EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1127395

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Previously excepted
Registered	2009-01-07
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of -(a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the dicipline of the Methodist Church;(b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;(c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsiduary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;(d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.

Activities: 1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.3. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

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Geography

- **Area of benefit:** EDMONTON
- Enfield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£134,445	£140,696	-	-
2023-08-31	£162,942	£155,853	-	-
2022-08-31	£154,261	£118,088	-	-
2021-08-31	£137,949	£127,849	-	-
2020-08-31	£130,611	£92,747	-	-

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Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
REV VALENTIN DEDJI PhD CANTAB	Chair	2013-09-01
BEN TACKIE		
CICELY THOMAS		
CISLINE WRAY		
Daniel Haylett		2017-09-02
ELIZABETH QUARCOOPOME RGN, RM		
George Noi-Lartey MBCS MCT		2017-05-28
HELEN MCMILLAN		
HILDA MORRISSEY		2013-06-17
Isata Rebecca Jalloh		2017-01-09
JESSIE DOWUONA RN RM BSC		
JULIANA HAMMOND		
KENNETH VICTOR HARGRAVE		
MALCOLM HENRY LYTH		
MARGARET LYTH		
MAXINE ELIZABETH SCOTT		
Millicent Hylton		2019-07-14
NANA OSEI BONSU BTEC		
RAYMOND JOHN PETTIPHER		
REBECCA DARKWA-MARFO		2013-06-17
ROSALIND RUTTY		2012-06-20
Rev PAPA KWAKU BONA OWUSU		2014-09-01
Rev PAUL WEARY		2024-06-21

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Accounts

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number ... 1127395.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Edmonton Metodist. Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages P2 to P3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church ... EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No ... 1127395

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I 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.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner MRS MARGARET PRATT.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....Bcompt- Accounting and Auditing

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ...151 KINGSWAY, LONDON .....Post Code EN3 4HU

Date .....30 May 2025

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Circuit	Circuit no.	35/34

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number 1127395

If not a registered charity **His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI

Church Stewards:

JESSIE DOWUONA	DOREEN NYARKA
BEN TACKIE	JOSEPH OWUSU
ROSALIND RUTTY	ALANA RILEY
NANA OSEI-BONSU	

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	**RECEIPTS**	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		86,487		**86,487**		84,075
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,214		**4,214**		1,554
a4	Lettings		15,655		**15,655**		21,273
a5	Other receipts			28,089	**28,089**		56,040
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**106,356**	**28,089**	**134,445**	(a7)	**162,942**

	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		100,000		**100,000**		100,000
b3	Donations						
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		4,683		**4,683**		1,872
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		9,204		**9,204**		13,211
b6							28,781
b7	Other payments		11,595	15,214	**26,809**		11,989
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**125,482**	**15,214**	**140,696**	(b9)	**155,853**

	SECTION C						
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	(19,126)	12,874	**(6,252)**		7,089
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(35,405)	198,418	**163,013**	(c6)	155,924
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	(54,531)	211,292	**156,761**		**163,013**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**(54,531)**	**211,292**	**156,761**	(c8)	**163,013** (c6)

	SECTION D			
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments**	£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,822		1,822
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**1,822**		**1,822**

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	**GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP**								9,160		9,160	
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds								9,160	(e11)	9,160	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	134,445	(a7)	140,696	(b9)	(6,252)		(c7)	163,013	(c6)	156,761	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	134,445		140,696		(6,252)			172,173	(x)	165,921	(y)

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

TOTAL RECEIPTS **TOTAL PAYMENTS**

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	119,249		45,164	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	43,764		111,597	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	163,013	(c6)	156,761	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	9,160	(e11)	9,160	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	172,173	(x)	165,921	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Name of Church ...EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No.1127395

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2024 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 16-06-2025

Name and address of treasurer ...ROSALIND RUTTY .....

66A SCOTT ROAD BISHOPS STORTFORD HERTFORDSHIRE CM23 3QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting V. DEDJI

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. VALENTIN DEDJI Date 16/06/2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST

Charity Number .. 1127395

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Edmonton Methodist Church
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2024

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2024 showed that we had 295 members. There are just over 800 people on the church's community roll.

We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

Our Mission Statement

Affirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Be an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.
Learn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.
Enable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'.**
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.

Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:
1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

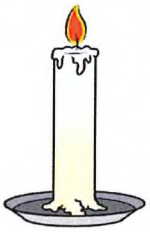
Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with average weekly attendance of 200 adults and 40 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2023/2024, we hosted 4 marriage blessings, 20 funerals, 16 baptisms, 2 confirmations and welcomed 7 new members.

Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd.Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.



During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.

Nurture and Learning

Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Edmonton Methodist Church Junior Church children attendance numbers have been increasing. The leaders have been very dedicated. The children are becoming very vocal during their questioning about what they have learnt in their group. We continue to encourage their spiritual growth.

The children contributed in the Christmas service in December 2023. The children have been very involved in the youth services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
We pray that the Lord continue to bless the parents, leaders and children as they grow in their understanding of Christ.

Most of the young adults are very active in the circuit youth club which meets on Fridays from 5 – 8pm term time only. They have also been involved in the circuit youth worship service which is being held the 2nd Sunday of each month and is overseen by the youthworker.

Regrettably, since the Covid19 crisis, our Brownies group is no longer active. The Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life although many of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



Mission Statement:
'Follow Christ not people;
Growing in faith, led by God'

Fellowship Groups

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and Men's Fellowship.

Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)

Edmonton Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship (EGMF) is a welfare organisation, which is part of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship, UK, set up within Edmonton Methodist Church.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues to be the same, pooling resources together to address the welfare purposes being the core objective.

- To serve as a means of mobilising and educating the Ghanaian community within the Church.
- To enhance greater participation of the Ghanaian community activities.
- To foster brotherhood among the Ghanaian community within the Edmonton Methodist Church and the UK GMF Chaplaincy.
- To defend and promote the common interest of its members.

The Fellowship is managed by an executives which is formally elected by general members through a secret ballot. Elections are held once every 3 years.

Activities.

The Fellowship has engaged in the following activities such as

- We have been participating in the Circuit Ghanaian Worship
- Donation to the Edmonton Methodist Church as a Contribution towards their new Church building project.
- Annual Events (BBQ and Sea Sides)
- Periodic visits to elderly members who are unable to attend general meetings.
- We have organised Talks on Healthcare, Insurance, Safeguarding, etc.

- General Cleaning at the Edmonton Methodist Church Premise.
- Independence Services every 6th March

Membership:

Membership is only open to registered member of the Edmonton Methodist Church. We have over 60 memberships with 40 active members.

Motto:
Our motto is: Peace be with you (English)
Nyame asomdwe nka mo. (Akan)

Meetings:
Our meetings are held every 3rd Sunday of the month

We ask for your continuous support and prayers as we move through another phase of the coming year's activities.

Women's Fellowship

Thanks be to God for His mercies, protection, healing and blessings for us during this year irrespective of the challenges of life.

Meeting day is 2nd Saturday of every month from 10.30 to 12 noon and occasional Zoom from 7.30-8.30pm, due to weather and clash programmes on Saturdays.
Total number on roll is 26 and averagely 6-16 attend meetings. Meeting consists of praying, sing hymns and songs, exercise sharing the word of God, testimonies and deliberation on issues, events and programmes.

We continue donated to 'Feed the Hungry'. Also, the Fellowship denoted £300.00 towards the purchase of Church TV screen.

Mothering Sunday service was organised and taking by women fellowship. Members sung their Anthem during the service.

Women in seven days of prayer, continued through WhatsApp.

We organised catering and setting up for church events such as Harvest and Christmas lunches, Circuit events- service, EDI seminars' refreshments, Sunday school services and volunteer in vacation children's activities. We also help cleaning of the church and its environment as well as flowering ministry.

We actively participated in Methodist Women in Great Britain both Sector B and District activities such as district service, fund raising, Quiet day and summer activities.

We supported our sister who were not well visiting and praying with them. We lost a sister Jean Prendergast, supported her family during the difficult time through prayers and full

participated in her burial service and funeral. Two sisters lost their husbands and tow their mothers, we were there for support them through the sad moments. Regular visits to a sister who is in Nursing home.

We are trusting God to do more in the coming year.

Music Ministry

The last couple of years were very busy for the music ministries, we have never stopped. Putting Jesus first in our lives, lifting up our voices to God the Father with one accord, and becoming invisible within our talents so His message shines brighter. Where the Holy Spirit is active in our life, where we are experiencing God like never before.

At Edmonton Methodist Church ministry we have various arts and music teams. The Music ministry team consists of technicians who operate the visual and audio sound engineering system (4 members) and the main choir, (10 members) and on some occasions a worship team. We are constantly increasing the involvement of our music ministry by inviting, accepting and training anyone who wants to be part of our ministry to keep the church making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Our worship at Edmonton is filled with music of all different kinds, providing the soundtrack to our worship each and every Sunday together with live playing of the instrument (keyboard).

We are truly blessed at Edmonton and our music ministry exists to teach us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promises inherent in it. It reminds us of the sovereignty of God and all he is capable of doing. We continue to be loyal, positive, patient, flexible, caring, humble and a strong influence on our church.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community for various functions such as birthday parties, traditional wedding ceremonies, funeral gatherings. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including NOBLE LADIES, Bible College, Ghanaian Community and an Indian Dance tuition group. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Women in Britain as well as emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

No application was received during 2023/2024.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Saturday per month	Theological Training
MHA	Every other Wednesday	
Boys Bridgade	Every Monday	

Regrettably Banatama Union were stopped due to renovation works which could not take off as planned.

The Safeguarding Policy for our Regular clients were inspected most of them used the Safeguarding Policy of the Church so everyone is aware of the requirement.

One-Off Lettings

The hall is hire out on a more casual basis for Birthdays parties, Anniversary, Funeral wake, Meetings one of event.

Shortcomings

Regrettably some activities e.g. A day nursery would not take place due to heating and other problems with the building we could not overcome and size of Hall for Hire.

Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London**: They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research).
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- Methodist Homes for the Aged: **'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- **'Alcoholic Anonymous'** support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**
- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**

Evangelism

Through Confirmation and the activities of other groups we have given people an opportunity to discover and grow in faith. The New Year Watch Night Service again allowed

over fifty visitors to worship and see in the New Year with us, many of whom we only see on this occasion. Baptism Services have allowed many people who wouldn't normally attend church to see what church is like, hear about the love of God and hopefully receive a warm welcome.

Wider relationships

The church is part of the Enfield Methodist Circuit. Six members of our church are elected by the church council to be part of its managing body, the Circuit Meeting. Our Minister in Pastoral Charge is an Enfield Circuit Minister and leads worship in Circuit Churches on a regular pattern. We also liaise with the London District of Methodism and wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Edmonton Methodist Church is part of the Faith Forum for Enfield. Ordained ministers, lay leaders from different church denominations (Methodist, Evangelical, Baptist and Pentecostal), together with Faith Leaders (Muslims and Jews) belonging to the said Forum, meet regularly on quarterly basis for breakfast meetings. During such meetings, issues related to peace-building in our local communities feature prominently on the agenda. Prayers of mutual support are also offered. We still have contact with the local Rumi Mosque.

Property and Finance

There has been a growing recognition that our existing premises are not ideally fit for purpose. The buildings are what remained after the large adjoining Central Hall was vacated in the late 1960s and subsequently demolished. The present worship area was originally a large hall, and is situated at the rear of the buildings. The other rooms and facilities are also poorly laid out. Moreover, externally, the premises present a very bleak, unwelcoming face to the community that the church is striving to serve.

The seating capacity of the church has been increased by 50 in the last twenty years by the addition of a balcony but we are already running out of space again. We have been exploring various possibilities by which we might be able to undertake the redevelopment of the present premises of the church.

Our Vision: To rebuild our historic church, formerly known as Edmonton Methodist Central Hall, to make it fit for new priorities and challenges of God's Mission in our local community in this present age.

Our objective is to equip the church's new building with a number of modern facilities, in order to serve in the best possible ways, the youth, the elderly and the needy in our local community.

We continue to progress with our application for planning permission. We continue to hold meetings and updates with our team of Architects and the London Borough of Enfield Council Planners.

Fundraising events are continuing and donations towards the new building continue to flow in.

Reserves Policy

In line with the Charity Commission and Methodist guidelines, our reserves policy for the General Fund is to hold enough funds to cover at least six month's expenditure.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who freely give of their time and skills to make the church the pastorally caring, lively and vibrant community it is – to all with safety and safeguarding paramount. Sincere thanks also go to individuals and all the various groups and fellowships that have tirelessly raised funds for our new church building project. There were 75 volunteers during 2023/2024.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

The Church Council met four times in the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the Council has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include worship, pastoral, property and finance are all responsible to the Church Council and report back to it regularly. We seek greater inclusion and all our meetings are open to all members and friends to observe and speak at. Minutes are circulated to members and copies are accessible within the building.

Administrative information

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist Church, 300 Fore Street, Edmonton, London N9 0PN. Our Minister's telephone number is 020 8884 0841. The Church Council is a registered charity, numbered 1127395.

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Paul Weary	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Sean Davis	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	

Jachin Haughton	(Rep, Worship Leaders)
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Miss Millie Hylton	(EMC Church Council Secretary)
Ms. Iona Farquharson	Pastoral Secretary
Mrs Lesley Davis	Pastoral Secretary

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:



Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

Date: 21st June 2025

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127395

Accounts

Name of Church ...EDMONTON METHODIST..... No.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date...20-6-2024

Name and address of treasurer ..... ROSALIND RUTTY

66A SCOTT ROAD BISHOPS STORTFORD HERTFORDSHIRE CM23 3QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting Rev. Dr Valentin DEDJ Date 21st June 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST

Charity Number .. 1127395

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number ... 1127395.....,..

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Edmonton Metodist. Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 set out on pages P2 to P3. As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church ... EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No ... 1127395

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I have 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.

Signature of independent examiner .....MPratt.....

Name of independent examiner MRS MARGARET PRATT.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner .....Bcompt- Accounting and Auditing

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ...151 KINGSWAY, LONDON .....Post Code EN3 4HU

Date .....19 June 2024

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH	**Church**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

Thursday 31 August 2023

Circuit	**Circuit no.**	**35/34**

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127395
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI

Church Stewards:

JESSIE DOWUONA	DOREEN NYARKA
BEN TACKIE	JOSEPH OWUSU
ROSALIND RUTTY	ALANA RILEY
NANA OSEI-BONSU	

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH Church

	SECTION A	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	RECEIPTS						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		84,075		**84,075**		77,495
a3	Bank and CFB interest		1,554		**1,554**		281
a4	Lettings		21,273		**21,273**		22,955
a5	Other receipts			56,040	**56,040**		53,530
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**106,902**	**56,040**	**162,942**	(a7)	**154,261**
	SECTION B						
b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		100,000		**100,000**		100,000
b3	Donations						100
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		1,872		**1,872**		5,376
b5	Utilities (Insurances,		13,211		**13,211**		7,227
b6	Restricted funds payments			28,781	**28,781**		64
b7	Other payments		11,989		**11,989**		5,321
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**127,072**	**28,781**	**155,853**	(b9)	**118,088**
	SECTION C						
c1	**NET (a6-b8)**		(20,170)	27,259	**7,089**		36,173
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		(15,235)	171,160	**155,924**	(c6)	119,751
c3	**Sub total (c1+c2)**		(35,405)	198,418	**163,013**		**155,924**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF (c3+c4)**		**(35,405)**	**198,418**	**163,013**	(c8)	**155,924** (c6)

	SECTION D		
d	**FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total**	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,822	1,822
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**1,822**	**1,822**

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	**GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP**	5,019		1,665		3,354			5,806		9,160	
e2												
e3												
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	5,019		1,665		3,354			5,806	(e11)	9,160	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**162,942**	(a7)	**155,853**	(b9)	**7,089**		(c7)	**155,924**	(c6)	**163,013**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**167,961**		**157,518**		**10,443**			**161,730**	(x)	**172,173**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	106,765		119,249	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	49,159		43,764	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**155,924**	(c6)	**163,013**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**5,806**	(e11)	**9,160**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**161,730**	(x)	**172,173**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Edmonton Methodist Church
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2023

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2023 showed that we had 310 members. There are just over 800 people on the church's community roll.

We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

Our Mission Statement

Affirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Be an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.
Learn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.
Enable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'.**
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.

Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:
1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

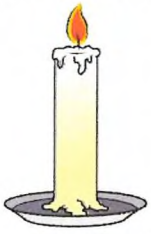
Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with average weekly attendance of 150 adults and 25 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2022/2023, we hosted 2 marriage blessings, 12 funerals, 12 baptisms, 4 confirmations and welcomed 12 new members.

Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd.Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.



During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.

Nurture and Learning

Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Edmonton Methodist Church Junior Church children attendance numbers have been increasing. The leaders have been very dedicated. The children are becoming very vocal during their questioning about what they have learnt in their group. We continue to encourage their spiritual growth.
The children contributed in the Christmas service in December 2022. The children have been very involved in the youth services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
We pray that the Lord continue to bless the parents, leaders and children as they grow in their understanding of Christ.

Our Brownie Unit and Guides unit enjoyed another busy and varied year of activities and the Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life although many of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 years meet fortnightly to discuss various themes and topics that impact them as young adults from a biblical perspective. To promote leadership within the group, members of G.O.D. take it in turns to lead on topics.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



Mission Statement:
'Follow Christ not people;
Growing in faith, led by God'

Fellowship Groups

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and Men's Fellowship.

Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)

Edmonton Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship (EGMF) is a welfare organisation, which is part of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship, UK, set up within Edmonton Methodist Church.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues to be the same, pooling resources together to address the welfare purposes being the core objective.

- To serve as a means of mobilising and educating the Ghanaian community within the Church.
- To enhance greater participation of the Ghanaian community activities.
- To foster brotherhood among the Ghanaian community within the Edmonton Methodist Church and the UK GMF Chaplaincy.
- To defend and promote the common interest of its members.

The Fellowship is managed by an executives which is formally elected by general members through a secret ballot. Elections are held once every 3 years.

Activities.

The Fellowship has engaged in the following activities such as

- We have organised a trip Epworth to visit the home of the Wesley's
- We have been participating in the Circuit Ghanaian Worship
- We participated in the 20th Anniversary of the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship.
- Donation to the Edmonton Methodist Church as a Contribution towards their new Church building project.
- Annual Panics (BBQ and Sea Sides)
- Periodic visits to elderly members who are unable to attend general meetings.

- We have organised Talk shows on Healthcare, Insurance, Safeguarding, etc.
- General Cleaning at the Edmonton Methodist Church Premise.
- Independence Services every 6th March

Membership:

Membership is only open to registered member of the Edmonton Methodist Church. We have over 60 memberships with 40 active members.

Motto:
Our motto is: Peace be with you (English)
Nyame asomdwe nka mo. (Akan)

Meetings:
Our meetings are held every 3rd Sunday of the month

It is with great pleasure that we end this year with a united front that has successfully seen us through a period full of events and challenges. The successes chalked would not have been possible without the usual support of you all as stake holders in this noble venture and journey of this wonderful group / Association. On behalf of the entire Association, we the Executives wish to convey to you all our heartfelt recognition of your tireless efforts to help us and is very grateful.

We ask for your continuous support and prayers as we move through another phase of the coming year's activities.

Women's Fellowship

We give God all the glory, praise and thanksgiving His grace, mercies, protection, healing and blessings for us during this year.

We continue to support the food hub by members donating food, items, volunteering, distributing, serving and delivering.

Mothering Sunday service was led by the fellowship face to face, members sang , the service was successful.

Women in seven days of prayer, continues throughout the year.

Members continue to play their part in cleaning the church, flowering, supplying refreshments and Sunday school Ministries, welcoming stewards and many others.

Music Ministry

Music has always been an essential part of our worship. From the days of the Old Testament, when "David and the people of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, timbrels, and cymbals" – 2 Samuel 6:5 (NIV)

Praise God for another fruitful year of ministry! It has been amazing to see how God has been working in both the music and technical worship ministries in church. I have chosen a few key highlights which give some insight into what I have been doing this year.

The last couple of years were very busy for the music ministries since the pandemic, we have never stopped. Putting Jesus first in our lives, lifting up our voices to God the Father with one accord, and becoming invisible within our talents so His message shines brighter. Where the Holy Spirit is active in our life, where we are experiencing God like never before.

At Edmonton Methodist Church ministry we have various arts and music teams. The Music ministry team consists of technicians who operate the visual and audio sound engineering system (4 members) and the main choir, (11 members) and on some occasions a worship team (3 members). Since choir restarted in April 2023 we have gained another 4 members. We have lost 2 dedicated members who the Lord has called home. We are constantly increasing the involvement of our music ministry by inviting, accepting and training anyone who wants to be part of our ministry to keep the church making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Our worship streams live every Sunday by preachers submitting their order of service to Bro Sean Davis, George Noi-Lartey or Anthony Sarpong in preparation for our Sunday morning service or any other special events.

Our vision was to create an oasis in the middle of people's busy schedules where they could take a 'time-out' and reconnect with God. We have recently created a social media page for the church on Facebook and LinkedIn which at the moment is just for advertisement but in due course we will be streaming live on these sites. We still have our YouTube account which can be used on special occasions. Currently we are using our Zoom account for any special meetings. It also has the function to 'go live' via YouTube. Our aim is to invade the airwaves and these sites are only used to let other knows we are here for our local community and for the world to know what is happening within our Ministry at Edmonton.

Music helps gather and centre us, it gives us strength as we lament, assurance in troubled times, joy in times of happiness, and a voice with which to praise our Saviour and our Creator. Our worship at Edmonton is filled with music of all different kinds, providing the soundtrack to our worship each and every Sunday together with live playing of the instrument (keyboard).

We are truly blessed at Edmonton and our music ministry exists to teach us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promises inherent in it. It reminds us of the sovereignty of God and all he is capable of doing. We continue to be loyal, positive, patient, flexible, caring, humble and a strong influence on our church.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community for various functions such as birthday parties, traditional wedding ceremonies, funeral gatherings. We make our

space available to let to a number of different groups including NOBLE LADIES, Bible College, Ghanaian Community and an Indian Dance tuition group. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Women in Britain as well as emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

No application was received during that period. That was due to the lockdown which did not allow young people to plan any project.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Saturday per month	Theological Training
MHA	Every other Wednesday	
Bantama Union	One Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Enfield iCan	Last Monday of the Month	

Most of the regulars before the lockdown have now change to "One-Off".

One-Off Lettings

Significant numbers coming to use the Hall mainly for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Funeral wakes, Meetings, play rehearsals, subject to limitations imposed by size of the hall.

Shortcomings

Regrettably some activities e.g. A day nursery would not take place due to heating and other problems with the building we could not overcome and size of Hall for Hire.

Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London**: They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research).
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- Methodist Homes for the Aged: **'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- **'Alcoholic Anonymous'** support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**

- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**

Evangelism

Through Confirmation and the activities of other groups we have given people an opportunity to discover and grow in faith. The New Year Watch Night Service again allowed over fifty visitors to worship and see in the New Year with us, many of whom we only see on this occasion. Baptism Services have allowed many people who wouldn't normally attend church to see what church is like, hear about the love of God and hopefully receive a warm welcome.

Wider relationships

The church is part of the Enfield Methodist Circuit. Six members of our church are elected by the church council to be part of its managing body, the Circuit Meeting. Our Minister in Pastoral Charge is an Enfield Circuit Minister and leads worship in Circuit Churches on a regular pattern. We also liaise with the London District of Methodism and wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Edmonton Methodist Church is part of the Faith Forum for Enfield. Ordained ministers, lay leaders from different church denominations (Methodist, Evangelical, Baptist and Pentecostal), together with Faith Leaders (Muslims and Jews) belonging to the said Forum, meet regularly on quarterly basis for breakfast meetings. During such meetings, issues related to peace-building in our local communities feature prominently on the agenda. Prayers of mutual support are also offered. We still have contact with the local Rumi Mosque.

Property and Finance

There has been a growing recognition that our existing premises are not ideally fit for purpose. The buildings are what remained after the large adjoining Central Hall was vacated in the late 1960s and subsequently demolished. The present worship area was originally a large hall, and is situated at the rear of the buildings. The other rooms and facilities are also poorly laid out. Moreover, externally, the premises present a very bleak, unwelcoming face to the community that the church is striving to serve.

The seating capacity of the church has been increased by 50 in the last twenty years by the addition of a balcony but we are already running out of space again. We have been exploring various possibilities by which we might be able to undertake the redevelopment of the present premises of the church.

Our Vision: To rebuild our historic church, formerly known as Edmonton Methodist Central Hall, to make it fit for new priorities and challenges of God's Mission in our local community in this present age.

Our objective is to equip the church's new building with a number of modern facilities, in order to serve in the best possible ways, the youth, the elderly and the needy in our local community.

We continue to progress with our application for planning permission. We continue to hold meetings and updates with our team of Architects and the London Borough of Enfield Council Planners.

Fundraising events are continuing and donations towards the new building continue to flow in.

Reserves Policy

In line with the Charity Commission and Methodist guidelines, our reserves policy for the General Fund is to hold enough funds to cover at least six month's expenditure.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who freely give of their time and skills to make the church the pastorally caring, lively and vibrant community it is – to all with safety and safeguarding paramount. Sincere thanks also go to individuals and all the various groups and fellowships that have tirelessly raised funds for our new church building project. There were 22 volunteers during 2022/2023.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

The Church Council met four times in the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the Council has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include worship, pastoral, property and finance are all responsible to the Church Council and report back to it regularly. We seek greater inclusion and all our meetings are open to all members and friends to observe and speak at. Minutes are circulated to members and copies are accessible within the building.

Administrative information

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Paul Weary	**(Circuit Minister)**
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Ms Iona Farquharson	(Sec, Pastoral Committee)
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)

Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Sean Davis	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Jachin Haughton	(Rep, Worship Leaders)
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Miss Millie Hylton	(New Members' Secretary)
Ms. Iona Farquharson	Pastoral Secretary
Mrs Lesley Davis	Pastoral Secretary

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:



Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

Date: 21st June 2024

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127395

Accounts

Name of Church Edmonton Methodist Church No. 1127395

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date 5/6/23

Name and address of treasurer ...ROSALIND RUTTY .....

66A SCOTT ROAD BISHOPS STORTFORD CM23 3QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were/~~will be~~* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29/03/2023

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. VALENTIN ODJI Date 29/03/2023

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

Charity Number ... 1127395.....

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2022 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Name of Church ... EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No .....

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

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.

Signature of independent examiner .....MPratt.....

Name of independent examiner MRS MARGARET PRATT.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...Bcompt- Accounting and Audit

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address ...151 KINGSWAY, LONDON .....

..... Post Code EN3 4HU.....

Date ...2 JUNE 2023

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2022

Circuit	**Circuit no.**	**35/34**

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127395
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI

Church Stewards:

JESSIE DOWUONA	DOREEN NYARKA
BEN TACKIE	JOSEPH OWUSU
ROSALIND RUTTY	ALANA RILEY
NANA OSEI-BONSU	

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

Church

SECTION A

		Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Totals this year £		Totals last year £
a1	**RECEIPTS**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		77,495		**77,495**		64,249
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		281		**281**		110
a4	Lettings		22,955		**22,955**		16,422
a5	Restricted funds receipts			53,530	**53,530**		57,168
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**100,731**	**53,530**	**154,261**	(a7)	**137,949**

SECTION B

b1	**PAYMENTS**						
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		100,000		**100,000**		115,000
b3	Donations		100		**100**		
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		5,376		**5,376**		1,898
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating &		7,227		**7,227**		4,162
b6	Restricted funds payments			64	**64**		
b7	Other payments		5,321		**5,321**		6,790
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**118,024**	**64**	**118,088**	(b9)	**127,850**

SECTION C

c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS**	(a6-b8)	(17,293)	53,467	**36,173**		10,100
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		2,058	117,693	**119,751**	(c6)	109,651
c3	**Sub total**	(c1+c2)	(15,235)	171,160	**155,924**		**119,751**
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YE**	(c3+c4)	**(15,235)**	**171,160**	**155,924**	(c8)	**119,751** (c6)

SECTION D

	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS (these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,822	1,822
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID** (d1+d2-d3)	**1,822**	**1,822**

Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	**GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP**	4,792	5,835	(1,043)	200	6,649		5,806	
e2	**WESLEY TOURS**		1,358	(1,358)		1,358			
e3	**JUNIOR CHURCH**		404	(404)		404			
e4									
e5									
e6									
e7									
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	4,792	7,597	(2,805)	200	8,411	(e11)	5,806	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**154,261** (a7)	**118,088** (b9)	**36,173**	(c7)	**119,751**	(c6)	**155,924**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**159,053**	**125,685**	**33,368**	**200**	**128,162**	(x)	**161,730**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**						

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2022	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	52,863		106,765	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	66,888		49,159	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**119,751**	(c6)	**155,924**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**8,411**	(e11)	**5,806**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**128,162**	(x)	**161,730**	(y)

SECTION G

	OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

Edmonton Methodist Church
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2022

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2022 showed that we had 299 members. There are just over 800 people on the church's community roll.

We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

Our Mission Statement

Affirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Be an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.
Learn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.
Enable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'.**
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.

Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:
1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the **G**ood **N**ews of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with average weekly attendance of 108 adults and 15 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

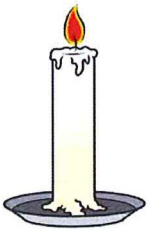
We no longer hold an Evening Service following the COVID Pandemic.

In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2021/2022, we hosted 3 marriage blessings, 8 funerals, 5 baptisms, 4 confirmations and welcomed 10 new members.

Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd.Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.



During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.

Nurture and Learning

Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Edmonton Methodist Church Junior Church children attendance numbers have been increasing since the decline during the pandemic 2020 – 2022.
The leaders have been very dedicated. The children are becoming very vocal during their questioning about what they have learnt in their group. We continue to encourage their spiritual growth.
The children contributed in the Christmas service in December 2021. The children have been very involved in the youth services on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
We pray that the Lord continue to bless the parents, leaders and children as they grow in their understanding of Christ.

Our Brownie Unit and Guides unit enjoyed another busy and varied year of activities and the Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life although many of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 years meet fortnightly to discuss various themes and topics that impact them as young adults from a biblical perspective. To promote leadership within the group, members of G.O.D. take it in turns to lead on topics.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



Mission Statement:
'Follow Christ not people;
Growing in faith, led by God'

Fellowship Groups

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, and Men's Fellowship.

Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

We thank God for his faithfulness and provision in bringing us to the end of another successful year.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues to be the same, pooling resources together to address the welfare purposes being the core objective.

- To serve as a means of mobilising and educating the Ghanaian community within the Church.
- To enhance greater participation of the Ghanaian community activities.
- To foster brotherhood among the Ghanaian community within the Edmonton Methodist Church and the UK GMF Chaplaincy.
- To defend and promote the common interest of its members.

Governance and Management

The fellowship continues to be run and managed by a team of Executive members led by Mr George Noi-Lartey (Chairman). The team of executive members were elected or appointed as per the GMF constitution. We are encouraged by the response of our members to some changes to foster love and togetherness, self-development through learning and most importantly the call to be more active in the work of the church.

Meetings

There were no changes to our meeting days. At the moment, executive meetings continue to be held on Zoom every third Friday preceding our general meetings on third Sunday of the month after Church service.

Growth in Membership

The fellowship continued to grow in the last year. New members joined us bringing our us to over 60 memberships with 40 active members.

Bring and Share

The fellowship continued to organise quarterly "Bring and Share" as per the constitution. The aim is to promote socialisation in the fellowship. The fellowship had successful "Bring and Share" in the year as members contributed enough food and drinks on each occasion. These "Bring and Share" are open to non-members of the fellowship.

Ghana Independence Day Celebration

The fellowship celebrated Independence Day in March 2022 with members participating in Bible readings. There was a special offertory to raise funds for the new church building. As part of the Independence Day celebrations GMF members also went to Westminster Central Hall for a special Independence Day Service.

Lectures

As part of our education and development plan, EGMF organised lectures in several health and Self-Development for members. The aim is to promote the health and wellbeing amongst members and to inform them of social issues and what support is available to people. Most of these lectures were held in our Ghanaian language to reinforce understanding among all members.

Electronic Records

We continue to keep electronic records for all GMF information and responding to the call for GDPR compliant.

Church Cleaning

GMF lead the organisation of the church deep cleaning in April 2022 during which members deep cleaned the entire church as done every year.

Church Activities

GMF remained committed to the Church by participating in all church activities. Members participated in the Annual Church harvest which took place during the year.

Prayer Night

Members continued to participate in the prayer night of the church and St. Marks Church throughout the year.

Invitations from Other GMF

We were invited by some of our sister fellowships to support them in anniversary celebrations which we participated and contributed funds to support in their activities.

Westminster Central Hall Church Services

Members continue to participate in activities of GMF UK Chaplaincy including monthly church services at Westminster Central Hall. As part of the church activities members went to support the GMF UK church harvest in November.

Welfare

As a welfare organisation, the fellowship continued its support to members through bereavement, sickness, birthday celebrations, christenings, marriage ceremonies, births and others in the Ghanaian way. Sadly, the COVID pandemic was challenging, and we lost a member during the period.

End of Year Accounts

The annual end of year accounts was presented to members and a copy given to every member of the fellowship.

Other

We had a successful year to the glory of God. We pray that the current year will even be better as we continue to make changes in the fellowship and also to forge ahead to participate in more activities in Edmonton Methodist Church and raise more funds for the New Church building.

Women's Fellowship

We give God all the glory, praise and thanksgiving His grace, mercies, protection, healing and blessings for us during this year.

Despite the ease of covid restrictions, there are still challenges and difficulties for many to meet face to face. Meetings were therefore held virtually using Zoom on the third Thursday of the month from 7.30pm to 8.30pm.

Total number on the roll is 20 and averagely 6-8 attend meetings. A lot have not been attending the Zoom meetings due to technology issues.

We continue to support the food hub by members donating food, items, volunteering, distributing, serving and delivering.

We donated £200.00 to 'Feed the Hungry'.

Mothering Sunday service was led by the fellowship face to face, members sang and distributed water bottles to everyone. The service was successful.

Women in seven days of prayer, continued through emails and WhatsApp.

We stayed in contact with each other, especially those who were sick, bereaved and housebound, by phone and WhatsApp.

Members took an active role in hosting MWIB sector B Jubilee tea party held in June 2021 at Ponders End Methodist Church as well as attending World Day of Prayers and Daffodil day at Methodist central hall.

Some sisters had health challenges, were admitted but God granted them healing.

Unfortunately, we lost a sister, may her soul rest in perfect peace.

Members continue to play their part in cleaning the church, flowering and Sunday school Ministries, welcoming stewards and many others.

It is our greatest desire is to have face to face meetings in the coming year God wiling.

Music Ministry

Music has always been an essential part of our worship. From the days of the Old Testament, when "David and the people of Israel were celebrating with all their might before the Lord, with castanets, harps, lyres, tambourines, and cymbals" – 2 Samuel 6:5 (NIV)

Praise God for another fruitful year of ministry! It has been amazing to see how God has been working in both the music and technical worship ministries in church. I have chosen a few key highlights which give some insight into what I have been doing this year.

The last couple of years were very busy for the music ministries since the pandemic, we have never stopped. Putting Jesus first in our lives, lifting up our voices to God the Father with one accord, and becoming invisible within our talents so His message shines brighter. Where the Holy Spirit is active in our life, where we are experiencing God like never before.

At Edmonton Methodist Church ministry we have various arts and music teams. The Music ministry team consists of technicians who operate the visual and audio sound engineering system (4 members) and the main choir, (11 members) and on some occasions a worship team (3 members). We are constantly increasing the involvement of our music ministry by inviting,

accepting and training anyone who wants to be part of our ministry to keep the church making a joyful noise unto the Lord.

Our worship streams live every Sunday by preachers submitting their order of service to Bro Sean Davis, George Noi-Lartey or Anthony Sarpong in preparation for our Sunday morning service or any other special events.

Our vision was to create an oasis in the middle of people's busy schedules where they could take a 'time-out' and reconnect with God. We have recently created a social media page for the church on Facebook and LinkedIn which at the moment is just for advertisement but in due course we will be streaming live on these sites. We still have our YouTube account which can be used on special occasions. Currently we are using our Zoom account for any special meetings. It also has the function to 'go live' via YouTube. Our aim is to invade the airwaves and these sites are only used to let other knows we are here for our local community and for the world to know what is happening within our Ministry at Edmonton.

Music helps gather and centre us, it gives us strength as we lament, assurance in troubled times, joy in times of happiness, and a voice with which to praise our Saviour and our Creator. Our worship at Edmonton is filled with music of all different kinds, providing the soundtrack to our worship each and every Sunday together with live playing of the instrument (keyboard).

We are truly blessed at Edmonton and our music ministry exists to teach us of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the promises inherent in it. It reminds us of the sovereignty of God and all he is capable of doing. We continue to be loyal, positive, patient, flexible, caring, humble and a strong influence on our church.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community for various functions such as birthday parties, traditional wedding ceremonies, funeral gatherings. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including NOBLE LADIES, Bible College, Ghanaian Community and an Indian Dance tuition group. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Women in Britain as well as emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

No application was received during that period. That was due to the lockdown which did not allow young people to plan any project.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday per month	Theological Training
All People All Places	Three Times Per Week	
Bantama Union	One Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group

Most of the regulars before the lockdown have now change to "One-Off".

One-Off Lettings

Significant numbers coming to use the Hall mainly for Birthdays, Anniversaries, Funeral wakes, Meetings, play rehearsals, subject to limitations imposed by size of the hall.

Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London**: They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research).
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- Methodist Homes for the Aged: **'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- '**Alcoholic Anonymous**' support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**
- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**

Evangelism

Through Confirmation and the activities of other groups we have given people an opportunity to discover and grow in faith. The New Year Watch Night Service again allowed over fifty visitors to worship and see in the New Year with us, many of whom we only see on this occasion. Baptism Services have allowed many people who wouldn't normally attend church to see what church is like, hear about the love of God and hopefully receive a warm welcome.

Wider relationships

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Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

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Administrative information

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist Church, 300 Fore Street, Edmonton, London N9 0PN. Our Minister's telephone number is 020 8884 0841. The Church Council is a registered charity, numbered 1127395.

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Julia Wiktorska	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)
Miss Millie Hylton	(Secretary, Church Council)

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Mrs Geranium Byam	(Sec, Pastoral Committee) – until 2020
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Mr Raymond Pettipher	(Local Preacher) -until moving to Bush
Sean Davis	Hill Park Methodist Church in 2019 (Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Mrs Pat Pettipher	(Rep, Worship Leaders-until moving to Bush Hill Park Methodist Church in
Jachin Haughton	2019) (Rep, Worship Leaders)
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Ms Iona Farquharson	Membership Secretary
Mrs. Lesley Davis	Membership Secretary

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:



Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

Date: 24th June 2023

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127395

Accounts

Name of Church ...EDMONTON GREEN METHODIST CHURCH..... No 35/34

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date..... 24th March 2022

Name and address of treasurer ROSALIND RUTTY 66A SCOTT ROAD

BISHOPS STORTFORD HERTFORDSHIRE Post Code CM23 3QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. VALENTIN DEDJI Date 23 March 2022

Name of Church ...EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH..... No 35/34

Independent Examiner's Statement

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

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I 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.

Signature of independent examiner .....

Name of independent examiner .....MARGARET PRATT

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ...BSCompt. Accounting and Audit

Address .....151 Kingsway, LONDON

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Date .....23 MAY 2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Circuit	Circuit no	35/34

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127395
If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI

Church Stewards:

JESSIE DOWUONA	DOREEN NYARKA
CISLINE WRAY	JOSEPH OWUSU
BEN TACKIE	ISAIAH GYATENG
ROSALIND RUTTY	ALANA RILEY
NANA OSEI-BONSU	

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

EDMONTON METHODIST — Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year
			£	£	£		£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		64,249		64,249		85,419
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		110		110		411
a4	Lettings		16,422		16,422		15,789
a5	Other receipts						28,992
	Other Funds			57,168	57,168		
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		80,781	57,168	137,949	(a7)	130,611

	SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	115,000		115,000		65,000
b3	Donations					
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	1,898		1,898		3,631
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	4,162		4,162		4,504
b6						
b7	Other payments	5,993	797	6,790		19,612
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	127,052	797	127,849	(b9)	92,747

	SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(46,271)	56,371	10,100		37,864	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	48,329	61,322	109,651	(c6)	69,880	
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	2,058	117,693	119,751		107,744	
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	1,907	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	2,058	117,693	119,751	(c8)	109,651	(c6)

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)	£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	1,822		1,822
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	1,822		1,822

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH Church

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP	1,938	7,123	(5,485)		12,144		6,659	
e2	WESLEY TOURS					1,358		1,358	
e3	JUNIOR CHURCH					404		404	
e4									
e5									
e6									
e7									
e10	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	1,938	7,123	(5,485)		13,906	(e11)	8,411	(e12)
g1	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	137,949 (a7)	127,849 (b9)	10,100	(c7)	109,651	(c6)	119,751	(c8)
f10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	139,577	134,972	4,606		123,557	(x)	128,162	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS						

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	25,485		52,863	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	84,166		66,888	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	109,651	(c6)	119,751	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,906	(e11)	8,411	(e12)
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SECTION G

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		At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f6

Edmonton Methodist Church
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2021

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2021 showed that we had 320 members. There are 800 people on the church's community roll.

We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

Our Mission Statement

Affirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Be an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.
Learn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.
Enable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'.**
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.

Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:
1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gathering with average weekly attendance of 152 adults and 28 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

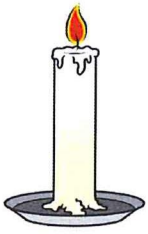
Our 6:30pm service is valued as an opportunity for quieter and more reflective worship. This evening attendance varies.

In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2020/2021, we hosted 0 marriage blessings, 11 funerals, 0 baptisms, 0 confirmations and welcomed 10 new members.

Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd.Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.



During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.

Nurture and Learning

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study is still thriving, since COVID 19 this is done online only.



Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Our Brownie Unit and Guides unit enjoyed another busy and varied year of activities and the Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life although many of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 years meet fortnightly to discuss various themes and topics that impact them as young adults from a biblical perspective. To promote leadership within the group, members of G.O.D. take it in turns to lead on topics.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



Mission Statement:
'Follow Christ not people;
Growing in faith, led by God'

Fellowship Groups

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Oasis Fellowship (coffee morning), Men's Fellowship and Wesley Tours.

Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)

- The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues be the same with welfare being the core objective of the fellowship. We are encouraged by the response of our members to some changes to foster love and togetherness, self-development through learning and most importantly the call to be more active in the work of the church.
- Executive meetings continue to be held every second Sunday of the month general meetings on every third Sunday of the month after Church service.
- The fellowship continued to grow in the last year. New members joined bringing our regular members to over 60. No members left the fellowship during the year.
- The fellowship continued to organise quarterly "Bring and Share". These "Bring and Share" events are open to everyone at Edmonton Methodist Church.

Oasis Fellowship

Since COVID 19 the group have not been meeting either face to face or on-line. During the period 2020/2021 the lead Member has resigned and a lot of Members have been either ill, in a home or become carers. The group has been put on hold for now.

Women's Fellowship

Thanks be to God for His mercies, protection, healing and blessings for us during this year irrespective of the challenges of Covid19 pandemic.

Due to lockdown, we could not meet face to face. Zoom meetings were held on third Thursday of the month at 7.30 pm for an hour.

Total number on roll is 26 and averagely 6-10 attend meetings. A lot have not been attending the Zoom meetings due to technology issues.

We continued to support the food hub financially- £200 quarterly, donation of food, volunteering and delivering.

We donated £100.00 to 'Feed the Hungry'.

Mothering Sunday service was done virtually, members recorded songs which was used during the service.

Women in seven days of prayer, continued through emails and WhatsApp.

We contacted ourselves especially those who were sick, bereaved and housebound on phones and WhatsApp.

We could not visit the nursing homes due to restriction in place as a result of Covid19.
We are trusting God to do more when things normalised.

Wesley Tours

There were no trips during the period 2020/2021.

Wesley Tours was completely closed on the 27th of December 2021.

Music Ministry

Edmonton is part of the Enfield Circuit under the pastoral care of Rev Dr Valentin Dedji. This one of the largest congregation within the circuit.

In the New Testament, God's people gather together to express their praise to him and to build one another up in the faith. A rich variety of music that is in harmony with the ministry of God's word is a significant part of the life of the church at Edmonton and points towards the role of music in our praise of God in heaven.

Many of our churches were hit by the pandemic and were force to close, and at Edmonton we were no different. We had so many plans of activities where music was going to be part of, but, unfortunately we were hit with a pandemic (COVID 19)

Government guidance came into place to provide advice on how places of worship can open, for limited permitted activities, in a manner that is safe and in line with national lockdown restrictions, but at Edmonton we had to turn to another method of worship which was online both on zoom and Youtube.

George Noi-Lartey suggested zoom account as a way forward and we decided to create an account for Youtube for the church. At first is was a bit complicated and required a bit of interpretation. Finding myself with a wee bit more time on my hands during lockdown, I

realized that the congregation needs a solid pulse to follow so it has given us both the opportunity to experience and be prepared for local church music ministry in a different ways, taking and learning on advise on the technical issues, teaching programs and service planning. We have adapted by moving services online, these have been largely successful, and in some cases attracted new audiences from thousands of miles away.

In spite of the recent challenges, many ministries within the church such as prayer meeting, GOD, bible study and other church council meeting have been continuing to strive to express God's love to our church family and to the wider community (online). At the end of the service online, what a good excuse to spend some extra time praising the Lord with each other, is like having a noisy Sunday morning after the service, which is encouraging faithful, joyful and skilful service.

We are no way claiming to be an expert in the ins and outs of these technology, but we are continuing to work on this technology as well as in church music ministry, and continuing to serve Edmonton congregation in these strange and ever-changing times. Please do also pray for ministry teams, both now and in the months ahead.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including MIND, Bible College and Ghanaian Community. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Women in Britain as well as emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

No application was received during that period. That was due to the lockdown which did not allow young people to plan any project.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday per month	Theological Training
Mind in Enfield	Friday mornings	Chair based Yoga Exercise for Health
Bantama Union	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Noble Ladies	1 x Friday evening per month	NHS Staff - Mutual Support Group
Obaapa	1 x Saturday evening per month	Ladies Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Kwadaso Social Club	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group

Unique Association	1 x Saturday evening per month	Mutual Support Group

One-off lettings to outside hirers – Mainly church hall use and the Club Room for birthdays, anniversary or other celebrations, funeral wakes, meetings and play rehearsals, subject to limitations imposed by size of the hall.

Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London**: They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research).
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- Methodist Homes for the Aged: **'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- '**Alcoholic Anonymous**' support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**
- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**

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We would like to thank all those who freely give of their time and skills to make the church the pastorally caring, lively and vibrant community it is – to all with safety and safeguarding paramount. Sincere thanks also go to individuals and all the various groups and fellowships that have tirelessly raised funds for our new church building project. There were 67 volunteers during 2020/2021.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

The Church Council met four times in the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the Council has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include worship, pastoral, property and finance are all responsible to the Church Council and report back to it regularly. We seek greater inclusion and all our meetings are open to all members and friends to observe and speak at. Minutes are circulated to members and copies are accessible within the building.

Administrative information

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist Church, 300 Fore Street, Edmonton, London N9 0PN. Our Minister's telephone number is 020 8884 0841. The Church Council is a registered charity, numbered 1127395.

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Julia Wiktorska	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)
Ms Grace Appah	**(Secretary, Church Council) – until Millie Hylton took over**

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Ms Cisline Wray	(Church Steward) – Died 11 February 2022
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)

Mr Isiah Gyateng	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Miss Donna Crentsil	(Church Steward)
Miss Abigail Darkwa	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Ms Teresa Appiah	(Church Representative)
Mrs Mavis Francis	(Church Representative)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Miss Helen MacMillan	(Church Representative)
Mrs Vida Regina Nsiah-Gyasi	(Church Representative)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Mrs Geranium Byam	(Sec, Pastoral Committee) – until 2020
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Mr Raymond Pettipher	(Local Preacher) -until moving to Bush
Sean Davis	Hill Park Methodist Church in 2019
	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Mrs Pat Pettipher	(Rep, Worship Leaders-until moving to
	Bush Hill Park Methodist Church in
Jachin Haughton	2019)
	(Rep, Worship Leaders)
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Mrs Dod Baldwin	(Oasis Representative) until 2020
Miss Millie Hylton	(New Members' Secretary)
Mr Emmanuel Appah	(YPF Representative)
Miss Ruth Aboagye	(YPF Representative)

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:



Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab)

Date: 31st July 2022

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1127395

Accounts

Name of Church Edmonton Methodist No. 1127395

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... Date.....

Name and address of treasurer ROSALIND RUTTY 66A SCOTT ROAD

BISHOPS STORTFORD HERTFORDSHIRE Post Code CM23 3QJ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on .....

Signature of the Chair of the meeting .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. VALENTIN DEDJI Date 18th June 2021

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

EDMONTON METHODIST Church

Charity Number 1127395

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities

Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any 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 and the 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 that 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.

** Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate*

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

** Please circle as appropriate*

Name MARGARET PRATT

Signature M Pratt

Relevant Professional qualification or body BCompt - Accounting & Audit

Address 151 KINGSWAY
LONDON
EN3 4HU

Date : 15/07/21

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH	Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2020

Circuit	Circuit no	35/34

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1127395
If not a registered charity **Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number**	

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

REV'D VALENTIN DEDJI

Church Stewards:

JESSIE DOWUONA	JOSEPH OWUSU
CISLINE WRAY	ISAIAH GYATENG
BEN TACKIE	ALANA RILEY
ROSALIND RUTTY	
NANA OSEI-BONSU	
DOREEN NYARKA	

Treasurer:

ROSALIND RUTTY

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2020

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH Church

	SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year		Totals last year	
			£	£	£		£	
a1	**RECEIPTS**	**Note**						
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		85,419		**85,419**		93,168	
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		411		**411**		263	
a4	Lettings		15,789		**15,789**		16,626	
a5	Other receipts		561	1,031	**1,592**		23,901	
	Other Funds			27,400	**27,400**			
a6	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**102,180**	**28,431**	**130,611**	(a7)	**133,958**	
	SECTION B							
b1	**PAYMENTS**							
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		65,000		**65,000**		98,174	
b3	Donations							
b4	Repairs and Maintenance			3,631	**3,631**		3,561	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		4,504		**4,504**		5,477	
b6								
b7	Other payments		18,045		**18,045**		23,529	
	Other Funds/Benovelent/Feed hungry			1,567				
b8	**TOTAL PAYMENTS**		**87,549**	**5,198**	**92,747**	(b9)	**130,741**	
	SECTION C							
c1	**NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR**	**(a6-b8)**	14,631	23,233	**37,864**		3,217	
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		31,791	38,089	**69,880**	(c6)	77,970	
c3	**Sub total**	**(c1+c2)**	46,422	61,322	**107,744**		81,187	
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,907		**1,907**	(c7)	(11,307)	
c5	**TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR**	**(c3+c4)**	**48,329**	**61,322**	**109,651**	(c8)	**69,880**	(c6)

	SECTION D			
	FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	**(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)**		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		1,822	2,425
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			2,579
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			3,182
d4	**BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID**	(d1+d2-d3)	1,822	**1,822**

EDMONTON METHODIST CHURCH **Church**

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL

SECTION E **Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

	INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts		Payments		Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments		Opening balances		Closing balances	
e1	GHANAIAN FELLOWSHIP	2,790		2,758		32			12,112		12,144	
e2	WESLEY TOURS	135		660		(525)			1,883		1,358	
e3	JUNIOR CHURCH								404		404	
e4												
e5												
e6												
e7												
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	2,925		3,418		(493)			14,399	(e11)	13,906	(e12)
e9	**Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)**	**130,611**	(a7)	**92,747**	(b9)	**37,864**	**1,907**	(c7)	**69,880**	(c6)	**109,651**	(c8)
e10	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**133,536**		**96,165**		**37,371**	**1,907**		**84,279**	(x)	**123,557**	(y)
	Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	**TOTAL RECEIPTS**		**TOTAL PAYMENTS**								

SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020	**OPENING BALANCES**		**CLOSING BALANCES**	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	55,269		25,485	
f3	Bank Deposit Account				
f4	Central Finance Board	14,611		84,166	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes				
f6	Other funds				
f7	**SUB TOTAL - Church accounts**	**69,880**	(c6)	**109,651**	(c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	**14,399**	(e11)	**13,906**	(e12)
f9	**TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH**	**84,279**	(x)	**123,557**	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

		At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities		

*4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board
*5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5

bank reconcillation

balance as per TB	27,306.97
LESS internal organisation	1,822.00
	25,484.97

Adjustment on standard accounts

P2 R & P page	1,907.00

less adjustment for unpresented cheques from 2019 written back

1,689.92

31-Aug	MRDF	101727	989.96
31-Aug	Enfield Circiut	101729	345.96
12-Apr	Enfield Chase	101932	104.00
19-Jun	M Pratt	101946	250.00

217.08

acceptable

Edmonton Methodist Church
Annual Report for Year Ended 31 August 2020

We are a diverse community of people originating from many different countries. The annual statistical return in October 2019 showed that we had 304 members. There are 800 people on the church's community roll.
We have come together in response to our Christian calling. We strongly believe that our unity in Jesus Christ is a powerful Christian testimony as we endeavour to serve the present age. Thus, we are committed to contributing to the wellbeing of each other through the following mission statement:

Our Mission Statement

Affirming our calling to 'serve the present age' through our faith and discipleship in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.
Be an inclusive community that cherishes the diversity of talents, culture, race, age and gender. We seek to work in partnership with other churches through existing or new ecumenical mission agencies in our local area.
Learn to give special attention to the spiritual, social and moral well-being of all who are part of our church according to their need and circumstances.
Enable our members to advance issues of God's mission, through social justice and peace, while advocating policies that protect the environment.

Our Vision

- Our Objective is to be a community orientated church.
- As such our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'.**
- Our key objective is to equip ourselves with adequate infrastructures in order to continue carrying out the mission of the church in this present age and to be a resource centre for the whole Methodist Circuit's mission, education, youth work and training.
- Our overall vision is to create on Fore Street in Edmonton, a welcoming space that can serve the community and host a wide variety of activities from sports and games to children's groups and older people's activities and everything in between.
- In order for our growing worshipping community to continue to thrive, we need more space for worship on a Sunday and to serve the children & young people who attend.
- To achieve this, we need a building that is fit for God's Mission in our present age, physically accessible to all, environmentally friendly and energy efficient.
- Strategically, we need a building which is more transparent and improves our presence on Fore Street and the impression we give to the public.

Our Planned Future Community-Oriented Projects

It is our strong expectation that, the rebuilding of our church will enable us to be more practical in carrying out our motto: **'Serving God's people in the Community and in the Church'**. Consequently, after some in-depth consultations in our local community, the following activities and community projects will be our immediate objectives:

- Large community halls (meetings, weddings and parties)
- Sport Halls for the Youth
- Recording studio
- Food Bank
- Community cookery sessions
- Breakfast for the homeless
- EYCPC (Enfield Youth Crime Prevention Centre)

Aims and Purposes

Edmonton Methodist Church Council has authority and oversight of the Church, including the management of its property and finance and, crucially, its pastoral care of members and friends. Its responsibilities include the setting of our aims and objectives and governance including finance, property and health and safety.

Our Primary Purposes are:
1. The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
2. The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
3. The teaching of Christian doctrine, principles and practices through sermons, courses and small groups.
4. Pastoral work, including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Objectives and Activities

The Church Council is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship at our church and to become part of our church community.

When planning our activities for the year, the Church Council has considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion. In particular, we try to enable ordinary people to live out their faith as part of our Church through:

Worship and prayer: that is thoughtful, relevant to the situations both of those who attend and of the wider world, rooted in the goodness of God.

Nurture and learning: developing understanding of the gospel and knowledge and trust in Jesus.

Service: providing hospitality to community groups, running groups that are of benefit to the wider community, children's and youth work, taking an active interest in the affairs of that community.

Evangelism: promoting the Good News of God in Christ Jesus and encouraging others to consider the way of discipleship alongside Interfaith dialogue.

To facilitate this work it is important that we maintain the fabric of the church buildings and the funds to enable us to do so. We also adhere to and regularly review the Methodist Church's Safeguarding Policy including Safer Recruitment.

Achievements and Performance

Worship and prayer

Our Sunday morning worship is the principal gatheringwith average weekly attendance of 152 adults and 28 young people and children. The 10:45am service has one Holy Communion, one all-age worship and two or three preaching services most months that enable people to worship God and follow Jesus, on a cycle of all age worship and more traditional worship too. Again, it has been good to welcome new people in the course of the last year, both those who remain as part of our congregation and those who, new to the area, are seeking out a Christian home.

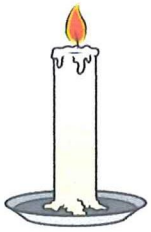
Our 6:30pm service is valued as an opportunity for quieter and more reflective worship. This evening attendance varies.

In addition to the Sunday services there are occasional, festival and other mid-week services particularly in Lent/Holy Week.

As well as our regular services, we enable our community to celebrate and thank God at the milestones of the journey through life. During 2019/20, we hosted 2 marriage blessings, 2 funerals, 12 baptisms, 10 confirmations and welcomed 11 new members.

Baptism Ministry

The Baptism Ministry team continues to carry out its duties. It involves: getting to know the prospective families; arranging for the necessary forms to be filled in; confirming dates with our minister, Revd. Valentin Dedji, and arranging a meeting between the family and Revd.Dedji, in the church vestry or at their home.



During Baptism a candle is lit and the following words are said, "Receive this light for you belong to Christ. Christ is your light and your way. As light is essential to all life and growth, so is Christ to the whole world". A Bible and certificate are handed to the parents.

Nurture and Learning

Our Tuesday evening Bible Study is still thriving. During Lent, the worship/study group and the Wednesday morning Oasis Fellowship used the same materials for this part of the year.



Our Sunday Junior Church remains active, with an enthusiastic core of youngsters and appropriate recognised leaders. Our Junior Church and Young People's Fellowship (YPF) make a significant contribution to all-age worship throughout the year. They are also very active in supporting the Circuit at the Sunday Fundays.

Our Brownie Unit and Guides unit enjoyed another busy and varied year of activities and the Boys' Brigade Company continues to be a regular part of the church's life althoughmany of them worship on a Sunday at other churches.

Youth

Our youth continue to make significant contribution to FUSION, formally known as the Young Adult Group (YAG) with the group meeting every last Sunday of the month in our church. This group of young people are growing in knowledge and are eager to develop their personal Christian lives as well as wanting to know how to contribute to their community.

Generation of Disciples (G.O.D), aimed at young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 years meet fortnightly to discuss various themes and topics that impact them as young adults from a biblical perspective. To promote leadership within the group, members of G.O.D. take it in turns to lead on topics.

The vision of this group is as follows:

- To bridge the gap between the Young People's Fellowship and the main church.
- To identify any gaps in the bible knowledge amongst young people.
- To develop faith.
- To further develop into a circuit wide group and a local community Christian group.



Mission Statement:
'Follow Christ not people;
Growing in faith, led by God'

Fellowship Groups

We have a number of different **Fellowship Groups** including: Ghanaian Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, Oasis Fellowship (coffee morning), Men's Fellowship and Wesley Tours.

Edmonton Methodist Church Ghanaian Fellowship (GMF)

The Peace of the Lord be with you!

We thank God for his faithfulness and provision in bringing us to the end of another successful year.

Aims and Objectives

The aims and objectives for the fellowship continues be the same with welfare purposes being the core objective of the fellowship.

Governance and Management:

The fellowship continues to be run and managed by a team of Executive members led by Mr George Noi-Lartey (Chairman). The team of executive members were elected or appointed as per the GMF constitution. We are encouraged by the response of our members to some changes to foster love and togetherness, self-development through learning and most importantly the call to be more active in the work of the church.

Meetings

There were no changes to our meeting days. Executive meetings continue to be held every second Sunday of the month general meetings on every third Sunday of the month after Church service.

Growth in Membership

The fellowship continued to grow in the last year. New members joined us bringing our regular members to over 60. No members left the fellowship during the year.

Bring and Share

The fellowship continued to organise quarterly "Bring and Share" as per the constitution. The aim is to promote socialisation in the fellowship.

Ghana Independence Day Celebration

The fellowship celebrated Independence Day. Members participated in Bible reading. There was a special offertory (men vs women) as we do in Ghana to raise funds for the new church building.

Lectures

As part of our Education and development plan, EGMF organised lectures in Mental Health and Personal Insurance. The aim is to promote the health and wellbeing amongst members and to inform them of social issues and what support is available to people. Most of these lectures were held in our Ghanaian language to reinforce understanding among all members

Electronic Records

We continue to keep electronic records for all GMF information.

Church Cleaning

GMF lead the organisation of the church deep cleaning, during which members deep cleaned the entire church as done every year.

Church Activities

GMF remained committed to the Church by participating in all church activities.

Welfare

As a welfare organisation, the fellowship continued its support to members through bereavement, sickness, birthday celebrations, christenings, marriage ceremonies, births and others in the Ghanaian way.

End of Year Accounts

The annual end of year accounts was presented to members and a copy given to every members of the fellowship.

Other

We had a successful year to the glory of God. We pray that the current year will even be better as we continue to make changes in the fellowship and also to forge ahead to participate in more activities in Edmonton Methodist Church and raise more funds for the New Church building.

Oasis Fellowship

We thank God that our OASIS group has continued to be mightily blessed as we meet every Wednesday of the year (except one!) to share coffee and fellowship. Our numbers vary, but there are usually 15-20 people, and sometimes more.

As a caring and supportive group, we seek to reach out and welcome everyone whether they attend our church or not. As well as enjoying having guest speakers, we also share times of devotion together encouraging our members to take part in leading these. On a lighter note, we also find much to laugh about together!

As in previous years, we have been pleased to be able to send donations to various charities, locally, nationally and abroad.

Women's Fellowship

- Thanks to God for being with us throughout the year. Our total number is 26 but average attendance to meeting is 10-16.
- We lost a sister, may her soul rest in peace. We continue to visit sisters who are sick and bereaved.
- The monthly 'Women in 7 days in prayer' continue as well as supporting the Food Bank and Feed the Hungry. A donation of £300.00 was sent to Feed the Hungry.
- Women participated actively in all church activities such as the Youth Conference, Passover meal, Harvest Supper . Women also helped in the Children's Ministry, Flower Ministry, church cleaning, and as welcoming stewards.
- Mothering Sunday was successful.
- Women also participated actively in Methodist Women InBritain programmes at the Circuit, Sector and District levels.
- Cake sales were held to raise funds in support of the church building.
- We also visited two nursing homes in Enfield to sing Christmas carols who was enjoyed by both residents and staff. We presented them with non-perishable food items.

Wesley Tours

Wesley Tours is an outreach to all churches in the community. There were no trips this year.

Music Report

"Speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord". Ephesians 5:19

God created us to be instruments with the ability to sing and make music. Music is an important part of our worship and praise to God at Edmonton, so it only seems that I should report how good and wonderful God has been towards us as a church that has blessed with everyone coming together for the Kingdom of God. Rejoicing in the sound of music through this word and prayers.

Our Edmonton Music Ministry is one of the most vital ministries in our church and we all should be viewed it as a sacred office. The Choir Ministry and the Worship Team Ministry are still discovering their calling and it all begins with a desire be used by God to impact the church and the wider community.

We thanked God for the faithful members in our Choir. And I thanked God for Nora who is faithfully committed to the church in her playing of the piano.

The Men's Fellowship continue to bless us with their singing as a Men's Choir.

We thank God for the technicians, this is a serious undertaking, and a high calling. They are there every Sunday to make sure that our services are run smoothly. This department of the ministry has to make massive decisions every week that has a huge impact on our services.

Therefore, "*We can love Him because He first loved us" (*1 John 4:19).

We as a Music Ministry together with our minister Rev Dr Dedji of Edmonton working together with an attitude of Praise unto God in the work we do. We all truly encounter the almighty living God in all His majesty, power, holiness and glory – our response is reverence, humility, and honor.

The hymns we sing reminds us that by ourselves we cannot continue the saving mission of Jesus. It is the Spirit. And so we continue to asked the Holy Spirit to use us as we continue to do His work in this ministry.

Service

The church buildings remain extensively used by the local community. We make our space available to let to a number of different groups including MIND, Bible College and Ghanaian Community. We continue to provide food for the local food bank. Caring for those in need has long been a way Methodists express and commend their faith. During the course of the year, collection for our Benevolent Fund was used to maintain our support for Action for Children, Methodist Homes, Christian Aid, and Methodist Womenin Britain as well as

emergency appeals. It is good that these efforts on behalf of others can be combined with opportunities for fellowship and indicates the breadth of our concern for God's world.

A Bursary Fund for up to £500 has been agreed by the Church Council toassist our youth and students who are looking to embark upon discipleship or missionary work.

Regular Lettings to Outside Hirers

Urban Theological College	Tuesday evenings, plus one Saturday per month	Theological Training
Mind in Enfield	Friday mornings	Chair based Yoga Exercise for Health
Bantama Union	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Noble Ladies	1 x Friday evening per month	NHS Staff - Mutual Support Group
Obaapa	1 x Saturday evening per month	Ladies Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Kwadaso Social Club	1 x Sunday evening per month	Mixed Ghanaian Mutual Support Group
Unique Association	1 x Saturday evening per month	Mutual Support Group

One-off lettings to outside hirers – Mainly church hall use and the Club Room for birthdays, anniversary or other celebrations, funeral wakes, meetings and play rehearsals, subject to limitations imposed by size of the hall.

Future Community Organisations to use our new Premises

- **Public Health Department of The Imperial College London**: They are strongly interested in making Edmonton Methodist Church, their base in Enfield for their Chariot Register (for dementia prevention research). They made a presentation to the congregation on Sunday 2nd December 2018.
- **Resource Centre for Enfield Methodist Circuit Youth Activities**
- Methodist Homes for the Aged: **'Live at Home' Intergenerational Project'** (Funding is secured for this exciting and multi-lateral project.)
- **Homeless Resource Centre**
- **'Alcoholic Anonymous'** support group
- **Art Class** sponsored by Southgate and Barnet College
- **'Little Steps Big Steps Nursery'**
- **'School of Graduate Theological Studies'**

Evangelism

Through Confirmation and the activities of other groups we have given people an opportunity to discover and grow in faith. The New Year Watch Night Service again allowed over fiftyvisitors to worship and see in the New Year with us, many of whom we only see on this occasion.Baptism Services have allowed many people who wouldn't normally attend church to see what church is like, hear about the love of God and hopefully receive a warm welcome.

Wider relationships

The church is part of the Enfield Methodist Circuit. Six members of our church are elected by the church council to be part of its managing body, the CircuitMeeting. Our Minister in Pastoral Charge is an Enfield Circuit Minister and leads worship in Circuit Churches on a regular pattern. We also liaise with the London District of Methodism and wider Methodist Church of Great Britain.

Edmonton Methodist Church is part of the Faith Forum for Enfield. Ordained ministers, lay leaders from different church denominations (Methodist, Evangelical, Baptist and Pentecostal), together with Faith Leaders (Muslims and Jews) belonging to the said Forum, meet regularly on quarterly basis for breakfast meetings. During such meetings, issues related to peace-building in our local communities feature prominently on the agenda. Prayers of mutual support are also offered. We still have contact with the local Rumi Mosque. This year church members, and more visitors from other denominations again shared a Passover meal at our church.

Property and Finance

There has been a growing recognition that our existing premises are not ideally fit for purpose. The buildings are what remained after the large adjoining Central Hall was vacated in the late 1960s and subsequently demolished. The present worship area was originally a large hall, and is situated at the rear of the buildings. The other rooms and facilities are also poorly laid out. Moreover, externally, the premises present a very bleak, unwelcoming face to the community that the church is striving to serve.

The seating capacity of the church has been increased by 50 in the last twenty years by the addition of a balcony but we are already running out of space again. We have been exploring various possibilities by which we might be able to undertake the redevelopment of the present premises of the church.

Our Vision: To rebuild our historic church, formerly known as Edmonton Methodist Central Hall, to make it fit for new priorities and challenges of God's Mission in our local community in this present age.

Our objective is to equip the church's new building with a number of modern facilities, in order to serve in the best possible ways, the youth, the elderly and the needy in our local community.

We continue to progress with our application for planning permission. We continue to hold meetings and updates with our team of Architects and the London Borough of Enfield Council Planners.

Fundraising events are continuing and donations towards the new building continue to flow in.

Reserves Policy

In line with the Charity Commission and Methodist guidelines, our reserves policy for the General Fund is to hold enough funds to cover at least six month's expenditure.

Volunteers

We would like to thank all those who freely give of their time and skills to make the church the pastorally caring, lively and vibrant community it is – to all with safety and safeguarding paramount. Sincere thanks also go to individuals and all the various groups and fellowships that have tirelessly raised funds for our new church building project. There were 84 volunteers during 2019/2020.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governance of a local Methodist Church such as Edmonton is set out in the Connexional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The membership of the Church Council consists of those who are members ex-officio because they are Circuit staff, church stewards, the Church Treasurer or Church Council Secretary. It also includes those appointed by the Church Council to ensure representation of the various activities of the church and those appointed by the General Church Meeting to ensure the Council is representative of the congregation. The General Church Meeting also elects the Church Stewards.

The Church Council met four times in the year. Given its wide responsibilities, the Council has a number of committees, each dealing with a particular aspect of church life. These committees, which include worship, pastoral, property and finance are all responsible to the Church Council and report back to it regularly. We seek greater inclusion and all our meetings are open to all members and friends to observe and speak at. Minutes are circulated to members and copies are accessible within the building.

Administrative information

We are to be found on Fore Street in Edmonton. We are part of the Enfield Circuit within the Methodist Church of Great Britain. The correspondence address is Edmonton Methodist

Church, 300 Fore Street, Edmonton, London N9 0PN.Our Minister's telephone number is 020 8884 0841. The Church Council is a registered charity, numbered 1127395.

Church Council members who served for the period of this report are:

Ex-Officio Members:

Revd Dr Valentin Dedji	(Chair)
Revd Alan Combes	(Circuit Minister - until 24/07/20)
Revd Papa Owusu	(Circuit Minister)
Revd Julia Wiktorska	(Circuit Minister)
Miss Isata Jalloh	(Circuit Youth and Children's Worker)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Treasurer)
Ms Grace Appah	(Secretary, Church Council)

General Church Meeting Appointments

Mrs Jessie Dowuona	(Church Steward)
Miss Doreen Nyarko	(Church Steward)
Mr Nana Osei Bonsu	(Church Steward)
Ms Cisline Wray	(Church Steward)
Mrs Rosalind Rutty	(Church Steward)
Mr Ben Tackie	(Church Steward)
Mr Joseph Owusu	(Church Steward)
Mr Isiah Gyateng	(Church Steward)
Ms Alana Riley	(Church Steward)
Mr Joshua Selvaratnam	(Church Steward – until 23/03/18)
Miss Samuella Dedji	(Church Steward)
Miss Donna Crentsil	(Church Steward)
Miss Abigail Darkwa	(Church Steward)
Ms Gladys Agyeiwaa	(Church Steward)
Ms Teresa Appiah	(Church Representative)
Mrs Mavis Francis	(Church Representative)
Mrs Juliana Hammond	(Church Representative)
Mrs Margaret Lyth	(Church Representative)
Miss Helen MacMillan	(Church Representative)
Mrs Elvie Morgan	(Church Representative - until 21/04/18)
Mrs Vida Regina Nsiah-Gyasi	(Church Representative)
Miss Carmel Richards	(Church Representative-until 14/03/18)
Mrs Cecelia Ukoumunne	(Church Representative)
Mrs Maxine Scott	(Church Representative)
George Noi-Lartey	(Church Representative)

Church Council Appointments

Mrs Geranium Byam	(Sec, Pastoral Committee)
Malcolm Lyth	(Property Representative)
Mr Sam Agyei	(Lettings Secretary)
Mrs Rebecca Darkwa-Marfo	(Rep, Ghanaian Fellowship)
Mr Kenneth Hargrave	(Rep, Home Missions – until March 20)
Mrs Norah Lord	(Secretary, Methodist Women in Britain)
Mr Raymond Pettipher	(Local Preacher)
Sean Davis	(Local Preacher)
Mrs Hilda Morrissey	(Rep, Wesley Tours)
Mrs Pat Pettipher	(Rep, Worship Leaders-until 20/10/17)
	(Rep, Worship Leaders)
Jachin Haughton	
Mrs Claudia Cole	(Gift Aid Secretary)
Ms Cicely Thomas	(Women's Fellowship Representative)
Mrs Elizabeth Quarcoopome	(Communion Steward)
Mrs Dod Baldwin	(Oasis Representative)
Miss Millie Hylton	(New Members' Secretary)
Mr Emmanuel Appah	(YPF Representative)
Miss Ruth Aboagye	(YPF Representative)

Approved by the Church Council and signed on their behalf by:

Revd. Dr Valentin Dedji (PhD Cantab) V.DEDJI 25/07/2021