

BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2023

The Church Council submits its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2023.

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 2023 was 107.

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 68 adults and 7 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.

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 2 house groups which provide opportunities for fellowship and study for the church membership. Bible study courses with other churches in the Circuit have been held at Bromley.

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

the school summer holidays Stay and Play sessions were organized for this local families. These were well attended and much appreciated.

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 St Christopher's Hospice, Action for Children, Bible Society and Christian Aid) as well as providing significant financial support for Bromley Town Centre Chaplaincy. Local schools visited the Experience Easter initiative held at the church.

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 have recovered significantly following the pandemic, resulted in a profit of £26,923. Whilst there were no major works carried out in the year there were a number of smaller property repairs and maintenance costs incurred. Revaluation of our investments resulted in a loss of £8,544 and our Reserves stand at £186,226 compared with £194,770 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	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2023

Bromley	Circuit	Circuit no.	3542
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1127526

☐ not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
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Minister:

Revd. Karen George

Church Stewards:

Sue Osborn	Helen Curtis
Ann Woollins	Abraham Blay
Rachel Wirantha	John Oakenfull

Treasurer:

Grace Devarajulu

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS					
Offerings and Tax recovered		59,103		59,103	54,175
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		5,618		5,618	4,244
Lettings		50,694		50,694	36,542
Other receipts		47,342	413	47,755	48,845
TOTAL RECEIPTS		162,757	413	163,170 (a7)	143,806

SECTION B					
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		50,624		50,624	61,250
Donations		2,847	21	2,868	
Repairs and Maintenance		39,006		39,006	60,388
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		16,681		16,681	13,331
Other payments		27,069		27,069	63,167
TOTAL PAYMENTS		136,227	21	136,248 (b9)	198,136

SECTION C					
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	26,530	392	26,922	(54,330)
Total funds brought forward from last year		52,580	1,874	54,454 (c6)	108,784
Sub total	(c1+c2)	79,110	2,266	81,376	54,454
Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	79,110	2,266	81,376 (c8)	54,454 (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)		£		£	
Balance brought forward from last year					
Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,619			
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		1,619			
BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(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						
e2						
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e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page totals column)	163,170 (a7)	136,248 (b9)	26,922	(c7)	54,454 (c6)	81,376 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	163,170	136,248	26,922		54,454 (x)	81,376 (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	32,267	38,554
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	18,528	39,027
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,159	1,295
f6 Other funds (MCA)	2,500	2,500
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	54,454 (c6)	81,376 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	54,454 (x)	81,376 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	193,611	184,930
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	5,714,353	6,291,575
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
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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 Church No: 3542

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 G. Devarasulu Date 13/1/24

Name and address of treasurer GRACE DEVARASULU

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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 7/11/23

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Karen George

Name of the Chair of the meeting KAREN GEORGE Date 11/1/24

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 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.

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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 that 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 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.

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Signature of independent examiner 

Name of independent examiner JOHN WHITTAM

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