

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

		Period start date			Period end date		
		Day 1st	Month Sep	Year 2023	Day 31 st	Month Aug	Year 2024
From					To		

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Deptford Methodist Church/Mission

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1129207

Charity's principal address 1 Creek Road

London

Postcode SE8 3BT

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Omobolaji Nzekwe			
2	Bamikole Roberts			
3	Catherine Piombo			
4	Donatus Okoko			
5	Stephen Asare			
6	Daniel Tokenge			
7	Mary White			
8	Veronica Abbey			
9	Theodora Abbey Tetteh			
10	Alison Christie			
11	Edet Okon			
12	Anna Cobbinah			
13	Kofi Antwi			
14	Ola Ibironke			
15	Nadette Okon			
16	Ini Okoko			
17	Anastasia Nketchi Nnamani			
18	Tinu Ogundari			
19	Joy Nnamani			
20	Emelia Antwi			

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Deed of Union of the Methodist Church (1976)
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trustee appointment is by membership of the church council, which is made up of all church members under Methodist Standing Orders, as the church has a membership of less than 49.
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

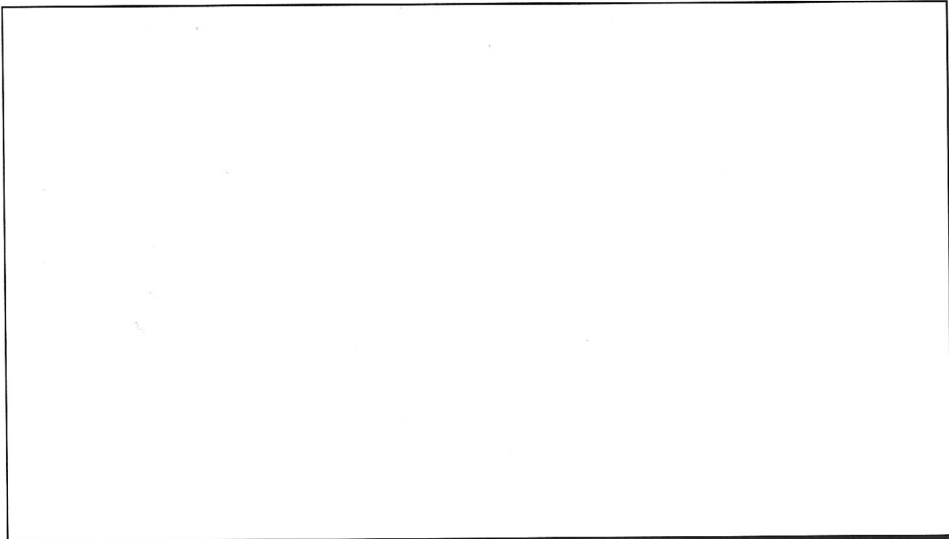
You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

The Trustees of the charity, as represented by the church council, have governance over the building and the daily work of the church.

The church is part of a wider local group of Methodist churches, the Southwark and Deptford Circuit, in which policy decisions about staffing and mission for the whole circuit are made.

Governing the work of the church and of all Methodist churches in Great Britain is the Methodist Church of Great Britain, the governing document of which is listed above as the governing document for this charity.



Section C	Objectives and activities
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Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

Deptford Methodist Church/Mission exists to share the love of God with all and to witness that Jesus Christ is Lord and Saviour of all. As a Mission it serves the community of Deptford and works with others to improve the lives of people in this diverse area with its challenges of poverty and other deprivation. We believe that our Christian faith should be seen in action serving others. The church is fully involved with the Disabled People's Contact to help the elderly and disabled by having a day centre on its premises. The church encourages other agencies that are in sympathy with our general aims to use our building and help others. As part of the Southwark and Deptford Circuit it is committed to the wider work of the church in the world. As a Mission we take seriously John Wesley's words 'The world is my parish'. The church represents in its membership many different countries of the world, particularly from Africa, and so our service takes on a global significance. Deptford Methodist Church/Mission welcomes all by opening its doors to everyone whatever their situation.

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Weekly worship.
Study groups.
Pastoral care.
Support of Contact Centre for older people.

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

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The church congregation has returned in smaller numbers as the restrictions of the pandemic lifted. It has taken time for people to regain confidence and re-establish patterns of church going. Our work with young people continues, though similarly affected by changed habits due to the pandemic.

The Disabled People's Contact Centre has returned in person and continues to meet the needs of those who otherwise would be isolated. It provides a programme of food and activities; the church offers a weekly service of worship that enables people to attend church while at the centre.

The church provides office and counselling space for various organisations; it continues the long term relationship with Second Wave that works with young people in the borough. Along with the shop that raises money for the Disabled People's Contact Centre, the space at Deptford Mission is available for other community organisations (e.g. Karate classes) and the church collaborates with other churches in responding to the needs of poverty with donations to local foodbanks and gifts for children and adults at Christmas.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

The church aims to hold about six months' worth of expenses in reserves, with a small surplus to pay for emergency repairs. Our bad debt provision has now reduced to £47k for rent receivable and the church is still recovering from the effects of the pandemic.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F

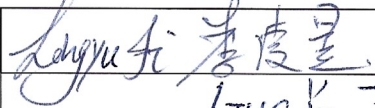
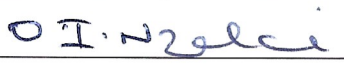
Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	LING YU JI.	OMOBOLAJI NZEKWE
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	CHAIR.	
Date	13/05/25	

DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 AUGUST 2024

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Independent Examiner's Report on the Accounts

Report to the trustees/
members of

DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION

On accounts for the year
ended

31st August 2024

Charity no (if any)

Respective responsibilities of
trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent
examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent
examiner's statement

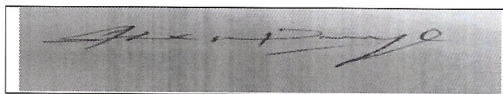
In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act); and
- accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed:



Date: 10th February 2025

Name:

Robert A M Quaye M Sc FCCA CA (Gh)

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body (if
any):

ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS

Address:

Robert Quaye & Associates

180 Chigwell Road

South Woodford

London, E18 1HA

DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION					Church
Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2024					
	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Restricted Funds	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Previous year totals
	£	£	£	£	£
Incoming Resources					
1 Offerings and Tax recoverable	12,205			12,205	13,033
2 Interest and Investment Income	88	3,450		3,538	1,173
3 Lettings	138,259			138,259	150,798
4 Other Income	2,420			2,420	14,956
5					
6 Internal Organisations					
7 Total Incoming Resources	152,972	3,450		156,423	179,961
Resources Expended					
8 Circuit Assessment or Share	24,000			24,000	28,000
9 Grants and Donations					
10 Repairs and Maintenance	32,450			32,450	32,684
11 Insurance, Utilities etc	38,359			38,359	65,011
12 Depreciation					
13 Provisions					
14 Other expenditure	25,015			25,015	18,306
15 Salaries	17,443			17,443	17,704
16 Internal Organisations					
17 Total Resources Expended	137,267			137,267	161,705
18 Net Incoming Resources	15,705	3,450		19,155	18,256
19 Transfers between funds	-30,000	30,000			
20 Sub Total	-14,295	33,450		19,155	18,256
21 Gains and losses on investment assets					
22 Net investment in funds	-14,295	33,450		19,155	18,256
23 Total funds brought forward	120,795	38,133		158,928	140,673
24 Total funds carried forward at end of year	106,500	71,584		178,084	158,929

DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION

Church

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

	General Fund (Unrestricted)	Other Funds (Restricted)	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	£	£	£	£	£
Tangible Fixed Assets*					
Church buildings and other property					
Investment properties					
Investments					
Total fixed assets					
Current Assets					
Debtors and Prepayments	47,157			47,157	57,891
Central Finance Board & Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits etc	1,769	71,584		73,353	39,815
Cash at Bank and in hand	58,414			58,414	62,063
Total current assets	107,340	71,584		178,924	159,768
Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 year)	840			840	840
Net current assets/liabilities	106,500	71,584		178,084	158,928
Total assets less current liabilities	106,500	71,584		178,084	158,928
Loans and creditors due after 1 year					
Provisions for liabilities and charges					
Net assets	106,500	71,584		178,084	158,928
Funds of the Church					
General Fund (Unrestricted)	106,500			106,500	120,795
Other Funds (Restricted)		71,584		71,584	38,133
Endowment Funds					
Total Funds	106,500	71,584		178,084	158,928

	DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION	Church
Notes to the Accounts		
1 Basis of accounting		
These accounts have been prepared on the basis of historic cost (except that investments are shown at market value) in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP 2005) and the Charities Act 1993. There has been no change to the accounting policies since last year. The format of the SOFA balance sheet takes advantage of the small charity concessions set out in the SORP.		
2 Funds		
The funds held constitute: General Funds held for any purpose of the charity which are Unrestricted, Restricted funds which are held for a narrower purpose and Endowment funds which represent gifts, the capital normally being unavailable for spending, and the income from which is either Restricted or Unrestricted. Details of each material fund are disclosed in the final note to these accounts. Any fund may be held in ways other than in cash.		
3 Accounting policies		
Incoming Resources		
These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when the church becomes entitled to the resources; the trustees are virtually certain they will receive the resources and the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.		
Resources Expended		
Expenditure is recognised when a liability is incurred, or a constructive obligation arises that results in the payment being unavoidable.		
Liability recognition		
Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the church to pay out resources. Future income must not be anticipated (SORP 2005).		
Tangible fixed assets for use by church		
Tangible fixed assets are capitalised if they can be used for more than one year, and cost at least (say) £1000. They are valued at cost or a reasonable value on receipt. Where cost is not available, the Church Council may provide a reasonable estimate of cost or of the buildings' current value to the church. An estimate based on insurance value should take account of the fact that cover will be based on demolition and reinstating the current building and not the original cost less accumulated depreciation. A professional valuation is not required, but if available use that figure. Provision is made for depreciation where appropriate.		
Investment properties		
Investment properties - Properties not used for the purposes of the charity (and never used for that purpose). A professional valuation is not required, but if available use that figure. The insured value may be used.		
Investments		
Investments are valued in the balance sheet at market value at the year end. Investment income is included in the accounts when receivable and any gains or losses on revaluation at the year end are shown in the SOFA.		
Include investments held with the Central Finance Board. Do not include Deposit Funds, such as TIF (Trustees Interest Fund) held via Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. These latter funds should be shown separately.		
Debtors and Prepayments		
Show amounts owing to the Church or prepayments made.		
Creditors		
Show amounts owing by the Church and any amounts accrued as due in the following year.		

DEPTFORD METHODIST MISSION

Church

Loans

If the Church has borrowed any money, please give the information in the designated section. Loans made to Churches may be confidential and may be free of interest. It is not necessary to breach confidentiality in recording sources: use the word 'Individuals' if appropriate.

Endowment Funds

Where the Church holds money which cannot be spent but must be retained (as capital) to generate an income the money or assets to be retained are known as an Endowment Fund. The capital should be shown in the appropriate column in the Balance Sheet. The income generated may be restricted or unrestricted depending upon the terms of the endowment.

Net current assets/liabilities

Deduct Creditors from Total current assets.

Total assets less net current liabilities

Deduct net current assets/liabilities from the total of fixed and current assets.

Net assets totals must agree with Total Funds held.

4 Payment to Trustees

This year Last year

Record payments made to trustees for additional services provided to the Church by agreement with the Church Council e.g. a trustee is also a plumber who carries out work in that capacity. (More detailed guidance is on the Methodist website)

£

Number of trustees who were paid expenses

Nature of the expenses

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Total amount paid

£

5 Fees for examination or audit of the accounts

Independent examiner's or auditor's fees for reporting on the accounts

£

840

840

Other fees (eg: advice, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner or auditor

£

6 Paid employees

Staff Costs paid during the year were:

Gross wages, salaries and benefits in kind

£

17,443

17,704

Employer's National Insurance costs

£

Pension costs

£

Total staff costs

£

17,443

17,704

Average number of full-time equivalent employees in the year were:

1

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7 Capital Commitments and Contingent Liabilities

If the Church has any commitments or liabilities these should be disclosed

At the 31st August 2023 capital commitments amounted to:

£

Contingent liabilities amounted to:

£

Name of Church: Deptford Methodist Mission No: 1129207

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these accruals-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 O. Inzeke Date 29th January 25.

Name and address of treasurer Omobolaji Nzekwe
Deptford Methodist Mission, 1 Creek Road, Deptford, London,
Post Code SE8 3BT

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2024 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 16th March 2025.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting: Ling Yu Ji

Name of the Chair of the meeting: LING YU JI Date 13th May 2025