

BROMLEY METHODIST CHURCH ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUGUST 2024

The Church Council submits its Annual Report and Accounts for the year ending 31 August 2024.

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 2024 was 113.

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 72 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.

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 Bromley Young Carers, Action for Children, Bible Society and Christian Aid) as well as providing significant financial support for Bromley Town Centre Chaplaincy. The church hosted a fund raising event for a village health centre in Ghana in June. 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 which included fitting draught felts to all the external doors, major drains repairs and the curtain on the staged was changed.

Finance: Details of the church's financial affairs appear in the attached accounts. Normal church activities resulted in a profit of £27,790 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 gain of £13,904 and our Reserves stand at £198,834 compared with £184,930 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.

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 2024

Bromley	Circuit	Circuit no.	3542
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1127526

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Minister:

Revd. Karen George

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Rachel Wirantha	John Oakenfull
Abraham Blay	Abimbola Adeniya
Rene Meissner	

Treasurer: Grace Devarajulu

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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
RECEIPTS	Note				
Offerings and Tax recovered		58,676		58,676	59,103
Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		7,765		7,765	5,618
Lettings		48,884		48,884	50,694
Other receipts		54,132		54,132	47,755
TOTAL RECEIPTS		169,457		169,457 (a7)	163,170

SECTION B					
PAYMENTS					
Circuit Assessment or Share		47,788		47,788	50,624
Donations		3,000		3,000	2,868
Repairs and Maintenance		43,338		43,338	39,006
Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		16,389		16,389	16,681
Other payments		31,152		31,152	27,069
TOTAL PAYMENTS		141,667		141,667 (b9)	136,248

SECTION C					
NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	27,790		27,790	26,922
Total funds brought forward from last year		79,110	2,266	81,376 (c6)	54,454
Sub total	(c1+c2)	106,900	2,266	109,166	81,376
Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	106,900	2,266	109,166 (c8)	81,376 (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		3,648			
Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,648			
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**

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INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
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e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	169,457 (a7)	141,667 (b9)	27,790	(c7)	81,376 (c6)	109,166 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	169,457	141,667	27,790		81,376 (x)	109,166 (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	38,554	55,902
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	39,027	49,324
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	1,295	1,440
f6 Other funds	2,500	2,500
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	81,376 (c6)	109,166 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	81,376 (x)	109,166 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)	184,930	198,834
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	6,291,575	6,448,813
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 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 G. Devarajulu Date 13/11/2024
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 2024 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 13.11.24

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Karen George
Name of the Chair of the meeting KAREN GEORGE Date 13.11.24

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 BROMLEY METHODIST Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 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

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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
- 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/~~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 JOHN WHITTAM

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