

NOTTING HILL METHODIST CHURCH
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1127356



**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND UNAUDITED FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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Trustees	Sonia Barnes Wendy Chase Stephen Duckworth (Deceased) Revd. Paul Wood Pauline Mullings Esther Samuels Gladwyn Samuels Elaine Spence
Secretary	Wendy Chase
Company number	1127356
Registered Office	240 Lancaster Road London W11 4AH
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TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2024. The Trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (Effective 1 January 2019)

Aims and organisation

The calling of the Methodist Church is to respond to the gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission. Notting Hill Methodist Church priorities provide for:

1. a regularly worshipping congregation,
2. a fellowship of people learning and growing in Christian faith
3. sharing its resources (including the building) with people in the neighbourhood.
4. challenging injustice and meeting human need.
5. speaking of God's love to the wider world.

The year has seen the church maintain a steady state level of activities and worship.

The refurbished basement continues to host the Kensington and Chelsea foodbank and we look forward to welcoming back to 240 Lancaster Road the 240 Project, an arts based community support group.

Bible studies resumed in the summer months but have not attained their pre-pandemic level.

The church was able to enjoy its annual summer barbecue and seaside excursion for the first time since the pandemic.

The Church Eco-group continues to consider how we might become a greener church (building and community).

Last year with the help of a grant from the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea, the church published 'The Caribbean Contribution – Stories from Notting Hill Methodist Church', including much oral history from church members of the 1960s and 70s. We have now successfully published this on our website

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Finance

Basis of accounts preparation

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 FRS102 – the Charities SORP (FRS102).

Income and expenditure trends

Income is primarily drawn from lettings income from external users of the church, and from lettings of investment properties. This is augmented by Sunday collections and gift aid tax relief from members of the Church. Total unrestricted income amounted to £729,482 (2023 - £618,531).

Expenditure is primarily related to church buildings and the church's investment properties. The other major ongoing cost is for staff and related expenditure, including the annual assessment payable to the Notting Hill Circuit, which meets the Minister's stipend and some other staff costs and includes repairs to the manse. Costs continued to arise for the managing and maintenance of church buildings and investment properties.

A grant of £120,000 was made to the Denbigh Methodist Housing Association to enable it to continue to make housing available to those in need at social housing rent levels (2023 - £100,000).

Total unrestricted expenditure amounted to £825,927 (2023 - £673,893)

Fund balances

The Church's net current assets at the year-end amounted to £78,269 (2023 - £62,757). After setting aside restricted reserves unrestricted funds of £61,407 remain.

Investment Policy

The investment of surplus funds is operated through the Central Finance Board (CFB) of the Methodist Church. CFB aims to provide a high-quality investment service seeking above average returns for long term investors, whilst ensuring that the securities held by all its funds are in line with the ethical policy of the Methodist Church. The Church currently has its funds in a deposit account with CFB.

Reserves policy and plans for 2024/25

The Church's reserves policy takes account of its net current assets at the last Balance Sheet date, the budget for the current year 2024/25 and significant known items of property expenditure to be incurred in the near future.

The agreed reserves policy is to retain from the unrestricted resources available under the above calculation the equivalent of three months operating expenditure (approximately £137,000) to fund planned activities should normal revenue earning be suspended.

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Structure, Governance and Management

Legal framework

Notting Hill Methodist Church is the sole church in the Notting Hill Methodist Circuit.

The governing document for the Church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church (CPD), by order of the annual Methodist Church Conference.

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

Reference and administrative details

Name of charity: Notting Hill Methodist Church
Charity registration number: 1127356
Date of registration: 31 December 2008

A list of senior lay employees is below:

Ken Asiedu – Facilities Manager

Management

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

Superintendent Minister: Revd Paul Wood

Senior Church Steward: Mrs. Esther Samuels

Treasurer: Mrs. Elaine Spence acted as the principal Officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the Church during the year.

Governance

The members of the Notting Hill Methodist Church Council are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of Church and Circuit office holders, the Minister and up to eight representatives appointed by the Church at its Annual Church Meeting.

A range of guidance produced by the Methodist Connexion to support the effective running

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of the Church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and training sessions held throughout the year.

Public benefit

The trustees have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission in compliance with its duties under section 4 of the Charities Act 2011. This guidance sets out two key principles:

- The organisation must have an identifiable benefit.
- The benefit must be to the public or a section of the public.

The Church exists to:

- increase awareness of God's presence and to celebrate God's love;
- help people to learn and grow as Christians, through mutual support and care; and
- be a good neighbour to people in need and challenge injustice.

The trustees consider that for these reasons the charity meets these public benefit requirements.

Related parties

The Church is the sole church in the Notting Hill Circuit, which is part of the London District and also accountable to the Methodist Conference. The Church controls the membership of the Denbigh Methodist Housing Association which is a charitable housing association registered under the Cooperative and Community Benefit Societies Act 2014.

Risk management

The Trustees are responsible for identifying and mitigating the level of risk faced by the charity, taking professional advice as required. An annual review process is undertaken, with documentation of the strategy to be employed for risk mitigation.

Major risks will continue to accrue from the condition of the properties of the church and a quinquennial report by a qualified surveyor was undertaken in 2020 to inform the Church's plans for maintenance of its properties, most of which is now complete.

Safeguarding

The Methodist Church, along with the whole Christian community, believes each person has a value and dignity which comes directly from God's creation in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things, this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Notting Hill Methodist Church is committed to the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults and affirms that the needs of children or of people when they are vulnerable and at risk are paramount.

Notting Hill Methodist Church recognises that it has a particular care for all who are vulnerable whether as a result of disabilities or reduction in capacities or by their situation. It is recognised that this increased vulnerability may be temporary or permanent and may be visible or invisible, but that it does not diminish our humanity and our wish to

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affirm the gifts and graces of all God's people.

The Church's policy addresses the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable

adults. It is intended to be a dynamic policy. It is intended to support the Church in being a safe supportive and caring community for children, young people, vulnerable adults, for survivors of abuse, for communities and for those affected by abuse.

Church Council Members' Responsibilities

The members of Church Council are responsible for preparing the annual report and financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom


Generally Accepted Accounting Practice. Legislation requires the Council members to prepare financial statements for each financial year, which give a true and fair view of the Church's state of affairs at the end of the year, and the result for the year then ended.

In preparing these financial statements, the Council members are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them on a consistent basis;
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent and reasonable;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departure disclosed and explained in the financial statements
- prepare accounts on a going concern basis unless it is not appropriate to presume that the church will continue in existence.

The Council members are responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Church. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the Church and for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Approved by the Church Council on 31/3/2025 and signed on their behalf by:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Revd Paul Wood", with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Revd Paul Wood
Superintendent Minister and Chair of Trustees

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Trustees of Notting Hill Methodist Church

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Notting Hill Methodist Church (the 'charity') for the year ended 31 August 2024 which comprise a statement of financial activity, balance sheet and notes to the financial statements, including significant accounting policies. The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards, including Financial Reporting Standard 102 The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

In our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the state of the charity's affairs as at 31 August 2024, and of its incoming resources and application of resources, including its income and expenditure, for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK) (ISAs (UK)) and applicable law. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the charity in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in the UK, including the FRC's Ethical Standard, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Conclusion relating to going concern

In auditing the financial statements, we have concluded that the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting in the preparation of the financial statements is appropriate.

Based on the work we have performed, we have not identified any material uncertainties relating to events or conditions that, individually or collectively, may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern for a period of at least twelve months from when the financial statements are authorised for issue.

Our responsibilities and the responsibilities of the trustees with respect to going concern are described in the relevant sections of this report.

Other information

The other information comprises the information included in the trustees' annual report, other than the financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. The trustees are responsible for the other information contained within the annual report. Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and, except to the extent otherwise explicitly stated in our report, we do not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

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Our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the course of the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If we identify such material inconsistencies or apparent material misstatements, we are required to determine whether this gives rise to a material misstatement in the financial statements themselves. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact.

We have nothing to report in this regard.

Matters on which we are required to report by exception

We have nothing to report in respect of the following matters in relation to which the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 require us to report to you if, in our opinion:

- the information given in the financial statements is inconsistent in any material respect with the trustees' report; or
- the charity has not kept adequate accounting records; or
- the financial statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns; or
- we have not received all the information and explanations we require for our audit.

Responsibilities of trustees

As explained more fully in the trustees' responsibilities statement set out on page 6, the trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements and for being satisfied that they give a true and fair view, and for such internal control as the trustees determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the trustees are responsible for assessing the charity's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the trustees either intend to liquidate the charity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements

We have been appointed as auditor under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 and report in accordance with regulations made under section 154 of that Act.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (UK) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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Irregularities, including fraud, are instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations. We design procedures in line with our responsibilities, outlined above, to detect material misstatements in respect of irregularities, including fraud. The extent to which our procedures are capable of detecting irregularities, including fraud is detailed below:

- Enquiry of Trustees and those charged with governance around actual and potential litigation claims;
- Enquiry of Trustees in compliance functions to identify any instances of non-compliance with laws and regulations;
- Reviewing financial statements disclosure and testing to supporting documentation to assess compliance with applicable laws and regulations;
- Performing audit work over the risk of management override of controls, including testing of journal entries and other adjustments for appropriateness, evaluating the rationale of significant transactions outside the normal course of business and reviewing accounting estimates for bias.

Because of the inherent limitations of an audit, there is a risk that we will not detect all irregularities, including those leading to a material misstatement in the financial statements or non-compliance with regulation. This risk increases the more that compliance with a law or regulation is removed from the events and transactions reflected in the financial statements, as we will be less likely to become aware of instances of non-compliance. The risk is also greater regarding irregularities occurring due to fraud rather than error, as fraud involves intentional concealment, forgery, collusion, omission or misrepresentation.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (UK), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the charity's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the trustees.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the trustees' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the charity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the charity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation (i.e. gives a true and fair view).

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Use of our report

This report is made solely to the charity's trustees, as a body, in accordance with Part 4 of the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the charity's trustees those matters we are required to state to them in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's trustees as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.



Banks & Co Limited, Statutory Auditor
Chartered Certified Accountants
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Banks & Co Limited is eligible for appointment as auditor of the charity by virtue of its eligibility for appointment as auditor of a company under section 1212 of the Companies Act 2006.

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Statement of Financial Activities for the Year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Offerings		8,513	-	-	8,513
Donations		2,570	-	-	2,570
Gift aid		1,600	-	-	1,600
Interest and investment income		3,819	-	-	3,819
Income from investment properties	2	328,500	-	-	328,500
DMHA rental income	3	158,346	-	-	158,346
Other charitable income	4	226,134	-	-	226,134
Total income		<u>729,482</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>729,482</u>
Expenditure					
Circuit assessment or share	5	75,533	-	-	75,533
Grants and donations	6	144,100	213	4,219	148,532
Property maintenance	7	312,888	-	-	312,888
Insurance, utilities etc.		55,176	-	-	55,176
Depreciation	9	49,170	-	-	49,170
Ministry expenses	8	72,173	-	-	72,173
Other expenditure	8	116,887	-	-	116,887
Total charitable expenditure		<u>825,927</u>	<u>213</u>	<u>4,219</u>	<u>830,359</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(96,445)	(213)	(4,219)	(100,877)
Transfers between funds		<u>(1,500)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>-</u>
Net movement in funds		(97,945)	(213)	(2,719)	(100,877)
Total funds brought forward		<u>15,933,083</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>19,581</u>	<u>15,959,367</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>15,835,138</u>	<u>6,490</u>	<u>16,862</u>	<u>15,858,490</u>

For details of comparative figures refer to note 18

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Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	Notes	General Fund	Designated Funds	Restricted Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
		£	£	£	£	£
Fixed Assets						
Church building and other property	9	5,302,440			5,302,440	5,351,610
Investment properties	9	10,545,000			10,545,000	10,545,000
Total fixed assets		15,847,440			15,847,440	15,896,610
Current Assets						
Debtors and prepayments	10	52,481			52,481	41,839
Central Finance Board Deposits		73,500			73,500	151,797
Cash at Bank and in hand		23,882	6,490	16,862	47,234	50,178
Total current assets		149,863	6,490	16,862	173,215	243,814
Current liabilities						
Creditors (due in under 1 year)	11	19,907			19,907	106,097
Amounts due to/(from) Notting Hill		41,886			41,886	49,432
Amount due to DMHA		33,153			33,153	25,528
Total current liabilities		94,946			94,946	181,057
Net current assets/liabilities		54,917	6,490	16,862	78,269	62,757
Total assets less current liabilities		15,902,357	6,490	16,862	15,925,709	15,959,367
Long liabilities						
Commercial tenants deposits		67,219			67,219	
Total Net Assets		15,835,138	6,490	16,862	15,858,490	15,959,367
Funds of the Church						
General Fund (Unrestricted)		15,835,138			15,835,138	15,933,083
Designated Funds (Unrestricted)			6,490		6,490	6,703
Total Unrestricted Funds						
Restricted Funds				16,862	16,862	19,581
Total Funds	17	15,835,138	6,490	16,862	15,858,490	15,959,367

The financial statements were approved and authorised for issue.

Signed

D. Paul Woo

Chair

31.3.2025

Treasurer

Date:

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Cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2024

	Notes	2024 £	2023 £
Statement of cash flows			
Cash from operating activities			
Net cash used in operating activities	a	(571,906)	(533,655)
Cash flows from investing activities			
Dividends, interest and rents from Investments		490,665	497,089
Net cash provided by investing activities		490,665	497,089
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		(81,241)	(36,566)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		201,975	238,541
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	b	120,734	201,975

Notes to cash flow statement for the year ended 31 August 2024

Note (a):	2024	2023
Reconciliation of net income to net cash flow from operating activities	£	£
Net income for the reporting period (as per statement of financial activities)	(100,877)	(42,763)
Adjustments for:		
Depreciation and amortisation charges	49,170	49,170
Dividends, interest and rents from investments	(490,665)	(497,089)
(Increase)/decrease in debtors	(10,642)	21,104
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(18,892)	(64,077)
Net cash used in operating activities	(571,906)	(533,655)
Note (b):	2024	2023
Analysis of cash and cash equivalent	£	£
Cash in hand	47,234	50,178
Short term deposit (less than 3 months)	73,500	151,797
Total cash and cash equivalents	120,734	201,975

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Notes to the financial statements For the year ended 31 August 2024

1. Accounting Policies

a) Basis for preparing the financial statements

These financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention with items recognised at cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policies below or in the notes to the financial statements.

They have also been prepared in compliance with FRS 102, 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and the Republic of Ireland', the Statement of Recommended practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable to the UK and the Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (Charities SORP (FRS102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The Trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the entity's ability to continue as a going concern other than those noted below. There were no significant areas of adjustment or key assumptions that effect items in the accounts. With respect to the next reporting period, the most significant areas of uncertainty are the letting of the commercial properties and collection of their rents, and an unsettled claim for additional costs which the Church disputes on a major works contract completed during the year.

b) Funds

The funds held constitute:

- general funds held for any purpose of the Church which are unrestricted;
- designated funds which are also unrestricted but which are set aside for particular areas of future expenditure as decided by the trustees; and
- restricted funds which are subject to restrictions imposed by the donor and can only be used for specific purposes.

c) Incoming resources

Incoming resources are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the Church becomes entitled to that income, and the trustees are reasonably certain they will receive the resources, and the amount can be quantified with reasonable accuracy.

d) Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accruals basis 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 Church to pay out resources.

e) Grants

Grants made by the Church from its own funds are recognised in full at the time of agreement or when the Church 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

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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.

f) Taxation

Notting Hill Methodist Church is recognised as exempt from income and Corporation tax on income derived from its charitable activities because of its charitable status. Since the Church is not VAT registered, all input VAT borne is charged with the expenses to which it refers.

g) Debtors and creditors

Debtors and creditors with no stated interest rate and receivable or payable within one year are recorded at transaction price. Any losses arising on impairment are recognised in expenditure

h) Tangible fixed assets

The Land & Buildings disclosed in the accounts are legally owned by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes in its capacity as trustee or custodian Trustee.

The Church premises at Lancaster Road and Etheline Holder Hall and the pavilion at Kelfield Gardens have from the 2016/17 accounting year been valued based on their insurance valuation in 2017 with the intention that this be the deemed value under FRS 102. The building element of this for depreciation purposes is deemed to be 40% of the full value, given the high land costs in Kensington and Chelsea.

i) Investment properties

Investment properties are measured at fair value at each reporting date with changes in fair value recognised in "Net gains/(Losses) on investments "in the SOFA.

Commercial properties have been assessed based on a valuation in December 2023 by PLW Morgan FRICS MCI Arb based on rental yields of 7.5% as they are held in perpetuity.

Residential rental properties are valued based on vacant possession values reduced by one third to reflect their tenanted status.

j) Depreciation

It is the Church's policy to capitalise its non-building fixed assets, including vehicles, furniture and equipment assets, with costs over £5,000 and to charge depreciation on these. All building fixed assets are capitalised with only the building element depreciated.

Depreciation is charged as follows on building and non-building fixed assets:

Buildings (other than investment properties)	over 50 years
Organ	over 10 years
Furniture, equipment and vehicles	over 4 years
Computers and IT equipment	Over 3 years

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k) Impairment

Assets not measured at fair value are reviewed for any indication of impairment at each balance sheet date. If such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and compared to the carrying amount. Where the carrying amount exceeds its recoverable amount, an impairment loss is recognised in income and expenditure.

l) Going Concern

The financial statements have been prepared on a going concern basis as the trustees believe that no material uncertainties exist. The trustees have considered the level of funds held and the expected level of income and expenditure for 12 months from authorising these financial statements. The budgeted income and expenditure is sufficient with the level of reserves for the charity to be able to continue as a going concern.

2. Income from Investment Properties

The income from lettings of £328,500 (2023 - £355,142) comes from the letting of five retail premises.

3. Income from DMHA rentals

The Church and Circuit lease their residential properties to Denbigh Methodist Housing Association (DMHA) to manage, with the expectation that for most of the properties social housing rent levels will be charged. The Church and Circuit are required to charge a market rental under the 7-year lease to DMHA. The rental is based on the market rents of the properties established in 2018, less an allowance for all the costs of management and maintenance other than major works, adjusted for subsequent inflation.

4. Other Charitable Income

This income of £226,134 (2023 - £103,328) comes principally from the letting of space in Church properties and from the dilapidation settlement for 241 Westbourne Grove (Medical Centre).

5. Circuit assessment or share

The charge of £75,533 (2023 - £83,532) is borne by the Church for ministry and manse expenses.

6. Grants and donations

The grants and donations made from unrestricted funds went to charities under the following headings:

	2024 £	2023 £
DMHA for charging social housing rents	120,000	100,000
Local organisations	6,000	20,000
Methodist Churches and organisations	11,100	3,300
Overseas Grants	7,000	17,000
Total Expenditure	<u>144,100</u>	<u>140,300</u>

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The grant to Denbigh Methodist Housing Association (DMHA) is to assist the association to continue to charge social housing rents rather than market rents to most of its tenants.

7. Property maintenance

Following the quinquennial survey undertaken in 2020 significant works are taking place over all the Church's properties. Expenditure on major works was £192,218 (2023 - £85,794)

8. Salaries, NIC and Pension costs

Ministry expenses and Other expenditure include relevant staff employment costs.

The Church operates a payroll and recharges the relevant costs to the Notting Hill Methodist Circuit and Denbigh Methodist Housing Association.

The average number of staff employed by the Church during the year were 2.6 (full time equivalents) (2023 - 2.6)

The Church provides and administers a money purchase pension arrangement for all staff with TPT Retirement Solutions. During the year total employer's and employees' pension contributions before recharge totalled £12,839 (2023 - £13,518).

No employees are paid in excess of £60,000.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gross Stipends, salaries and benefits in kind	59,205	54,927
Employer's National Insurance	6,036	5,931
Employer's pension costs	3,552	4,571
	<u>68,793</u>	<u>65,429</u>

9. Tangible Fixed Assets

9.1 Property fixed assets for the Church's own use

The church in Lancaster Road was built in the late 19th Century and has been in continuous use by the Methodists since then. In 1994 work on a major refurbishment scheme included reducing the size of the church interior and creating ancillary offices. The works were completed in 1997 at a cost of £1,070,000, funded principally from the sale of proceeds of the church in Denbigh Road.

Etheline Holder Hall, a community hall built on a retained part of the Denbigh Road site, opened in 1992, at a cost of £215,000.

These church properties are insured for £7,717,102. Kelfield Garden is a private open space with pavilion gifted to the Church in the early 20th century. The pavilion is insured for £320,000.

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9.2 Property fixed assets for investment

The freehold and leasehold of the Denbigh Estate were acquired by the Church in the 1890s. The estate is insured for £7,838,362. The value of the five shops included in the estate has been assessed based on a professional valuation in December 2023 using a rental yield of 7.5%, and the values have been confirmed by recent lease settlements on the estate. Residential properties have been valued by the Trustees on the basis of professional advice and the Trustees review of the market based upon current market yields.

9.3 Depreciation

Depreciation is charged on building and non-building fixed assets at the rates shown under Church Accounting Policies above.

	Church (non- investment land and buildings)	Other (non- investment land and buildings)	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles	Fixtures, fitting and equipment	Investment properties (land and buildings)	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost or valuation						
Balance brought forward	5,567,000	98,000	91,973	38,500	10,545,000	16,340,473
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	-
Revaluations	-	-	-	-	-	-
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>5,567,000</u>	<u>98,000</u>	<u>91,973</u>	<u>38,500</u>	<u>10,545,000</u>	<u>16,340,473</u>
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	311,780	5,460	91,973	34,650	-	443,863
Charge for the year	44,540	780	-	3,850	-	49,170
Disposals	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance carried forward	<u>356,320</u>	<u>6,240</u>	<u>91,973</u>	<u>38,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>493,033</u>
Net Book value						
Brought forward	5,255,220	92,540	-	3,850	10,545,000	15,896,610
Carried forward	<u>5,210,680</u>	<u>91,760</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,545,000</u>	<u>15,847,440</u>

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10. Debtors

	2024 £	2023 £
Rent in arrears	1,325	20,462
Other debtors and prepayments	51,156	21,377
	<u>52,481</u>	<u>41,839</u>

11. Creditors

	2024 £	2023 £
Rent in advance	11,125	4,875
Other creditors and accruals	8,782	101,221
	<u>19,907</u>	<u>106,096</u>

12. Fees for audit of the accounts

The audit fee for the current year is anticipated as £6,600 (2023 - £5,000)

13. Restricted Funds

During 2023/24 no restricted funds were received in donations to the Benevolent Fund, the Youth Projects Fund and to the Foodbank Fund. At the end of the year, the balances on restricted funds were £16,862 (see note 18).

14. Related party transactions

During the year five Trustees were reimbursed a total of £1,728 (2023 - £85) by the Notting Hill Methodist Church in respect of expenses incurred in the day to day operations of the charity.

One other Trustee was reimbursed a total of £5,949 (2023 - £3,640) by the charity on behalf of both the Notting Hill Methodist Church and Circuit.

One trustee had a related interest during the year as a tenant of Denbigh Methodist Housing Association living in a Notting Hill Methodist Church property.

One trustee took a loan of £1,100.

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15. Commitment under operating leases

At 31 August 2024 the Church had annual commitments under non-cancellable operating leases as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Expiry date: 31 December 2024		
Within one year	490	1,180
Between two and five years		490

16. Capital commitments and contingent liabilities

16.1 Capital commitments

The Trustees have allocated £150,000 to be spent on refurbishment in the current year. Contracts have not been placed for the work. (2023 - £13,750).

16.2 Contingent liability

There were no contingent liabilities in financial year 2023-24.

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17. Movements on reserves

	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Opening balance as at 1 September 2023	15,933,083	6,703	19,581	15,959,367
Income	729,482	-	-	729,482
Expenses	(825,927)	(213)	(4,219)	(830,359)
Transfers	(1,500)	-	1,500	-
Closing balance as at 31 August 2024	<u>15,835,138</u>	<u>6,490</u>	<u>16,862</u>	<u>15,858,490</u>

	Opening balance £	Income £	Expenses £	Transfer £	Closing balance £
Benevolent Fund	527	-	(165)	1,500	1,862
Food Bank	2,782	-	(2,782)	-	-
Caribbean Heritage Fund	1,272	-	(1,272)	-	-
Transport Fund	6,156	-	(213)	-	5,943
Training & Educational fund	547	-	-	-	547
Youth activities & Projects Fund	15,000	-	-	-	15,000
Closing balance as at 31 August 2024	<u>26,284</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,433)</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>23,352</u>

Prior year	General £	Designated £	Restricted £	Total £
Opening balance as at 1 September 2022	17,760,501	547	3,082	17,764,130
Income	618,531	-	17,263	635,794
Expenses	(673,893)	-	(4,664)	(678,557)
Transfers	(10,056)	6,156	3,900	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments	(1,762,000)	-	-	(1,762,000)
Closing balance as at 31 August 2023	<u>15,933,083</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>19,581</u>	<u>15,959,367</u>

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18. Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2023

	Notes	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds	Total
		£	£	£	£
Income					
Offerings		9,526	-	-	9,526
Donations		3,739	-	17,263	21,002
Gift aid		4,848	-	-	4,848
Interest and investment income		5,351	-	-	5,351
Income from investment properties	2	355,142	-	-	355,142
DMHA rental income	3	136,596	-	-	136,596
Other charitable income	4	103,328	-	-	103,328
Total income		<u>618,531</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,263</u>	<u>635,794</u>
Expenditure					
Circuit assessment or share	5	83,532	-	-	83,532
Grants and donations	6	140,300	-	4,664	144,964
Property maintenance	7	179,546	-	-	179,546
Insurance, utilities etc.		50,888	-	-	50,888
Depreciation	9	49,170	-	-	49,170
Ministry expenses	8	70,808	-	-	70,808
Other expenditure	8	99,649	-	-	99,649
Total charitable expenditure		<u>673,893</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,664</u>	<u>678,557</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		(55,362)	-	12,599	(42,763)
Transfers between funds		(10,056)	6,156	3,900	-
Net gains/(losses) on investments		<u>(1,762,000)</u>			
Net movement in funds		(1,827,418)	6,156	16,499	(1,804,763)
Total funds brought forward		<u>17,760,501</u>	<u>547</u>	<u>3,082</u>	<u>17,764,130</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>15,933,083</u>	<u>6,703</u>	<u>19,581</u>	<u>15,959,367</u>

