

BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2022

The Church Council submits its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2022.

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 2022 was 108.

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 averaging 65 adults and 8 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). 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 the year the Council Council discussed, agreed and applied for registration for the conduct of same-sex marriages as permitted by the Methodist Conference and GRO.

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. During the Spring and Summer of 2022 the church held informal weekly English conversation sessions for those wishing to improve their English and this was attended by up to 12 people, some of whom had recently arrived in the UK from Ukraine. Over the school summer holidays Stay and Play sessions were organized for this group and their children as well as others from the local community.

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 and a range of charities working at local, national and global level (including 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.

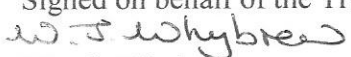
Social Events: During the year the Church held a number of social events, including some as charity fundraisers and some just for fun and fellowship.

Property: Our policy continues to be maintaining the fabric of the premises in good condition. Work was done this year to replace the glazed roof in the church concourse and to make the surrounding roof sound and watertight.

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 £54,329 and in addition £28,651 was spent on major building works. Revaluation of our investments resulted in a loss of £14,514 and our Reserves stand at £194,770 compared with £209,284 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. To date, investments totalling £60,000 have been 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 2022

Circuit	Circuit no.	3542
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127526

**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:

Revd. Karen George

Church Stewards:

Mick East	Sue Osborn
Helen Curtis	Rene Meissner
Ann Woollins	Rachel Wirantha
Abraham Blay	

Treasurer:

Grace Devarajulu

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Offerings and Tax recovered		54,175		54,175	52,233
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		4,244		4,244	2,691
Lettings		36,542		36,542	44,771
Other receipts		48,845		48,845	3,449
TOTAL RECEIPTS		143,806		143,806 (a7)	103,144

SECTION B					
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		61,250		61,250	62,791
Donations					2,804
Repairs and Maintenance		60,388		60,388	45,438
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		13,331		13,331	13,889
Other payments		63,167		63,167	17,140
TOTAL PAYMENTS		198,136		198,136 (b9)	142,062

SECTION C					
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(54,330)		(54,330)	(38,918)
Total funds brought forward from last year		106,910	1,874	108,784 (c6)	94,611
Sub total	(c1+c2)	52,580	1,874	54,454	55,693
Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	53,091
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	52,580	1,874	54,454 (c8)	108,784 (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)		£		£	
1	Balance brought forward from last year				
2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations				168
3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations				168
4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)			

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	Flower Guild					62	62
e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					62 (e11)	62 (e1)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	143,806 (a7)	198,136 (b9)	(54,330)	(c7)	108,784 (c6)	54,454 (c)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	143,806	198,136	(54,330)		108,846 (x)	54,516 (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	103,599	32,267
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	1,636	18,528
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,049	1,159
f6 Other funds	2,500	2,500
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	108,784 (c6)	54,454 (c)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	62 (e11)	62 (e1)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	108,846 (x)	54,516 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	208,235	193,611
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,527,322	5,714,353
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 - 3542

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 G. Devarajulu Date 8/11/2022

Name and address of treasurer GRACE DEVARAJULU

333 COURT ROAD, ORPINGTON, KENT Post Code BR6 9BZ

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

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Karen George

Name of the Chair of the meeting REV. KAREN GEORGE Date 2/11/2022

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 2022 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.

* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH No 3542

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 

Name of independent examiner Peter Runacres

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner F.C.A

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address

..... Post Code

Date 31/12/22

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Sep-22

RESERVES POLICY

Report on behalf of

BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH

(*Church Council/ ~~Circuit Meeting~~/District)

To

BROMLEY

(*Circuit Meeting/District)

We submit our annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Methodist Conference and the Charity Commission guidance in CC19.

- (i) The trustees have established their mission aims taking into account all of the resources available in terms of people, property and money
- (ii) Mission initiatives/projects have been costed or estimates made of projected future costs which take into account the needs of the buildings and the requirements of the Quinquennial Inspection Report/s

(iii) We have agreed a Reserves Policy which is set out overleaf and is recorded in the trustees' minutes and our Annual Report

(iv) We recognise the need to be accountable as charity trustees for all the money which comes into our hands and will provide further information as required by the Circuit/District/Connexion

(v) Our Report is attached overleaf

* please delete as appropriate

To be completed by Receiving Body

The

*Circuit Meeting/District received the RESERVES POLICY of

*Church Council/Circuit Meeting/District

Policy accepted and acknowledgement sent to the trustees

YES ☐ / NO ☐

Policy noted and the following enquiries made of the trustees

Responses received and any further action taken

*Circuit/District

Signatures

Date.....

* Please delete as appropriate

RESERVES POLICY of

BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH

(*Church Council ☐/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

1.	General Funds held at Y/E 31/08/2022	£248,064.77
2.	Restricted Funds held "	£1,869
3.	Endowment Funds held "	£0

4. Reserves policy for General Funds

The policy of the church is to retain sufficient funds to sustain the mission of the church and maintain the fabric of the church building and other assets in good condition.

5. Policy for Restricted Funds

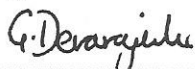

The benevolent fund of £1,869 shall be spent on charitable needs.

6. Terms relating to Endowment Funds held

This Reserves Policy has been approved by

Bromley Methodist Church

(*Church Council ☒/Circuit Meeting ☐/District ☐)

Treasurer	Trustee
Full name Grace Deverajulu	Full Name Alan John Ash
Signature 	Signature 

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