

# Bradford South Circuit

## Annual Report

# September 2017-2018

**“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

Bradford South Circuit continues to be an exciting and challenging place to be, as you will find conveyed in 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 work done under the banner of St Arnold's we include the city centre within our circuit also. Our presence and work in the city centre continues to develop and grow, with new opportunities being explored as they arise. A number of new initiatives have begun during the last 12 months, news of which can be found in Rev Graeme Dutton's own report.

There have been major changes at CYG (Circuit Youth Group) during this last year also. Now meeting as two distinctive, age-focussed groups, we cater for 8-12 & 13-18 year olds. We have welcomed a number of new members to both groups.

As a circuit, we have been fortunate enough to benefit from the One Programme (through the Yorkshire North and East District), which has greatly helped in our struggle to recruit leadership for CYG. One of our own young people was enrolled on this programme, and it has enabled him to explore and deepen his own leadership skills as he has taken on the role of young leader with the younger group of CYG. Our experience of this programme has enabled us to be advocates for the programme as it is rolled out in our own (Yorkshire West) district.

Wanting to encourage and nurture our young people, the circuit has, once again, enabled two of our young people the opportunity to attend a Young Leaders residential weekend at Cliff College.

As we continue to strive to meet and serve the needs of all people, regardless of age, we have recently held our 5<sup>th</sup> Holiday at Home event. This event, offered to the over 80s who find themselves unlikely to experience a holiday away from home, has, once again, proved to be a huge success. Our holiday makers were able to enjoy crafts, games, competitions and entertainment, as well as good food and excellent company, all this offered to them free of charge.

Bradford South Circuit continues to be blessed with people who have a diversity of gifts and talents and we strive to encourage and offer opportunity for everyone to use them in ways that are meaningful and fulfilling for the circuit, the churches and the individual. 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 our people, our world and God.

As challenging as all as 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.

Rev Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister

# Statement of Core Values

## Bradford South Circuit 27/33

- 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 2017-18

## 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

Mr. Michael Dewhirst—Lay Pastoral Worker

Mrs. Alison Terrell—Circuit Administrator & Lay Pastoral Worker

## Circuit Office

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## Core Opening Hours:

Tuesday, 1pm—3pm, Wednesday & Thursday 10.30am-12.30pm

# Administration

This has been a busy year in the office, especially with the new GDPR legislation. Trying to work out what information needs to be kept and archived and what needs to be destroyed is an ongoing challenge. The usual work of preparing plans, directories, newsletters etc continues of course as well as the varied requests that come from churches and other people using the office to make contact with the circuit.

I do spend a lot more time on my own now and the circuit have provided me with a video link to the entrance to improve security.

The core hours remain as 1pm—3pm Tuesday, and 10.30am – 12.30 pm on Wednesday, and Thursday, but I can often be found at other times, do feel free to call in or ring to see if I'm there.

*Alison Terrell*

*Circuit Administrator*

# Circuit Stewards

Happy new Methodist year!

Another short year in Bradford South Circuit, how time flies when you're having fun.

It's been the usual roller coaster with ups and down and at times hard work. I would like to thank my fellow circuit stewards for all their hard work this year. It has been a busy year with property and finance being major topics as we all are aware. This year we changed how we worked and split into pairs taking responsibility for individual manses. It seems to be working well but change is never easy and it's been a learning curve.

I think we can say exciting but challenging times ahead for 2018/19. We end the year looking at stationing for 2019 and the effects this will have on the work of the circuit.

Dennis and my, time of appointment also end in 2019 and again we are looking at replacement(s). We have Trevor Kershaw, as finance steward and we are so grateful for his advice and help. Thank you, Trevor. Dennis co-ordinates the property matters for us, so it seems a good time to look at having a Circuit property steward, please volunteer if you believe this could be for you. It's interesting and rewarding work. Please speak to any of the staff members or circuit stewards.

*Rosie Watson,*

*On behalf of the Circuit Stewards*

# Finance

This report relates to the circuit's financial activity for the current year which ends on 31 August 2018. Whilst this report provides an overview of the financial position of the circuit, the Finance Team are always happy to discuss the finer detail and answer any questions which may be raised. Accounts for this year will be fully audited by 31 December 2018 and presented to the March 2019 Circuit Meeting.

Last year we reported the sale of Laisterdyke Trinity Church and the manse at Wynford Way, both of which provided much needed income for the circuit, which will over the coming years undoubtedly be needed. However at present the circuit finds itself in a much healthier financial position than a year ago. Both the Connexional and District grants for the St. Arnold's project were forthcoming during this financial year. As a result of our appeal, the Connexional grant was approved for five years. This in turn released the District grant which, together with a generous increase in the commitment from Bradford North, means that the city centre mission work is now fully financed for the foreseeable future. Clearly the St. Arnold's project is an important part of our circuit's outreach and we are grateful to all those who support this work financially.

At last September's Circuit Meeting permission was granted to sell the small terraced house at 8 Chapel Road, Low Moor which is owned by the circuit. Over recent years this property has been let but it was felt that the management of the property was becoming too onerous. As a result this property is currently being marketed and early interest has been positive. We are hopeful that a sale will be concluded during the next financial year at which point the net sale proceeds will be added to our general reserves.

The circuit continues to run a deficit budget but this remains manageable and under control. 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. Our team of lay employees has reduced from three to one during this year. Laura Tunnacliffe, the Youth Worker, and Mick Dewhirst, one of our Pastoral Workers, have both moved on. Whilst this has inevitably increased the workload for the remaining staff, it has also had a positive impact on our circuit budget.

Earlier this year we embarked upon a project to find a fairer method of calculating the assessment that each church contributes to circuit funds. All church treasurers have been involved in this process. This has proved both interesting and challenging and is still an ongoing exercise. We recognise that many churches are struggling financially and we need to ensure they are not over burdened by their assessment contribution. For now, we will continue to apply the existing method of calculation but this could change during the next financial year. We are grateful to our church treasurers for all the work they freely undertake.

Meanwhile the work of the circuit continues. We should remember that this is God's work and we are all a part of it. We all have a contribution to make and we trust God to provide for us and support us in all we are doing. Whilst we need to keep a sharp eye on our finances, God is ultimately in control and we respond to his prompting. 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 all that we do.

*Trevor Kershaw and Melanie Walsh  
Circuit Finance Team*

# Property

The last year has seen the completion of a number of property schemes including the excellent renovation of one of the rooms at Thornbury Methodist Church.

A number of Circuit churches are well into the task of evaluating their buildings, which continues the process all churches in the Circuit were asked to begin as part of the '12 to 1' consultation. In some churches this work is already proving a very fruitful exercise with new energy being found and released as churches seek God's guiding in their communities. Of course there has been much pain during this re-imagining too. Our buildings form an important part of our churches so it is expected and indeed necessary that there is heartache as we consider their future. It is important however, that we do remember that our chapel buildings are just one part of our identity as Methodist societies and do not form the whole of our Local Church. This distinction is made very clear in our guiding Methodist document 'The Constitution Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church' (CPD). I hope all of the Churches in our Circuit can continue to think of the ways in which our buildings can be a resource for mission in the context of the local church and be encouraged to take risks and dream dreams for the sake of the Gospel.

I remain incredibly grateful to everyone who is in any way involved in the management of their local church building. I am very aware of the burdens this can sometimes place upon you. Please know that I pray for you all regularly and appreciate all you do.

Thank you

*Rev Graeme Dutton*

# The Plan and LCA's

The Plan has continued to offer opportunity for exploring new ways of working and worshipping during this past year. Various factors have meant it has been difficult to fill all appointments, with some weeks and months being particularly challenging. As a result most of our churches have found themselves having to be creative with an increasing number of LCAs (local church arrangements).

Many of our local churches have embraced this challenge, seeing it as an opportunity to try something new and different. There have been café-style services, Songs of Praise services, as well as readers' services.

Although there have been a number of 'united' services identified on the plan many of our churches have chosen to embrace 'visiting' other churches for themselves. This has generally been an uplifting and enjoyable experience for all concerned, and has certainly provided another option for LCAs. It has also helped to build relationship across the circuit, with some churches feeling themselves into partnership in a more organic way than merely through fulfilling the directive of the plan.

*Rev Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister*

# Local Preachers

The number of accredited Local Preachers within our circuit currently stands at 24, with 6 having (either temporarily or permanently) withdrawn from taking services. This leaves sixteen Local Preachers plus five ministers (some full time, some part-time) to take 220 services in the four-month period on each plan (18 Sundays x 13 churches including 1@11 once a month).

These figures are evidence there are just not enough preachers to fill all appointments on the plan. As a result, the letters "LCA" appear with a disturbing degree of frequency against individual churches on various dates. LCA stands for Local Church Arrangement, and basically means that it is the responsibility of the stewards to ensure appropriate worship happens on that particular Sunday. A number of our churches have Worship Leaders, and they take many of the LCA's in their own churches, something for which we are all extremely grateful.

As well as 24 accredited preachers, we have 2 Local Preachers 'on Trial', Richard Walsh and Mike Bedford. Our latest recruit is Pat Riley who has had a 'Note' to preach for only a matter of weeks. All our Local Preachers in training are 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).

And so, if you feel you are being nudged towards being a Local Preacher or Worship Leader, I would encourage you to speak to someone about it. Who knows, you might possibly be hearing a call, and we would very much want to welcome and encourage you to test that calling.



*Rev Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister*

## Lay Pastoral Workers

This year saw our other pastoral worker, Michael Dewhirst leave us at Christmas, after many years of working in the circuit. I only have a small pastoral list at present which I have been looking at with Rev Lyn Gregg. The criteria is that they are closely connected to one of our churches, are housebound or in a nursing home and do not get many regular visitors. If you know of anyone who you think would benefit from a visit from myself as well as their pastoral visitor, please discuss it with your Minister.

I continue to be involved in pray first, our weekly mid week prayer time and in the services at Rowanberries. Holiday at home was once again a great experience. I thoroughly enjoy being part of such a great event and getting to know others in the circuit more as we work together to provide three days of fun and relaxation for our elderly people.

*Alison Terrell Pastoral Worker*



# Lent, Holy Week and Easter

## **Palm Sunday—Aldersgate**

A circuit 'Singing the Faith' service led by Richard Walsh

We started by singing 'Born in Song' and all other hymns were to reflect Holy Week and all the happenings. The hymns were interspersed with prayers and readings until our final hymn 'for the risen Christ'. Easter celebrations have begun.

## **Monday –Cornerstone—Were you there when they crucified my Lord?.....sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble....**

The theme for the week is taken from this hymn, with today thinking about what makes us tremble, and the righteous anger of Jesus when He cleared the temple.

## **Tuesday— Clayton Heights—Were you there when they nailed him to a tree?**

A service of music and film all on screen and following the night in Gethsemane to the crucifixion. Seeing the nails being hammered into His hands was heart stopping.

Sharing the bread and wine was the perfect end to the service.

The congregation left in reflective silence.

## **Wednesday—Trinity– Were you there when they laid him in a tomb?**

Albert took the service and started by telling us that when he was a prison chaplain, one inmate had said that being locked in a cell was like being in a tomb.

This was the last humiliation of Christ, his apostles had all disappeared, but 2 secret disciples covered his body with spices and linen.

## **Maunday Thursday—Wibsey—**

**Were you there when he washed their hands and feet?**

**Were you there when he ate his final meal?**

'We will stay with you

We will watch with you

We will pray with you'

A solemn and quiet communion service

## **Good Friday—**

Clayton churches (to which the circuit was invited,) met together, to remember Jesus at his 'funeral service'.

It was a taize service with the singing led by 'Free Spirit' choir. Instruments played and there was a solo for each taize piece. The simple melodies were easily picked up by the congregation so they could join in. The ministers from different denominations did the readings.

Other events/services took place around the circuit. These included a walk of witness in Wibsey, a morning service at Southfield Lane and evening services at Aldersgate and Thornbury. Each of these remembered the events surrounding the death of Jesus on the cross.

## **Saturday Morning—Wibsey –were you there when they laid him in the tomb?**

A vigil of readings, silences, prayers and music.

## **Easter Sunday—**

The tomb is empty.....

He has risen.....

Alleluia!

*Nancy Hare, Cornerstone*



# Circuit Youth Work

Having said goodbye to Laura, our Youth Worker, at the end of August 2017, we began the new academic/church year desperately seeking new (female) leaders for CYG. With no one volunteering to take on the role on a regular basis, it has fallen to members of the staff to provide the additional cover, with John and Victor providing the regular lead. Although the arrangement has not been ideal it has provided greater variety to the sessions week by week. There has been opportunity to participate in craft activities, painting, baking, Godly Play, discussions and youth service preparation. The two groups (8-12 and 13-18yrs) have occasionally met together, usually at the end of term 'party night'. This is always a successful evening as it usually involves eating pizza and playing games.

Although numbers remain low, both groups have welcomed new members this year, and it has been good to see how quickly and easily they have settled in.

At the end of April many of the young people were involved in leading a youth service at Cornerstone. 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. They joined the district group, many of which travelled together on the district coach. A number also attended the District Youth weekend, travelling together with friends from the Bradford North circuit. Both events offer young people the opportunity to renew old friendships and forge new ones and allow them to appreciate the concept of 'connexion'.

The relationship between the youth of Bradford's North and South circuits continues to deepen as they continue to meet together for regular Fellowship meetings throughout the year. They have also been able to meet socially during the summer, enjoying a number of activities together.

Once again, two of our young people attended the 'Rise and Shine' Young Leaders weekend. The weekend, which aims to empower and encourage young people to develop their leadership skills and get involved in leadership in their local context has obviously made an impact on both. One now represents 'Youth' on the Methodist Council, whilst the other has been able to participate in the 'One Opp' programme as a young leader with the younger CYG group.

No doubt, next year will hold its own challenges and opportunities and we look forward to facing them together.

*Rev Lyn Gregg Superintendent Minister*

# ONE Programme

The ONE Programme is about equipping, empowering, and encouraging young people in their discipleship, vocation and leadership.

It started in 2009 as part of the Methodist Church's Youth Participation Strategy and has so far involved around 80 young people, aged 16-23, as ONE Programme Participants (OPPs) - taking 'a year on' and making a difference in a variety of projects around the country. Victor Kuyeli from Cornerstone joined the programme a year ago and we asked him to write about it:

The One programme was a great experience for me personally because it made me realize just how the Methodist Church is connecting with and involving youth in the development of the church. This was extremely important to me, because before hearing about the programme and taking part in it, I didn't think that the wider church was actually getting youth involved. I was convinced that it was just small groups of young people around the country doing things in their own churches as well as the youth reps. However being able to see for myself by participating in this scheme, and know that it is now spreading across the country, does in a way give me some peace and some inner comfort that the church is thinking about the future and involving more young people in its actions. This, and all the things I did on the scheme have had a very positive affect on my faith.

With my project I was a youth leader at my youth group (CYG), which meant I led some of the sessions, as well as helping to organize the youth service that we did at my church. As well as becoming more independent, the experience also made me feel a lot closer to my faith and helped solidify and develop my views about my faith. I strongly believe that this programme is a brilliant step in the right direction for the church.

*Victor Kuyeli, Cornerstone*

## 'Chattabox' Holiday Club

### Chattabox' Holiday Club

22 children attended our Easter Session where we shared the events of Holy Week and had prayer activities related to the events. For Maundy Thursday the children shared bread tasting ending with the children giving each other a piece of bread with the words 'You are God's child and he loves you' which was simple and very meaningful.

They enjoyed related songs and games, made cards, savoury boats, individual crosses and planted bulbs. All the children and helpers drew round their hands on different coloured paper and they were glued onto a large green cross. This was taken into church for Easter Sunday and kept for the whole of the Easter Season. The cross also travelled to Aldersgate for the Easter Offering Service which this year was entitled 'Seek Peace and Pursue it'.

We look forward to seeing the children again at our next 'Chattabox' at the start of the Summer Holidays 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> July, 9.45am to 12.15pm each day for children aged 5 to 11 years old.

*Christine Peacock, Horton Bank*

# St Arnold's

It's been another year of consolidation and expansion for St Arnold's.

Our new home at The Peacock bar on North Parade has provided us with a wonderful space to run our key events such as Curry and Carols, Beer and Hymns and our new Sunday morning Communion service One@11.

Over the last year Beer and Hymns has been one of the Circuit's biggest congregations. Offering an evening of hymn singing and beer drinking, (other drinks are available!) it remains a popular occasion for worship and fellowship. Amongst the diehard faithful we always have a mix of people at various stages on their journey of faith, from those who have been committed members of churches for most of their lives, to those who are making the first tentative enquires about the impact grace may have on their lives. A particular highlight from this year has been seeing the impact the testimony of one of our young people had on the congregation at our 'Sporting Anthems' event.

Over the next year we have plans for another Curry and Carols and lots more Beer and Hymn events including our annual St Arnold's Harvest festival.

Our new monthly Sunday Morning communion service at The Peacock bar is the first and only regular Methodist Communion service in a bar run by Hindus and attended by Muslims, Christians and Atheists! Over the last year the mornings have taken a variety of structures and contained lots of different material. We've had mornings where we've used secular music videos in an otherwise 'traditional' style service, we've used lots of film clips, prayed for all the countries of teams playing that day in the world cup (including England before they won 6-1!) and watched a documentary about rap music, gangs and faith in South London.

If you'd like to know more about the work of St Arnold's, including our volunteering at the North Parade Festival, please follow us on twitter @StArnolds or @SaintArnolds on Facebook. You can also find out more on our page on the Circuit website.

God Bless

Graeme Dutton



# Hospitality @ Clayton

PLACE OF WELCOME continues to draw people, both from the community and passers by, together over a cuppa and biscuit. Open every Tuesday we average 13 people, some come each week, others now and again. In June we celebrated our first year by sharing a buffet lunch. 24 people shared time together.

TEA PARTY WORSHIP Different speakers and styles of worship continue to attract 24 - 30 people once a month. They also enjoy the scones and cakes provided afterwards. It is a good opportunity to have fun and fellowship.

PING Table tennis each Monday brings in people who haven't played for years as well as some more experienced players.

Our coffee mornings held once a month are much appreciated. Friends seize the opportunity to meet up.

Everyone is welcome to pop in and see for themselves.

*Joy Donkin, Clayton*



## Rowanberries

It's hard to believe that another year has gone and it's time for the annual report. Life at Rowanberries continues to be full of movement, with the passing of some of our residents and new residents joining us. This brings its challenges, particularly for the residents as they deal with change and settling in to a whole new way of life, but also for the staff as we get to know each resident and care for them as individuals.

The activities vary week by week, whilst providing space for everyone to enjoy what appeals to them, and we are particularly grateful for those who visit us and help us to achieve this. A very big thank you, particularly to Joy who comes week by week, and to all who lead our worship services. I can't put in to words just how much it means for those who are unable to get to church, to have their own service within their own home. We continue to enjoy our visits out – pub lunches once a month, shopping trips, theatre trips, tea party worship, being just some of the events enjoyed, as well as the activities organised daily within the lounge and day centre areas. Important dates are recognised throughout the year with displays and crafts and entertainment, and we are currently looking forward to Christmas and making plans for December. With this in mind our thanks must go to the lantern singers who give of their time annually without fail to visit us.

Our big project for last year was our nativity scene, complete with donkey, and plans are already underway to add to this with the visit of the wise men and at least one camel! One new project this year has been our display board in the reception area; changed every month and displaying the work of residents on a different theme, taking into account the changing seasons. This and our nativity scene have been a highlight of the last year. If you're visiting over the next few months, take a look and see the creative talent we have amongst our staff and residents, but more importantly the teamwork that goes into it. On a final note, if you're passing please call in and see us. Visitors and volunteers are always welcome and we make a lovely cup of tea.

*Dawn Harris Rowanberries Chaplain*



# Schools Work

The Circuit has 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 of myself, Revds Graeme and Lyn together with Beverley and Jenny Hardy and Geoff and Mary Twentymen.  
Children from the school have had some of their RE lessons at Aldersgate where they learned about important festivals and customs of the Christian faith as well as the rites of passage relating to baptism, weddings and funerals.
- 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. During the past year I have worked with some of the children on 6 consecutive lunchtimes to plan an act of worship which the children then led in the presence of Key Stage 2 children. Plans are in hand to do something similar in the coming year.
- 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.
- 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.
- This year, during the Holiday at Home week the choirs from Hill Top and Low Moor primary schools entertained the guests and were very well received.

*Rev Richard Oldroyd*

# Bible Month

What is Bible Month?

Bible Month started as a pilot project in 2015. It involved two churches in London and two in the North East. This emerged out of a preaching series which developed in the Yorkshire Dales. The Connexion developed the idea and gave birth to Bible Month across the Churches. The first book of the Bible which was explored in 2017 was James. This year, the book of Jonah is the book that the Connexion has asked us to explore.

The book of Jonah invites us to consider how God calls us to mission in the unlikeliest of places. It points to a God who is compassionate and loving to all and challenges us to reflect this God in our mission.

I was particularly interested in this year's book because Rev Tom Stuckey, who was one of my tutors in College, has written the notes on Jonah.

It's really wonderful to see how well people in House Groups engage with the text of Jonah and how they grow as a result of listening to other participants in the groups. I think that people are

particularly surprised at the fresh lessons that they learn when they think that they know all about Jonah.

We learn a number of different things in studying Jonah:

- that truth can be presented in many different ways.
- that Jonah is as obsessed as Captain Ahab; not with the whale but with his own brand of religion.
- that dying and rising is one of the themes of the book.
- that God can use even reluctant and stubborn people to fulfil his purposes.
- that the universal message of love is a counter-blast over and against the religious racism of their day.
- that outsiders are sometimes more open to truth than insiders.

The story of Jonah also reminds us of the storm on the lake (Mark 4: 35-41) Jesus is in a deep sleep, just like Jonah, but his sleep is an act of faith, while Jonah's is an act of rebellion. In both cases when action is taken the storm ceases and fear, awe and wonder of the sailors and the disciples are found in Jonah as well as in Mark's account of the resurrection.

*Rev Albert Gayle*

## Pray First

Our circuit weekly prayer meeting, known as 'pray first', moved this year from meeting at New Hey Road Methodist Church to meeting up the road in a coffee shop. Here are some thoughts on it from one of those who come regularly.

'An unlikely place you might think for a prayer meeting—Java Joe's at Dudley Hill, close to groups of people having their own conversations.

I think it works because it helps us to remember that in Jesus God became man and he is interested in every aspect of our lives.

So as we overhear snippets of other people's conversations and we share in a conversation with our heavenly Father, it is a good place to think and pray about people and places in our world.

Yes in a church building it would be much quieter and possibly easier to concentrate on heavenly things—but in a coffee shop it reminds us of why we are meeting—to think of and pray for the world around us.—Oh and it's good coffee!

*Christine Milner New Hey Road*

'Why don't you come and join us?

**9.30am Wednesday Mornings at Java Joe's on Dudley Hill roundabout.**

# BEACON

## (Bradford Ecumenical Asylum Concern)

### **‘Hospitality or Hostility?’**

As BEACON seeks to offer hospitality, we do so in the context of a ‘hostile environment’.

The latest figures show that, over the past year:

- the number of people granted asylum, in the UK, has dropped by over a quarter.
- more than a third of asylum applications that receive a negative initial decision are overturned on appeal.
- the number of asylum seekers waiting longer than the government’s six-month target for a decision has risen by 76% since 2016.

Some of the people who make up these statistics are well known to us at BEACON. Our volunteers and staff meet them in the ‘Asylum Court’ at Phoenix House, Thornbury, in the CHAT conversation club at Touchstone and through our M<sup>c</sup>Kenzie Friends, when they come seeking support with their asylum appeal applications. Some who are destitute are given accommodation, through our Hosting project, in the homes of volunteer hosts.

Some figures from our Annual Report (November 2017):

McKenzie Friends saw over 50 asylum seekers from 28 different countries. We don’t always know the outcomes of our support. However, we do know that 5 were granted leave to remain and 17 found a solicitor or other legal support

CHAT, Phoenix House have served 2146 hot drinks on 112 mornings

CHAT, Conversation Club have registered 58 students from 18 different countries. Most of our students have originated from Iran (27%), followed by Sudan, Eritrea, Democratic Republic of Congo and Iraq.

Hosting: 5 guests, from Zimbabwe, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia and Sudan, have been accommodated for a total of more than 1,250 nights.

During 2018, we have been able to increase the number of volunteer hosts, so able to provide much needed accommodation for single men. A couple, who had taken a break from hosting, missed the company of their guests so much that they returned sooner than expected! Hospitality is a mutual blessing!

We have appointed a McKenzie Friend Co-ordinator, with a wealth of knowledge and experience, enabling us to recruit and train more volunteers and accept more referrals.

During Refugee Week, the Annual Walk for Justice raised over £1,000 in sponsorship.

In June, we moved with Touchstone into their new building. Katy, our Team Leader, says, ‘We are thrilled with our new working space and the facilities available.’





Thangam Debbonaire MP, chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Refugees, says, "There is a global refugee crisis. The UK has a legal obligation under international law to take our fair share. However, we take a tiny number and to read how many experience poverty and destitution instead of the welcome they deserve and are entitled to is an awful statement about who we are as a country."

Alongside this statement, there are those who would affirm that our country has a compassionate side. BEACON can attest to this for we know that there are many within our churches, other faith communities and in the larger community who give us generous support.

**Please help us offer hospitality**

Pray for our staff team, Katy, Amanda, Alice, Audrey and Mandy

Pray for the Trustees: Andrew, Barbara, Heather, Roland, Will

Consider raising funds: eg coffee mornings, single or regular donations

Join us at our Open Evening and AGM at Touchstone on Tuesday November 27<sup>th</sup>

With thanks to all our  
volunteers and supporters in the Circuit,

*Sarah Jemison*

*Chair of BEACON Trustees*



# Holiday at Home

## Holiday at Home 2018

Hello Campers.      Hi di Hi Lo di Low

Once again, the Wesley Holiday Camp welcomed campers to three days of fun, food friendship and entertainment.



This year we invited members of the Memory Tree with their carers to join us for all three days. It was very special to share and to see their enjoyment and appreciation of this event.

Entertainment was also different this year as continuing to foster the links we have with the two church schools in the area, Low Moor First and Hill Top First Schools. Both schools sent choirs to entertain us and to present Low Moor's Got Talent. The children have certainly got talent - singing, dancing, gymnastics and a comedian. The children were extremely interested in what was taking place at Holiday at Home and are very keen to come back another year.



Another new entertainment was music by the **Silhouettes**, a dance band who played music from the 70/80s. Nearly everyone got up to dance even if they could only manage a few minutes. **WONDERFUL**



All this would not have been possible without the wonderful team and helpers from the circuit. Too many to mention, but everyone giving their all to ensure a truly special event.



In the words of the closing song:  
**See you all next year. God Bless you until then  
Goodnight Campers, Amen**

*Jenny Hardy*

*Holiday at home committee secretary*

### **One of the many Thankyou notes received**

‘Just a note to thank all the volunteers for a wonderful three days last week. We were lucky to have transport from Sarah and Lyn which we were grateful for. From the moment we arrived at ‘the camp’ the welcome was kind and friendly and we were looked after like VIPs. Everyone took time to talk to us and make sure that we felt included. Everything was so well organised, the logistics amazed us, the quizzes, entertainment. lunches, prizes. We enjoyed and appreciated all of it.

True Christianity in action happened at Aldersgate last week and we felt truly privileged to have been part of it.

A big Thank You to everyone,’

A Memory Tree Carer

# 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 Chair of District Rev Dr Roger Walton and his family and all district office holders.
4. For Rev Barbara Glasson as president designate.
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 Tea Party Worship.
12. Clayton Heights, that God will show the way ahead more clearly and that in re-establishing links with Stocks Lane Primary School, the work of the church and the community will be strengthened.
13. Cornerstone as it reaches out into the community with new ventures, Goldies and Forget me not cafe.
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, that they may continue to face the challenges before them with optimism and courage.
17. Southfield Lane, that relationships with the Romany church may continue to deepen
18. Thornbury, for the deepening relationships with St Margaret's and the work of the Churches Together in that place.
19. Trinity that the relationship with the Church of God of Prophecy may continue to grow and be fruitful.
20. Wibsey, that they may touch the life of the community through Preschool and the uniformed organisations.
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. Encouraging faith that sticks for those on the edge of our churches.
25. Developing ecumenical relationships
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 and work there.
29. Touchstone in their new home and 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 2018-2019

For the Lord says,

‘Do not cling to events of the past, or dwell on what happened long ago.

Watch for the new thing I am going to do.

It is happening already—you can see it now!

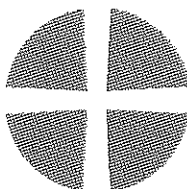
I will make a road through the wilderness and give you streams of water there.

Isaiah 43: 18-19

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.
- That our exploration of the 12:1 document will bear fruit.
- For support for the new initiatives around the circuit working with older people..

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



**Circuit  
Accruals Accounts  
2017-2018**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**(ACCRUALS BASIS)**  
**for the year ended 31 August 2018**

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<b>1157285</b>
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Name of Circuit

Bradford South Circuit

Circuit No

1157285

**Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2018**

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

**Fixed Assets**

Land & buildings		970,090			970,090	970,090
Equipment					-	-
Investment properties		109,690			109,690	109,690
Investments					-	-
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		<b>1,079,780</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,079,780</b>	<b>1,079,780</b>

**Current Assets**

Debtors & prepayments		16,682			16,682	15,029
Other					0	-
Trustees for methodist church purpose deposits			71,703		72,564	88,075
Central finance board deposits		273,244			273,244	316,296
Cash at Bank and in hand		37,495		6,945	44,440	27,339
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>327,421</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>406,930</b>	<b>446,739</b>

**Current liabilities**

Creditors (due in under 1 year)		38,407			38,407	35,381
Grants payable within 2018-19					0	-
<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>38,407</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,407</b>	<b>35,381</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>289,014</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>368,522</b>	<b>411,358</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,368,794</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,448,302</b>	<b>1,491,137</b>
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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	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,368,794</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,448,302</b>	<b>1,491,137</b>

**Funds of the Circuit**

General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,368,794				1,368,794	1,395,453
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			71,703			71,703	86,894
<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>						<b>1,440,496</b>	<b>1,482,347</b>
Restricted Funds				6,945		6,945	7,610
Endowment Funds					861	861	1,181
<b>Total Funds</b>		<b>1,368,794</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,448,302</b>	<b>1,491,137</b>

## 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 assets 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.

#### Impact 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.

4. Investment income	Circuit			2018 Total £	2017 Total £
	Unrestricted £	Model Trust Fund	Restricted £		
Central Finance Board				-	
Rental income	4,144			4,144	5,900
Other				-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>5,900</b>

## 5. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional	£		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses			
Nature of the expenses	Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs		

Total amount paid £

## 6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for	£	2,000	2,000
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services)	£		

## 7. Paid employees

## Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	117,261	136,441
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	9,882	10,264
Pension costs	£	30,017	25,591
Total staff costs	£	157,160	172,296

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

	7	8

## 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	0			1,079,780
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	109,690	0	0	0	1,079,780

### Accumulated depreciation

**Basis		SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

Balance brought forward								0
Depreciation charge for year (-)								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers* (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	970,090	109,690	-	-	-	1,079,780
Carried forward	-	-	970,090	109,690	-	-	-	1,079,780

## 9. Analysis of current assets

### Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid assessments

Accrued income

Other debtors

**Total debtors and prepayments**

**This year**

**Last year**

**£**

**£**

16,682	15,029
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## 10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

Other Creditors

**Total Current Liabilities**

£		
£	38,407	35,381
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## 11. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2018 the Circuit has no capital commitments.


No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2018.

**Bradford South Circuit  
DECLARATIONS**

**Treasurer**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

21/3/19

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Address

75 SHELF MOOR ROAD, SHELF, HALIFAX  
HX3 7PL

**Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 were, or will be\* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on

21/3/19

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of  
the meeting

LP Gregg

Name of the Chair of the  
meeting

Rev. Lyn Gregg

Date

21/03/2019

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

Bradford South

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2018

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2018 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below\*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name of independent examiner

Peter Sleigh FCCA

Signature of independent examiner

*P. Sleigh*

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

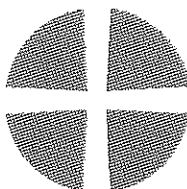
Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

Thornhill Brigg Mills, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse. HD6 4AH.

Date

27/11/18



**Circuit  
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2017-2018**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**

**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS  
(ACCRUALS BASIS)**

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<b>Total current liabilities</b>		<b>38,407</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,407</b>	<b>35,381</b>
<b>Net current assets/liabilities</b>		<b>289,014</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>368,522</b>	<b>411,358</b>

<b>Total assets less current liabilities</b>		<b>1,368,794</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,448,302</b>	<b>1,491,137</b>
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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	-
<b>Net assets</b>		<b>1,368,794</b>	<b>71,703</b>	<b>6,945</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>1,448,302</b>	<b>1,491,137</b>

**Funds of the Circuit**

General Fund (Unrestricted)		1,368,794			1,368,794	1,395,453
Circuit Model Trust Fund (Unrestricted)			71,703		71,703	86,894
Total Unrestricted Funds					1,440,496	1,482,347
Restricted Funds				6,945	6,945	7,610
Endowment Funds					861	1,181
Total Funds		1,368,794	71,703	6,945	861	1,448,302
						1,491,137

## 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 assets 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.

#### Impact 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.

4. Investment income	Circuit			2018 Total £	2017 Total £
	Unrestricted	Model Trust Fund	Restricted		
	£		£		
Central Finance Board				-	
Rental income	4,144			4,144	5,900
Other				-	
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,144</b>	<b>5,900</b>

## 5. Payment to Trustees

		This year	Last year
Payments made to trustees for additional	£		
Number of trustees who were paid expenses			
Nature of the expenses	Expense payments primarily relate to reimbursement for travel and computing costs		

Total amount paid £

## 6. Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditors' fees for	£	2,000	2,000
Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services)	£		

## 7. Paid employees

## Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind	£	117,261	136,441
Employer's National Insurance costs	£	9,882	10,264
Pension costs	£	30,017	25,591
Total staff costs	£	157,160	172,296

Average number of staff employed during the year were:

	7	8

## 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	0			1,079,780
Additions								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers * (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	970,090	109,690	0	0	0	1,079,780

### Accumulated depreciation

**Basis		SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB	SL or RB
** Rate					

Balance brought forward								0
Depreciation charge for year (-)								0
Revaluations (+/-)								0
Disposals (-)								0
Transfers* (+/-)								0
Balance carried forward	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

### Net book value

Brought forward	-	-	970,090	109,690	-	-	-	1,079,780
Carried forward	-	-	970,090	109,690	-	-	-	1,079,780

## 9. Analysis of current assets

### Debtors and prepayments

Pre paid assessments

Accrued income

Other debtors

**Total debtors and prepayments**

This year

Last year

£

£

16,682	15,029
16,682	15,029

## 10. Analysis of current liabilities and long term creditors

Trade Creditors

Other Creditors

**Total Current Liabilities**

£		
£	38,407	35,381
£	38,407	35,381

## 11. Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

At the 31st August 2018 the Circuit has no capital commitments.


No Contingent liabilities were identified at 31st August 2018.

**Bradford South Circuit  
DECLARATIONS**

**Treasurer**

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 have been prepared from the records of the Circuit and that they include all funds under the control of the Circuit Meeting.

Signature of Treasurer



Date

21/3/19

Name of Treasurer

Mr Trevor Kershaw

Address

75 SHELF MOOR ROAD, SHELF, HALIFAX  
HX3 7PL

**Presentation to the Circuit Meeting for approval.**

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2018 were, or will be\* presented to the Circuit Meeting at its meeting on

21/3/19

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of  
the meeting

LP Gregg

Name of the Chair of the  
meeting

Rev. Lyn Gregg

Date

21/03/2019

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

Bradford South

Circuit

This Report is on the Circuit Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2018

**Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner**

The Circuit's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2018 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

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below\*)

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act.
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met, or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name of independent examiner

Peter Sleigh FCCA

Signature of independent examiner

P. Sleigh

Relevant Professional qualification of independent examiner

Chartered Certified Accountant

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Sleigh & Story Ltd

Address

Thornhill Brigg Mills, Thornhill Beck Lane, Brighouse. HD6 4AH.

Date

27/11/18