

Church
Accruals Accounts
2020-2021

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

(ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2021

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129878

Lambeth Circuit

Circuit No

35/06

Minister

Revd Dr. Eleanor Jackson

Church Stewards

Rita Addai

John Amoah

Antonia Buamah

Valerie Green

Oluba Lilley

Fiona Owuru

Solomon Quaye

Michelle Wilson

Lay Workers

Sabrina Dessi- Makin Administrator

Alistair Macfarlane Hub Coordinator

Church Treasurer

Dorothy Blincoe

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2021

1

Introduction

Clapham Methodist Church stands on Clapham High Street in a very prominent position. It has a membership of 172 with a thriving Junior Church. There are many activities for children and young people and church groups meet regularly. The night time hub is open on Friday and Saturday nights to meet the needs of the young people enjoying a night out in Clapham. The hall is used daily by community groups.

Aims and organisation

The Church Mission statement is attached

Review of the year

2020-21 has been a very challenging year for the Church. For 4 months the building was completely closed. When it was open the numbers attending the morning service were limited.

to 30. There have been 15 deaths of members since the pandemic began. Throughout the year evening services, bible studies and church meetings were held on zoom. Some of the church groups were able to meet on zoom. Lettings to community groups were very few. A small group was formed to oversee the organisation required to follow Covid restrictions and agree risk assessments.

Income trends

Church income is primarily drawn from the Sunday collections, Gift aid tax credit, and lettings income from external users of the building

The rental income relates to the hire of the church hall to various groups in the community.

Expenditure trends

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Lambeth Circuit. This amounts to 28% of our total costs this year. We were unable to pay the full assessment. The Circuit assessment remains the same for next year.

A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers. The other expenditure includes general running expenses and high utility charges. The reduction of £3356 in offerings and £13702 in property lettings is due to the closure of the Church buildings

Fund Balances

As at 31 August 2021 the net current assets of the Church were £64k, giving approximately 5 Months' cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2021-2022

Church plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of a circuit assessment of £50360

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church
Trustee's Annual Report on Finance and Governance

Basis of preparation and legal framework

The Charity's annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2015 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2015

Full Name of Charity / Church: Clapham Methodist Church.....

Registration Charity Number (if a Registered Charity): ...1129878.....

Date of registration (if registered as a Charity) 2009.....

Main communication address (Church office)
Church Office, Clapham Methodist Church, London SW4 7JR

The members of the Clapham Methodist Church Council meeting are the Charity Trustees, membership being made up of church office holders, Minister and representatives appointed by the church at the Annual general Meeting.

Full list of Church Council members and key lay employees are shown as Appendix A to this report.

Treasurer: Ms Dorothy Blincoe
acted as the principal officer overseeing the day to day financial management and accounting for the church during the year.

Independent examiner *Name and address*
Marcus Duntoye, AJP House, 152-154 Coles Green Road, London NW2 7HD

Investment Bankers Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church
Trustees for Methodist Church purposes

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church

Aims and organisation

Charity objective is:..... *Mission statement attached*

The purposes of the Methodist Church are and shall be deemed to have been since the Date of Union the advancement of:

- a) The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and discipline of The Methodist Church;
- b) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, District, Circuit, local or other organisation of The Methodist Church;
- c) Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church;
- d) Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to The Methodist Church

(This section is to explain the main activities of the church, please change as appropriate)

Worshipping God through prayer, song and other acts of worship.

The organisation and resourcing of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non members alike.

The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.

The resourcing of pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.

Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Outreach to the community through coffee mornings and through partnership with the local business community to provide space and a hub coordinator for the night hub on Friday and Saturday nights

Public Benefit

We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit.

Structure, Governance and Management

The governing document for the church is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the church is undertaken by the Church Leadership team along with the Minister.

The Trustees are appointed at the AGM of the church. Office holders are elected at the Church Council.

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church

Risk Management

The major risks have been identified and recorded by the Trustees with professional advice taken as required. There is a regular annual review process undertaken and recorded.

Income and Expenditure is being monitored in total and is compared with the approved annual budget on a half yearly basis to detect trends as part of the risk management process to avoid unforeseen calls on reserves.

Safeguarding

Every person has a value and dignity which comes directly from the creation of male and female in God's own image and likeness. Christians see this potential as fulfilled by God's re-creation of us in Christ. Among other things this implies a duty to value all people as bearing the image of God and therefore to protect them from harm.

Methodist Connexional practice outlines commitment to the following principles:

- the care and nurture of, and respectful pastoral ministry with, all children, young people and adults
- the safeguarding and protection of all children, young people and adults when they are vulnerable
- the establishing of safe, caring communities which provide a loving environment where there is informed vigilance as to the dangers of abuse.
- We will carefully select and train all those with any responsibility within the Church, in line with Safer Recruitment principles, including the use of criminal records disclosures and registration with the relevant vetting and barring schemes.
- We will respond without delay to every complaint made which suggests that an adult, child or young person may have been harmed, cooperating with the police and local authority in any investigation.
- We will seek to work with anyone who has suffered abuse, developing with them an appropriate ministry of informed pastoral care.
- We will seek to challenge any abuse of power, especially by anyone in a position of trust.
- We will seek to offer pastoral care and support, including supervision and referral to the proper authorities, to any member of our church community known to have offended against a child, young person or vulnerable adult.
- In all these principles we will follow legislation, guidance and recognised good practice

The Clapham Church commits itself to ensuring the implementation of Connexional Safeguarding Policy; government legislation, guidance and safe practice in the circuit and in the churches.

The Clapham Church commits itself to the provision of support, advice and training for lay and ordained people that will ensure people are clear and confident about their roles and responsibilities in safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and adults who may be vulnerable.

Reserves Policy

The Reserves Policy for the Church is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to ..2.. months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on the church building and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full expenses including the assessment payable to the Circuit.

Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2021

Unrestricted	Designated (Unrestricted)	Restricted	Endowment Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
£		£	£	£	£

Tangible Fixed Assets*

Notes

Land & Buildings		3,539,741			3,539,741	3,359,102
Equipment			~			57
Investment properties						
Investments						
Total fixed assets		3,539,741			3,539,741	3,359,159

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments		9,535			9,535	19,045
Cash at Bank and in hand		16,717		12,260	28,977	16,834
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits		38,375		1,445	39,820	1,445
Central Finance Board Deposits				1,064	1,064	52,893
Other						
Total current assets		64,627		14,769	79,396	90,217

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		2,461			2,461	1,572
--	--	-------	--	--	-------	-------

Net current assets (liabilities)						73,664
----------------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--------

Total assets less current liabilities		62,166		14,769	3,616,676	3,447,804
--	--	---------------	--	---------------	------------------	------------------

Loans and creditors due after 1 year						
--------------------------------------	--	--	--	--	--	--

Provisions for liabilities and charges						
--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Net assets		3,601,907		14,769	3,616,676	3,447,804
-------------------	--	------------------	--	---------------	------------------	------------------

Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		3,601,907			3,601,907.00	3,432,823.00
Restricted funds				14,769	14,769.00	14,981.00
Endowment funds						
Total Funds					3,616,676.00	3,447,804.00

*Details - see Note 12

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
Internal Organisations-						
Ghana Fellowship	4640	5038	2107	2931		7571
Senior Friends	932		365			567
1 o'clock Fellowship	264					264
Mens Fellowship	95	1645	1700			40
Womens Fellowship	1096					1096
Junior Church	3944	1		1		
Benevolence	1018	338	661			695
Hub	14854	70	15778	-15708		-854
Total	26843	7092	20611			9379
		Total Receipts	Total Payments			

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward. Transfer Totals of Receipts and Payments to the SOFA

	A	C	D	E	F	G
1	Clapham Methodist Church					
2	Analytical Review of Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) for the year ended 31 August 2021					
3						
4		General Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	last year	
5		Unrestricted		2020	2019	
6	Incoming resources					
7	Offerings	40391		40391	43747	
8	Donations	4449	338	4787	2632	
9	Gift Aid	11313		11313	345	
10	Interest and investment income	74	3	77	459	
11	Lettings	2060		2060	15762	
12	Other income	7022		7022	3980	
13	Grants				22152	
14	Revaluation gain	256043		256043	92966	
15	Fundraising	200		200		
16	Internal organisations		6753	6753	5037	
17	Adjustment				5	
18						
19	Total Incoming resources	321552	7094	328646	187085	
20						
21						
22	Resources Expended					
23	Salaries costs	2240	15634	17874	15650	
24	Circuit assessment	37770		37770	50360	
25	Grants and donations		120	120	1770	
26	Repairs and Maintenance	3075		3075	6917	
27	Insurance, Utilities	8448		8448	15232	
28	Depreciation	75461		75461	78271	
29	Loan repayment					
30	Other expenditure	1898	687	2585	5658	
31	Office	7863		7863	6467	
32	TMCP Admin				3	
33	Internal organisations		4172	4172	6443	
34	Total Resources expended	136755	20613	157368	186771	
35	Net incoming resources	184797	-13519	171278	314	
36	Transfers between funds	446	-15713		-83	
37					-894	
38					-198	
39						
40	Sub Total	169084				
41	Net investment in Funds					
42	Total funds brought forward	3432823	28288	3461111	3448665	
43	Total Funds carried forward at end of year	3601907	14769	3616676	3447804	
44						
45						
46						
47						
48						
49	Collections for and payments to External organisations		20-21		19-20	
50						
51						
52	Balance brought forward					
53	Offerings/gifts received		770		265	
54	Offerings/gifts paid over		770		265	
55	Balance still to be paid					

Table 1

General Breakdown

	General	Music	Development	total
Offertories	40391.03			40391.03
gift aid	9986.58		1326.50	11313.08
Donations	110.00		4339.38	4449.38
Interest	13896		1.78	1.78
	6027020		67.52	67.52
	6027010		4.69	4.69
Lettings	2060.00			2060.00
Other Income	4481.75	2540.00		7021.75
Revaluation gain	256043.00			256043
Fund raising/gifts/grants			200.00	200.00
Total	313078.83	2540.00	5933.40	321552.23
Expenditure				
Salaries		2240.00		2240.00
Assessment	37770.00			37770.00
grants/donations				
Repairs	3075.15			3075.15
insurance and utilities	8448.15			8448.15
Depreciation	75461.00			75461.00
Office	7862.40			7862.40
TMCP Admin				
other expenditure	1897.67			1897.67
TOTAL	134514.37	2240.00	0.00	68754.37
	178564.46	300.00	5933.40	184797.86
Transfer to Hub	-15713			-15713
				<u>169084.86</u>

12. Tangible Fixed Assets

Cost or valuation

	Church (non investment) land and buildings £	Other non investment land and buildings £	Investment properties (land and buildings) £	Other fixed assets including motor vehicles £	Fixtures, fittings and equipment £	Payments on account and assets under construction £	Total £
Balance brought forward	7,113	3,507,073	200,000		79,882		3,794,068
Additions							
Revaluations (+/-)		256,043					256,043
Disposals (-)							
Transfers * (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	7,113	3,763,116	200,000		79,882		4,050,111

	2%	2%	10%			
Accumulated depreciation						
Balance brought forward	1,454	353,630		79,825		434,909
Depreciation charge for year (-)	142	75,262		57		75,461
Revaluations (+/-)						
Disposals (-)						
Transfers* (+/-)						
Balance carried forward	1,596	428,892		79,882		510,370

Net book value

Brought forward	5,659	3,153,443	200,000	-	57	3,359,159
Carried forward	5,517	3,334,224	200,000	-	-	3,539,741

* The "transfers" row is for movements between fixed asset categories.

** Indicate the method of depreciation by deleting the method not applicable (SL = straight line; RB = reducing balance). Also indicate the rate of depreciation: for straight line, depreciation is based on the anticipated life of the asset (in years); for reducing balance, a percentage annual deduction is made each year.

Clapham Methodist Church
Clapham High Street, Clapham, London, SW4 7JR

Our Mission Statement

**Our basis is in Jesus Christ.
We shall therefore:**

**expect our faith to change our life
take seriously the issues raised by our faith and life in Christ**

We shall speak and act for truth and justice,
and tell the good news of Jesus:

In the communities around the Church building
(in particular we shall support Churches Together in Clapham projects)

In the communities represented in our congregation

We shall care for each other
and share in life and faith together, especially

We shall welcome and encourage newcomers

We shall enable and empower
children and young people to reach their potential

We shall encourage each member
to be as fully involved in the life of the church as they wish,
regardless of race, gender, age or disability.

We recognise our responsibility
to promote the welfare of children, young people
and all who are vulnerable
and to prevent them from being
physically, sexually or emotionally abused.

In our worship services we shall seek

to combine the traditions of all members of the congregation
and seek ways of enabling both 'regulars' and 'newcomers'

to worship God and come to a deeper faith and commitment.

Members of Church Council September 2020 to August 2021

Minister in pastoral charge

Rev Eleanor Jackson

Superintendent Minister

Rev. Andy Dart

Circuit Steward

Raymonde Chintoh

Church Stewards

Solomon Quaye (2016) (Senior)

Rita Addai (2017)

John Amoah (2016)

Antonia Buamah (2017)

Valerie Green (2020)

Oluba Lilley (2018)

Fiona Owuru (2020)

Michelle Wilson (2019)

Representatives to the Church Council elected by Annual General Church Meeting

Henrietta Amponsah

Sharon Bryan

Regina Carrena

Gloria Domale

Hilma Dunn

Ola Fadugba

Sam Gyesi

Teresa Johnson

John Ntow

Hannah Sarpong

Morinola Sorekum-Sobogun

Secretary of Church Council (also Safeguarding Officer)

Liz Marin-Curtoud

Treasurer

Dorothy Blincoe

Secretary Pastoral Working Group

(Oluba Lilley)

Representatives appointed by Church Council

Clement Cofie (*Circuit Steward and Local Preacher*)

Vivian Korley

Karen Turner

Elizabeth Oyeledun (*Circuit Steward*)

Charity Tufour (*Secretary Worship Prayer & Christian Growing Group*)

Edna Efah (*Junior Church Superintendent*)

Gloria Leach (*Communion Steward*)

Eric Green (*Property Steward*)

(indicates dual membership)

LM-C revised 12.11.20

Church

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group*.

Signature of Treasurer

D. Blincoe

Date

15.02.2022

Name of Treasurer

DOROTHY BLINCOE

Address

28 FERNSIDE ROAD
BALHAM LONDON SW12 8LL

Presentation to the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group* for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2021 were, or will be* presented to the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group* at its meeting on

15.2.22.

and were approved. *Subject to Independent Examination*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Eleanor Jackson

Name of the Chair of the meeting

ELEANOR JACKSON

Date

23.2.22.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CLAPHAM METHODIST

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2021

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The Church's trustees are responsible for ensuring that the annual report and accounts for the year to 31 August 2016 present a true and fair view of the Church's income and expenditure for the year and of its assets and liabilities at the balance sheet date. The trustees consider that an audit is not necessary for this year under Section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act;
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities act; and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

(Trustee/Independent Examiner Signature)

Clapham Methodist Church

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with the actual figures. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, seeking explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for a full audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to the matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than as disclosed below*);

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with Section 130 of the Charities Act 2011.

- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act

have not been met; or

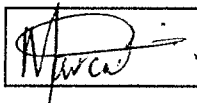
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of Clapham Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Name of independent examiner

MARCUS DUNTOYE

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FFA, FCA, MSc.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

ALEX MARC ASSOCIATES & CO.

Address

P.O. Box 22, 2 POLSTEN MEWS
ENFIELD EN3 6YF

Date

15.3.2022