

## **BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2021**

The Church Council submits its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2021.

Members of the church are managing trustees of the Church, and the ordinary general meetings are held three times per annum. Day to day administration of the church is delegated to the Church Stewards and the other officers, including the Treasurer and to a number of committees, including Finance and Property.

The number of members at 31 August 2021 was 116.

The purpose of Bromley Methodist Church is to glorify God, proclaim the Gospel and seek to win people for the Kingdom of God

- To nurture and care for those who are committed to Christ
- To extend pastoral oversight to the church's wider family
- To promote Christian values
- To respond in the name of Christ to contemporary issues
- To share a vision of the world church

The following is a summary of the main activities undertaken during the year in pursuit of those objectives:

**Worship:** The Church meets regularly for acts of worship, the weekly 10.30 am service on Sundays attracting the largest congregation, averaging 65 adults and 9 children. The service takes the form of Holy Communion once a month and All Age Worship once a month (with occasional attendance of the uniformed organisations). Services were suspended during the lockdown with online alternatives being offered. The Sunday School has met online throughout the pandemic. The services are led by the Bromley Circuit Ministers and local preachers.

The Church also holds mid-week prayer meetings on a Thursday with average adult attendance of 12. This attracts some of our elderly and more infirm members who cannot attend on a Sunday. This is led by both the local Methodist preachers and members of the church. During lockdown this was replaced by a weekly Zoom prayer and fellowship meeting.

**Pastoral Care:** Revd Karen George continues to take pastoral charge of Bromley Methodist Church. Karen is supported by a team of pastoral visitors whose work is overseen by the Pastoral Committee. There are 3 house groups which provide opportunities for fellowship and study for the church membership.

**Service:** The Church seeks to make itself available to the local community. It is open on a Thursday morning for coffee, fellowship and prayer. The Church also has close links with uniformed organisations (Scouting and Guiding) which meet weekly on Church premises and participate in regular 'parade' services. Rooms are also made available for the use of a wide range of groups and organisations (including local Alcoholics Anonymous and Bromley Drug and Alcohol service). During the year several collections of food and toiletries were organized in support of the Bromley Borough Foodbank.

From January 2021 the church hall has been used during term time by an independent Preschool.

**Mission and Outreach:** Members of the Church contribute to the mission work of the Methodist Church, both overseas and at home, through regular giving and by special fund-raising events. The Church has continued to support overseas mission work through two of its members (one working for Medic-Aid Africa and one working with ABCD (Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability) and a range of charities working at local, national and global level (JusB, Action for Children, Bible Society and Christian Aid) as well as providing significant financial support for Bromley Town Centre Chaplaincy.

**Ecumenical:** The Church is actively involved in the Churches Together in Central Bromley group. During August we shared services with the local Churches in Bromley and we participated in joint activities for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

**Social Events:** During the year the Church held a number of social events, including some as charity fundraisers and some just for fun and fellowship.

**Property:** Our policy continues to be maintaining the fabric of the premises in good condition.

**Finance:** Details of the church's financial affairs appear in the attached accounts. Normal church activities, which continued to be adversely affected by the pandemic, resulted in a loss of £14,911 and in addition £24,071 was spent on major building works. Revaluation of our investments resulted in a surplus of £36,050 and our Reserves stand at £317,018 compared with £320,020 at the end of the previous year. The Church Council is satisfied that the church's Reserves are adequate to meet the church's obligations and to allow for the future development of its work. Investments totaling £60,000 were converted to cash to compensate for loss of income and to enable urgent repairs to be done.

**Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities:** Charity legislation requires the Trustees to prepare Financial Statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the Charity as at the end of the financial year and of surplus and deficit for the period. In preparing for the Financial Statement, suitable accounting policies are to be adopted and consistently applied to the best of the Trustees' knowledge and belief, making reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates as necessary. The statement of Recommended Practice for Accounting by Charities is to be followed, together with applicable Statements of Standard Accounting Practice. The Trustees are responsible for maintaining accounting records, for safeguarding the assets of the Charity and for preventing and detecting Fraud and other irregularities. The Trustees are also required to indicate where the Financial Statements are prepared other than on the basis that the Charity is a going concern.

Bromley Methodist Church  
College Road  
Bromley  
BR1 3NS

Signed on behalf of the Trustees



Wendy Whybrew  
Secretary of Church Council

## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Bromley Methodist	Church
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**  
**31 August 2021**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	<b>3542</b>
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1127526

**If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and  
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Revd. Karen George
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Ann Woollins	Sue Osborne
Helen Curtis	Rene Meissner

**Treasurer:**

Grace Devarajulu
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	52,233		52,233	49,802
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,691		2,691	4,463
a4	Lettings	44,771		44,771	41,769
a5	Other receipts	3,449		3,449	16,626
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	103,144		103,144 (a7)	112,660

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	62,791		62,791	61,922
b3	Donations	2,750	54	2,804	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	45,438		45,438	58,686
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	13,889		13,889	12,429
b6					
b7	Other payments	17,140		17,140	16,450
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	142,008	54	142,062 (b9)	149,487

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	(a6-b8)	(38,864)	(54)	(38,918)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		92,683	1,928	94,611 (c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	(c1+c2)	53,819	1,874	55,693
c4	Transfers and adjustments		53,091		53,091 (c7)
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	(c3+c4)	106,910	1,874	108,784 (c8)
					94,611 (c6)

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			168
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			168
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	(d1+d2-d3)		

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

## SECTION E

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1 Flower Guild					62	62
e2						
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e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					62 (e11)	62 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	103,144 (a7)	142,062 (b9)	(38,918)	53,091 (c7)	94,611 (c6)	108,784 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	103,144	142,062	(38,918)	53,091	94,673 (x)	108,846 (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	71,734	103,599
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	12,419	1,836
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	7,958	1,049
f6 Other funds	2,500	2,500
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	94,611 (c6)	108,784 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	62 (e11)	62 (e12)
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## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	225,410	208,235
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,521,836	5,527,322
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 ..... Bromley Methodist ..... No.....

## 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 ..... G. Denrygh ..... Date ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021

Name and address of treasurer ..... Grace Denrygh .....  
..... 333. Cant Road, Ovington, Kent ..... Post Code .. BA6 9SZ ..

### 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 ..... A. Tenett .....  
Name of the Chair of the meeting ..... Rev Alexandra J. Tenett ..... Date ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov 21

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

..... Bromley Methodist ..... Church

Charity Number ..... 1127526

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Bromley Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2021 set out on pages 2 to 3. 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.

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### 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, in any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
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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 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 ..... Peter Runacher .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... F.C.A. ....

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

Address ..... 8 Wandsworth Road .....

..... Bromley ..... Post Code BR1 2SP .....

Date ..... 31/12/21 .....

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