
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Total paid through Methodist Central Payroll	182,108	181,214
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Note S8 - Salaries and associated costs (continued)

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Payroll costs are made up of:		
Stipends and salaries	154,580	152,617
Employers National Insurance Contributions	11,099	10,955
Employers pension contributions	22,615	22,649
Apprenticeship levy	1,168	1230
Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme	-	(6,588)
Life assurance	146	351
District contribution	(7,500)	-
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	182,108	181,214
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Note S9 - Property expenses

At the start of the year, the Circuit owned one property 20 Peterhouse Close. It acquired two further properties on amalgamation with the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit, 29 Ashfield Drive and No 1 Chapel Cottages. The Peterhouse Close and Ashtree Drive properties were used as Manses for the Presbyters. No 1 Chapel Cottages was initially rented out, but was sold during the year. The circuit also retained responsibility for the redundant Pierremont Church, which was sold during the year. The Circuit also took responsibility of the Bondgate and Cotherstone Methodist Church buildings which are both for sale at the end of the year.

Details of the costs are given below:-

	2021-22 £	2020-21 £
Council Tax - manses	5,054	7,125
- churches	571	-
Water Rates - manses	1,082	1,144
- churches	225	-
Insurance - manses	758	6,583
- churches	10,385	-
Utilities - empty manses	-	150
- empty churches	5,073	-
Manse maintenance and repairs - manses	1,697	4,384
- other	31	704
Quinquennial Inspections	-	660
All costs - Northland	-	(54)
All costs - Pierremont	-	2,835
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	24,876	23,531
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Note S10 - Connexional Model Trust Levy

This is applied annually to balances held in TMCP funds.

Note S11 - District Assessment Levy

This is paid quarterly to support the work of the Darlington Methodist District.

Note S12 - Costs of activities

This represents the costs of the primary purpose of the Circuit, excluding stipend and salary costs.

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Presbyters	6,703	3,123
Pastoral Missioners	1,402	952
Youth Work	3,116	2,145
Preaching and worship	1,710	1,636
Other mission	400	-
Barnard Castle and Teesdale	-	2,237
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	13,331	10,093
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Note S13 - Costs of administration

This represents the costs of administering the circuit, excluding salary costs:-

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Telephone and internet	603	1,625
Travel	341	77
Postage and stationery	2,229	1,641
Circuit communications, website and email administration	3,055	1,454
Independent examiner's fee	3,750	2,562
Other costs	1,435	1,599
Property and finance administration	-	4,182
Circuit equipment	1,407	2,651
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	12,820	15,791
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The figure of £1,407 in circuit equipment relates to the purchase of an office chair, a shredder and laptops.

The 2020-21 figure of £2,651 in Circuit equipment relates to the purchase of a safe.

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Note S14 - Other outgoings

The 2020-21 figure primarily related to the running costs of the Bondgate building since the society ceased to worship in August 2020.

Note S15 - Other gains and losses

	General Fund £	Model Trust Fund £	Total £	Total 2020-21 £
Deficit on sale of 1 Chapel Cottage	(1,744)		(1,744)	-
Revaluation of 29 Ashtree Drive on Merger	121,899	-	121,899	
Revaluation of 1 Chapel Cottage on Merger	(13,273)	-	(13,273)	
Deficit on disposal of Raby Avenue	-	-	-	(132,084)
Disposal of Barnes Road, Darlington	-	-	-	3,654
Disposal of Mowbray Drive, Darlington	-	-	-	(1,918)
	<u>106,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,882</u>	<u>(130,348)</u>

On merger, the 29 Ashtree Drive manse was re-valued from £228,101 to £350,000. 1 Chapel Cottage was re-valued to market value of £87,500 from £110,773. A further deficit arose on sale. In the previous year, on the sale of Raby Avenue, proceeds were received of £324,395. £456,479 was removed from the value of manses leaving a deficit of £132,084.

Note BS1 - Fixed Assets

The Circuit owned one property at the start of the year, 20 Peterhouse Close. It acquired two further properties on amalgamation with the Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit, 29 Ashfield Drive and No 1 Chapel Cottages. The Peterhouse Close and Ashtree Drive properties were used as manses for the Presbyters. No 1 Chapel Cottages was initially rented out but was sold in the year. Other properties for which the Circuit took responsibility (see note S9) are not held with any value on the balance sheet. In the 2020-21 year, two properties were sold, 26 Barnes Road and 9 Mowbray Drive. The Barnard Castle and Teesdale Circuit also sold their Raby Avenue manse in that year. In August 2022, the Circuit completed and commissioned new video recording equipment at a gross cost of £6,427, partially offset by a grant from the Darlington District of £2,000. This equipment will start depreciating in 2022-23.

A full revaluation of the properties was conducted in 2016-17 enabling the individual values of the manses to be accounted for separately. The Barnard Castle and Teesdale manses were revalued on the merger. The Trustees did not consider it necessary to conduct a revaluation in 2021-22

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Note BS1 - Fixed Assets (Continued)

	Manses	2021-22	Total
	£	Equipment	£
Balance brought forward	603,874	-	603,874
Additions	-	4,427	4,427
Revaluations (+/-)	108,626	-	108,626
Disposals (-)	(87,500)	-	(87,500)
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward	625,000	4,427	629,427
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Accumulated depreciation			
Balance brought forward	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Revaluations (+/-)	-	-	-
Disposals (-)	-	-	-
Transfers* (+/-)	-	-	-
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Balance carried forward	-	-	-
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Net book value			
Carried forward	625,000	4,427	629,427
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Brought forward	603,874	-	603,874
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The valuation of manses carried forward is made up of:-

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
20 Peterhouse Close, Darlington	275,000	275,000
29 Ashtree Drive, Barnard Castle	350,000	228,101
1 Chapel Cottage, Mickleton	-	100,773
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	625,000	603,874
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Note BS2 - Contingent Liability

Although the financial effect of revaluation is shown in full above, a proportion of any receipt on sale of manses would be expected to become payable to the Methodist Church in the event that the manse is sold and not directly replaced.

The Methodist Connexional Priority Fund levy is currently charged at 20% of the first £100,000 and 40% of any excess over £100,000.

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Note BS2 - Contingent Liability (continued)

These charges amount to:

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Barnes Road	-	79,461
Mowbray Drive	-	97,233
Raby Avenue	-	109,758
Pierremont	27,179	-
1 Chapel Cottages	13,151	-
	<u>40,330</u>	<u>286,452</u>

In the event that the Circuit decides to purchase another manse to replace these in the next five years, the Connexion will return a proportionate amount of the levy. A similar liability would apply on a sale of the remaining manse properties.

Note BS3 - Debtors and prepayments

	2021-22	2020-21
	£	£
Pre-paid stipends for current year	6,143	9,024
Pre-paid apprenticeships levy	22	33
Pre-paid expenses of Pierremont sale	-	1,847
Payroll control	1,372	376
Pre-paid advice re sale of Cotherstone	3,197	-
Pre-paid 3gen tickets	1,560	-
Pre-paid manse insurance	1,177	-
Other	7,500	75
	<u>20,971</u>	<u>11,355</u>

Note BS4 - Details of cash funds

The CAF General Account is used for day to day expenses. The CFB accounts are the main current accounts held at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the TMCP accounts hold interest bearing deposit values.

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Note BS4 - Details of cash funds (continued)

Values held in each account are shown below:-

Unrestricted Fund Name	Opening Balance £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Transfers £	Closing Balance £
CAF General Account	51,567	108,191	(68,189)	-	91,569
CFB General Account	110,594	217,670	(334,406)	114,451	108,309
TMCP Model Trust Fund	531,867	217,826	(105,965)	155,316	799,044
TMCP Various Bequests	23,767	111	(68)	(47)	23,763
TMCP Barnard Castle and Teesdale	159,767	-	(4,451)	(155,316)	-
Other Barnard Castle and Teesdale	114,404	-	-	(114,404)	-
Total Cash Funds of the Circuit	991,966	543,798	(513,079)	-	1,022,685

Note BS5 - Liabilities under 1 year

Represents church assessments for 2022-22 received in the period, plus work done and staff expenses relating to the current year but unpaid at 31 August 2022:-

	2022 £	2021 £
Church assessments	46,491	46,491
Accrued expenditure	11,388	4,355
	57,879	50,846

Note BS6 - Merger accounting

To reflect the merged circuit, comparative figures are restated.

- Funds brought forward at 1 September 2020 now comprise:

	General Fund £	Model Trust Fund £	Revaluation Reserve £	Total £
Darlington Circuit	526,140	261,567	417,063	1,204,770
Barnard Castle and Teesdale:				
Cash funds	118,738	10,574	-	129,312
Manse	785,353	-	-	785,353
Owed to Darlington	-	(80,000)	-	(80,000)
	1,430,231	192,141	417,063	2,039,435

- Barnard Castle and Teesdale receipts and payments are treated as reasonably equivalent to income and expenditure and amalgamated with Darlington amounts to give restated totals for the year ended 31 August 2021.

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DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer

Stephen Sutcliffe

Date

Jun 9 2023

Name of Treasurer

Stephen Sutcliffe

Address

5 Manor Gate, Long Newton, Stockton-on-Tees S21 1DD

Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval

I confirm that the annual reports and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were, or will be* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on and were approved

15/6/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Richard Andrew

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Richard Andrew

Date:

9/6/23

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the Darlington Circuit

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Darlington and Teesdale Methodist Circuit for the year ended 31 August 2022, which are set out on pages 14 to 27.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

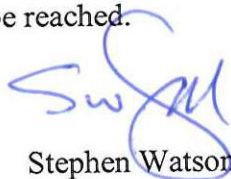
Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

- (1) accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- (2) the accounts did not accord with those records; or
- (3) the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair view' which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Name: Stephen Watson Gardner

Relevant professional qualification or
Member of professional body:

Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Accountants
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Date:

12/6/23