

Annual Report of St Mark's Methodist Church, Tottenham 2022-23

This has been a good year for the church as we have seen more and more people returning to worship after Covid. There are still some people who have not returned and others who have decided to leave but almost each week we continue to see new people coming among us. During the year 7 people were received into the church through confirmation and 4 by transfer from other churches around the world. Membership at the end of the year was 322

A Church Council Away Day was held in October 22 when the trustees were able to look back over the past few years to see how far the church has travelled in many areas whilst still having challenges. Time was spent in looking at what it means to be a leader and the responsibility that comes with it. The group shared together their vision for the next 3 years which we hope will be continued in discussions in the coming year.

As Rev Stephen and Sister Myrtle were coming to the end of their 10-year ministry at St Mark's the church and wider circuit went through the connexional process of stationing. A profile was drawn up seeking a superintendent minister for the New River circuit who would have pastoral charge of St Mark's and also Ravensdale, a small congregation of around 30 members. Sadly, a match with a minister was not possible. The circuit appointed one of the present ministers, the Rev Thurairajah Samuel, as superintendent and invited both Rev Stephen and Sister Myrtle to do an extra year as part-time active supernumeraries.

One of the ongoing concerns of such a large congregation is that many people do not know one another. To help with this the Church Council decided to provide refreshments after worship on the first Sunday of the month. This would be done on a rota basis by the various pastoral groups. It has been a huge success

The church undertook a major upgrade of the electrics within the sanctuary during the year which included various spot lighting for use in worship events and concerts. The toilets have also been completely refurbished which brought great delight to members of the church and all who use the hall. The total cost of both projects, in the region of £80,000, was raised by the members of the congregation.

As the Sunday School has continued to grow the ongoing issue of space was addressed by deciding to terminate the contract with a small Pentecostal Church who used the one room available to the church so it could become the space for a new ministry with young teenagers during worship. The Winter Soup Kitchen returned for almost 4 months after Christmas serving 20-25 needy people each week.

The church has continued negotiations with Haringey Council with their offer to renovate the outside of the premises, create a new entrance and up light the tower. This is part of a wide improvement scheme of Bruce Grove and the identification of the importance of our art-deco style tower. The Council have received a grant from English Heritage and this will provide some of the income. The project, entitled *Transforming Buildings: Transforming Communities* is beginning to take shape and work will begin late 2023.

During the year we thanked a number of the pastoral leaders who had served the church well through the years and managed to appoint some new ones. There are so many people who give their time tirelessly to the service of God through St Mark's: stewards, musicians and singers, children and youth leaders, those who lead fellowship groups, prayer meetings and share in the outreach ministry of the church as well as living out their faith day by day. We thank God for them all

Rev Stephen Poxon & Sister Myrtle Poxon (Ministers of St Mark's Methodist Church)

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

St. Mark's Methodist Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

New River	Circuit	Circuit no	35/22
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1128035

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 Stephen Poxon

Church Stewards:

Charles Agyemang-Duah	Alex Pusuo
Jacob Berko	Leona Bonsu
Barbara Fenning	Jacqueline Vanhorne
Rosetta Lee	Atou-Lu Brou

Treasurer:

Daniel Dongsieri FCCA

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	83,017	4,857	87,874	87,878
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,412		4,412	655
a4	Lettings	42,452		42,452	51,544
a5	Other receipts	28,994		28,994	22,553
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	158,875	4,857	163,732 (a7)	162,630
SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	75,942		75,942	73,942
b3	Donations		1,450	1,450	2,460
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	99,038		99,038	12,621
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	16,393		16,393	16,828
b6					
b7	Other payments	21,017		21,017	19,568
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	212,390	1,450	213,840 (b9)	125,419
SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(53,515)	3,407	(50,108)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	144,424	5,475	149,899 (c6)	112,688
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	90,909	8,882	99,791
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	90,909	8,882	99,791 (c8)
					149,899 (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				
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			699	263
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			699	263
d4	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 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	12,540	14,805	(2,265)		26,672	24,407
e2 Women's Fellowship	125	100	25		2,560	2,585
e3 Men's Fellowship		40	(40)		1,810	1,770
e4 Sierra Leonean's Fellowship		75	(75)		1,053	978
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	12,665	15,020	(2,355)		32,095 (e11)	29,740 (e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	163,732 (a7)	213,840 (b9)	(50,108)	(c7)	149,899 (c6)	99,791 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	176,397	228,860	(52,463)		181,994 (x)	129,531 (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	17,238	34,303
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	132,661	65,488
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	149,899 (c6)	99,791 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	32,095 (e11)	29,740 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	181,994 (x)	129,531 (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)	2,500,000	2,500,000
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

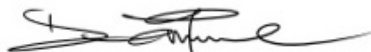
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

Name of Church St Mark's

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 30/05/2024

Name and address of treasurer Daniel Dongsieri FCCA

St. Mark's Methodist Church, 455 - 457 High Road, London Post Code N17 6QB

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 ...6. June.2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting S. J Poxon

Name of the Chair of the meeting Stephen Poxon Date 6. June. 2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... St Mark's

Charity Number 1128035

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the ...St Mark's..... Church for the year ended 31 August 2023 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 St Mark's No 1128035

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 AN Warley

Name of independent examiner Tina Narley

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner FCCA

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Date 30th May 2024

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Signature of independent examiner AN Nartey

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