The current version of the Blackpool Methodist Circuit website is based on the original prototype, shared circa 2018, given this had been an accepted baseline for further development.

Each church currently has its own page, with the same general layout (photo, contact details, a location map, announcements, regular service times). Where available, links are included to social media or other web sites.

It is recognised that the churches will all have different requirements from the site so any aspect can be easily changed and additional information added to ensure that the website is more fit for purpose.

The content is based on best endeavours, but needs a thorough review by all church representatives.

The website has been reviewed for accessibility and no issues are outstanding. A link to an accessibility statement has been included in the page footer.

The website that will be used is <http://www.blackpoolmethodist.org.uk/>. This currently displays an ‘under construction’ page.

The link to see the files that we hope will form the basis of the Blackpool Methodist Circuit website is as follows: <http://www.blackpoolmethodist.org.uk/hidden/index.php>. You should use this when reviewing the website.

| **Website page/location** | **Comment** | **Reviewer** | **Response** |
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| Home page | Make into a ‘in progress’ landing page until the website goes live. | website meeting | Landing page is ‘under construction’, with the ‘under review’ website found within a /hidden subfolder. |
| Home page | If you hover over the Methodist Church logo top left, then a large red box appears around the logo - can this be prevented? It doesn't appear on other Methodist Church sites. | Darrel Robinson | A narrow red border appears around the Methodist Church logo now when you hover over it, just to give some visual indication that it is a link. |
| Home page (and accessibility statement) | The areas where the 'Email Us' option is presented - Landing Page and Accessibility statement - this reveals Nigels email address (bottom left) and attempts to launch a local mail client - which fails as I don't have one installed (I'm only a webmail user). Additionally if you use a different browser to your normal browser, then it also attempts to switch browsers - and then still fails. On the New Central website we got around these issues by dropping in an email contact form which behind the scenes sends an email to a nominated recipient. This doesn't reveal the true email address of the recipient.- see the contact us section of the site. There are a couple of options here - either switch to launching an email contact form or just simply present the email address you wish the enquirer to contact without providing a link. | Darrel Robinson | I’ve left the ‘email us’ link but it now directs emails to a new email address for the Blackpool Circuit. Nigel has the details for that.  In addition, I’ve set up a contact form which currently uses a 3rd party site to handle the processing.  A future change could be to dig deeper into Go Daddy to handle the mails within that/write my own php script etc. The mail handler that is supposed to exist wasn’t obvious within the account. |
| Navigation bar | Make the top level links consistent for all churches. Currently, the links for Highfield and Lindale are prefixed with ‘About’. | website meeting | Removed ‘About’ from the Highfield and Lindale navbar links |
| General | Add circuit logo | website meeting | Added to the top right hand side of each page. |
| General | Could add a search box if the information on the site grows | website meeting |  |
| General | Add google analytics to enable reviews of website usage | website meeting | Google analytics added for account blackpoolmethodistorguk (158614823). Initial set up which can be configured further once the website goes live. |
| General | Audits suggest minor performance improvements that should be included (some dependent on move to proper hosting environment, photo resizing, etc) | website meeting |  |
| General | Who updates the 'About' pages with announcements (and Church Groups/Events & Services for Highfield and Lindale)? What is the process for updating and frequency of updates? | Darrel Robinson | To be agreed |
| General | I have tested on Chrome, Firefox, IE, Edge, Brave and Safari on a number of different devices. All seem to work perfectly and all react correctly within their responsive design. Additionally no 'nasties' are reported from Brave which is excellent. The 'Rad Aloud' function works correctly as well. Just 1 item confused me which was the ALT text for the images - I can see it in the screen design, but I couldn't get the text to appear on screen. | Darrel Robinson | Unlike IE, Firefox, Chrome and others don’t display the text used in the alt attribute when hovering over an image. The alt text only displays when an image doesn't load. I’ve added a title attribute to display a caption for the images when the cursor is hovering over them. Hopefully that’s what your comment meant. |
| General | All in all, a very well crafted website and a great basis on which to add additional content as and when people are ready. | Darrel Robinson |  |
| General | I think it is easy to navigate and user friendly. | John Morton |  |
| About us – our faith | Remove the additional '>' before the word Worship on the 1st bullet | Darrel Robinson | Angle bracket has been removed. |
| About us – our pastoral team | Make the details of ministers etc more prominent/easy to find | website meeting |  |
| About us – our pastoral team | Consider adding additional details (pen pictures? Lay preacher information) subject to agreement | website meeting |  |
| About us – our pastoral team | Appears not to go anywhere as the Pastoral team is displayed at the bottom of the Our Faith section - Should this be a separate page or could the link 'land' the user on the correct section of the Our Faith page or should it be removed? | Darrel Robinson | The ‘Our Faith’ and ‘Pastoral Team’ pages were originally combined. When I split them I neglected to remove the detail that was no longer required. |
| About us – our pastoral team | I am enclosing a brief piece I included for the Ecumenical magazine which includes my mug-shot . . . hopefully you can use the photograph only for the appropriate place on the website. | John Morton | Photo added to the ‘Pastoral Team’ page. |
| About us – history of our churches | Need to see information/pictures for all current and former churches in the circuit to add here. | website meeting | Have added some history found online, have additional details to include and will seek to acquire images of church features, foundation stones, memorials etc.  It was clear that we already had too much data for the proposed accordion approach so I’ve put the history of each church on a separate page and included a navigation section to enable users to look at the different history pages. |
| About us – gallery |  |  | Will be added in a future release of the website. |
| Each church page | Several churches will need their user groups listed, but I like the way all the churches are interlinked. | John Morton |  |
| Each church page | Add link with email address for contacting church (if available) | website meeting |  |
| Each church page | Add church logo (based on Layton’s logo), when available | website meeting | The circuit logo has been added to the top right hand side of each page. I may review the layout of the church pages before editing the logo to make it specific for each church and adding it to a page. |
| Each church page | Include a feed from facebook, where available. | website meeting |  |
| Highfield and Lindale | Naturally, with the Lindale and Highfield sites it is still a work in progress - technically there are four churches in the circuit currently worshipping on five sites - and South Shore Methodist Community Church is not yet featured (should it be at this stage?) I note that you make reference to the occasionally shared services. | John Morton | The landing page now refers to 4 churches and 5 sites.  Have changed to use the name South Shore Methodist Community Church (or SSMCC where the long form just doesn’t fit the template), with the road name in brackets to identify the particular site rather than using the Highfield/Lindale names. |
| Highfield and Lindale | Consider rebadging as SSMCC and replacing ‘churches’ as ‘sites’ | website meeting | Have changed to use the name South Shore Methodist Community Church (or SSMCC where the long form just doesn’t fit the template), with the road name in brackets to identify the particular site rather than using the Highfield/Lindale names. |
| Highfield and Lindale | Consider whether to retain ‘Church Groups’, more detailed events and services list or whether other information needs to be presented on each page given these sites do not have a presence on social media or other websites | website meeting |  |
| About Highfield | Need correct telephone contact number. Are there different phone numbers for room bookings, general contacts etc. | website meeting | I’ve added the telephone number that is displayed on the noticeboard by the entrance to the hall. |
| About Lindale | Need correct telephone contact number. Are there different phone numbers for room bookings, general contacts etc. | website meeting |  |
| Useful links | Are there links to any other organisations or groups that should be included? | website meeting | Added link to <http://northfyldemethodistcircuit.org.uk/> |

**Second Review – following website revisions**

| **Website page/ location** | **Comment** | **Reviewer** | **Response** |
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| Landing Page and SSMCC (Mayfield Avenue) | I note the SSMCC Mayfield Avenue tab. When we produced the Christmas cards for the community the Scarsdale Avenue address was used - so I think this needs to be streamlined one way or another. | John Morton | Given the main door is on Mayfield Avenue I assumed that was the address, when backed up by various online directory listings. Then again, a selection of other webpages place the church in Scarsdale Avenue.  Given the Christmas cards and Council’s planning department view the building as being in Scarsdale Avenue, I’ve amended this website. However, the dual addresses will persist unless the various online directory listings are notified. |
| All church pages | Also the Church Events and Church Groups options would hopefully be available for all of the churches when it goes live. | John Morton | This will require each church community to supply the information to include online. |
| All church pages | When I click onto the Facebook page for Marton there are useful links to other churches (this is not evident when clicking onto Layton, for example). | John Morton | The church facebook pages are updated independently. The individual churches decide what content and links to include on their pages.  Marton’s facebook page seems to include links to the other Methodist churches that are on facebook.  If links to other churches or organisations are required on this website, the group will need to agree a list. |
| All church pages | Also to return to the home page from a Facebook page is only possible by using the back arrow on the top left corner of the screen - there does not seem to be anywhere on the Facebook page to return you to the page you were just on (unless I'm missing something). | John Morton | Where the website includes links to other sites, eg Facebook, I’ve ensured that the linked page opens in a new browser window and that the user is informed that this will be the case. |
| General | The above are minor critiques, however, someone more adept than me could possibly find their way around more easily. | John Morton |  |
| General | Good work with the website - South Shore in particular interlinks well. | John Morton |  |
| General | The photos are good, the information is comprehensive and the site is attractive overall. | John Morton |  |

**Third Review – following website revisions**

| **Website page/ location** | **Comment** | **Reviewer** | **Response** |
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| All Pages | Minor consistency issue across the sites pages with the highlighting of navigation buttons as the main navigation bar (nav-link dropdown style class) has squared edges to the red highlight that appears when you hover over the button but on other buttons like the ones to navigate to the church info or in the image gallery (btn btn-margin,nav-links or card-link btn style class) and as we are rounding the edges on most things are we able to round off the announcements title banner on the church info pages (panel-title class) | Joseph Hole | The intention was for the highlighting on the menu bar to extend to the border. However, I’ve reviewed all the elements on the website and included rounded corners where necessary. |
| Index page | I like the look of the main index page with I tiny bug bear, the containers with the church images, service time, address and navigation button for more info are not equal height as I view it in Chrome (are we able to set the div "col-md-2" to the same heights Fiona and still allow for the fluid re-flow of the page based on screen size?). | Joseph Hole | I tried a number of approaches to keep details of the 5 sites across the page and aligned for all lines of information…to no avail. I’ve settled on having 2 rows: Layton, Marton and New Central; and then the 2 SSMCC sites. A larger breakpoint has helped too. I think the alignment remains at all page sizes. |
| Index Page | A suggestion to possibly make the page more stylish would to animate the same boxes into an overlapping slide carousel style view so on a computer someone can scroll through the carousel left to right or visa versa by just moving the mouse cursor from side to side, phone/tablet uses can scroll with their finger side to side and still scroll up and down the page without issue but I would not do this if it delays the loading of the page too much which fancy animations can tend to do. The user can stay on the desired churches information by keeping the mouse cursor over the box area and phone users can just do nothing, the other churches will be visible off to the side but partially covered so the far left image would be indented fully left with the image to it's left overlapping 50% of it's width which means the second image has 50% of it's image covered by the image in focus which is not covered at all, the image to it's right is the tucked under the image in focus by 50% which leaves the final 1/6th of the page width for the 5th image. The transition between the images would occur when the mouse cursor moves out of the central 1/3 of the screen left or right and transition as in the link here. <https://codepen.io/edmundojr/full/qdLWWx> | Joseph Hole | I’d agree that the landing page would benefit from having more of a ‘wow’ factor. I’d originally contemplated a carousel even though 5 elements in the rotation are around the suggested maximum. I left it as a possible future change pending doing some research. I expect that advice from accessibility experts to stop using carousels may not be quite so hard line as things have moved on and carousels can be made accessible. I’ll take your point about the performance implications when I try it out too. |
| About Us-History of our churches | I love that not only the current churches have been given their spotlight of having their history told but also of the churches that have been part of our circuit in years gone past. Having gone to North shore from the moment I came to Blackpool after leaving university (following the love of my life when she moved from London to Blackpool while i was at university and now my wife) until it's closing days it feels warming to know that it's history is being preserved despite us moving forward into the 'age of the internet' 🙂. |  | Will be adding to this gradually. Any stories or pictures that can be acquired for the different churches would be welcomed so the archive can grow. |
| Useful links/main navigation bar | I had my browser not in full window but half screen and noticed that the navigation bar was full width which was nice but as I navigated over the useful links menu it went off page, to look at this I maximised the browser window and noticed that the navigation bar increased in width but the content within was left aligned instead of fully justified so did not move over fully when the width of the bar exceeded the natural width of the text. This means when the menu is clicked the left alignment of the drop down menu is not a problem and does not go outside the viewing area but when the text fills the navigation bar on smaller screen widths then the drop down menu will appear only partially onscreen and partially off screen. Is it possible to fully justify the menu buttons in the navigation bar and then right align the far right drop down menu to avoid it going off screen or find another way to keep the content of the drop down on screen regardless of the screen width? |  | The dropdown menu for ‘useful links’ now extends towards the left so is visible when the page width is reduced. |