

Church
Accruals Accounts
2021-2022

THE METHODIST CHURCH

REPORT AND ACCOUNTS

(ACCRUALS BASIS)

for the year ended 31 August 2022

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

Adenike Junaid

Oluba Lilley

Veronica Nunoo

Solomon Quaye

Michelle Wilson

Lay Workers

Sabrina Dessi- Makin Administrator

Alistair Macfarlane Hub Coordinator

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2022

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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

2021-2022 has been a very challenging year for the Church. We have been working to return to normal after the pandemic. Evening services, bible studies and many meetings have continued on zoom. The Junior Church has restarted and the various groups meeting in the hall are now back. Revd. Eleanor Jackson was away for three months on sabbatical and moved to another Circuit at the end of August. Revd Andy Dart will be welcomed in September.

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 59% of our total costs this year. The Circuit assessment reduces next year to £41000

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.

Fund Balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Church were £76K, giving approximately Months' cover for expenditure.

Plans for 2022-23

Church plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of a circuit assessment of £41000

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 2022 have been prepared in accordance with the Charities Act 2011 and the Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice 2019 as applicable to the Financial Reporting Standard (FRSSE) 2019

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

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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 hub pastors 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 Council along with the Minister.

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

Trustee Training

A range of guidance produced by Methodist Connexion to support the effective running of the church and the role of Trustees is given to the Church Trustees at various meetings and / or training sessions .

Related Parties

The Church is part of the Lambeth Circuit which is part of the London District and is also accountable to the Methodist Conference.

The internal organisations linked to this church are ..The Junior Church, Men's Fellowship, Women's Fellowship, 1 o'clock fellowship, Senior friends, Ghana Fellowship, Scout troupe, Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, Music Group., Night Hub.....

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 2022

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

Tangible Fixed Assets*

	Notes					
Land & Buildings		3,987,980			3,987,980	3,539,741
Equipment						
Investment properties						
Investments						
Total fixed assets					3,987,980	3,539,741

Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments		3,316			3,316	9,535
Cash at Bank and in hand		36,157		9,662	45,819	28,977
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits				1,447	1,447	39,820
Central Finance Board Deposits		52,234		1,069	53,303	1,064
Other						
Total current assets		91,707		12,178	103,885	79,396

Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)		15,408			15,408	2,461
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Net current assets (liabilities)						
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Total assets less current liabilities		4,064,279		12,178	4,076,457	3,616,676
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Loans and creditors due after 1 year						
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Provisions for liabilities and charges						
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Net assets					4,076,457	3,616,676
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Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		4,064,279				3,616,907.00
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Restricted funds			12,178			14,769.00
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Endowment funds						
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Total Funds		4,064,279		12,178	4,076,457.00	3,616,676.00
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*Details - see Note 12

	Opening balance	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Closing balances
Internal Organisations-						
Ghana Fellowship	7571	2600	3820			6351
Senior Friends	567		40	-40		527
1 o'clock Fellowship	264					264
Mens Fellowship	40	1755	850			945
Womens Fellowship	1096		254			842
Junior Church	3945	605	1906			2644
Benevolence	695	277	190			782
Hub	-854	21189	16889			3446
Total	13324	26426	23949			15801
		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			Aug-22		
3						
4		General Funds	Restricted F	Totals this year	last year	
5		Unrestricted		2022	2021	
6	Incoming resources					
7	Offerings	45417	883	46300	40391	
8	Donations	433	2243	2676	4787	
9	Gift Aid	7219		7219	11313	
10	Interest and Investment income	191	7	198	77	
11	Lettings	22806		22806	2060	
12	Other income	5430		5430	7022	
13	Grants		18946	18946		
14	Revaluation gain	534329		534329	256043	
15	Fundraising	13259		13259	200	
16	Internal organisations		4355		6753	
17	Adjustment	-1		-1		
19	Total Incoming resources	629083	26434	655517	328646	
22						
23	Resources Expended					
24	Salaries costs		15641	15641	17874	
25	Circuit assessment	50360		50360	37770	
26	Grants and donations				120	
27	Repairs and Maintenance	6560		6560	3075	
28	Insurance, Utilities	11563		11563	8448	
29	Depreciation	86090		86090	75461	
30	Loan repayment					
31	Other expenditure	9500	3344	12844	2585	
32	Office	7530		7530	7863	
33	TMCP Admin		5		4172	
34	Internal organisations		4964	4964	157368	
35	Total Resources expended	171603	23954	195557	171278	
36	Net incoming resources	457480	2480	459960		
37	Transfers between funds					
38		440 { 3446	-3446	0		
39		Ben. 854	W. Fed -842	12		
40		782	-782	0		
40	Foreign Flowers	-190		-190		
41	Sub Total					
42	Net investment in Funds	462372	-2590	459782		
43	Total funds brought forward	3601907	14768	3616675	3461111	
44	Total Funds carried forward at end of year	4064279	12178	4076457	3616676	
48						
49						
50	Collections for and payments to External organisations		21-22		20-21	
53	Balance brought forward					
54	Offerings/gifts received		1923		770	
55	Offerings/gifts paid over		1923		770	
56	Balance still to be paid					

Table 1

General Breakdown

21-22

	General	Music	Development	Total
Offertories	42474.67		2942.18	45416.85
gift aid	5777.54		1441.75	7219.29
Donations	433.49			433.49
Interest	13896			
	6027020			
	6027010		175.07	
Lettings	14.24			190.60
Other Income	22806.50			22806.50
Fund raising/gifts/grants	2609.63	2820.00		5429.63
Revaluation gain	122.00		13137.08	13259.08
	534329.00			534329
Expenditure				
Salaries	608568.36	2820.00	17696.08	629084.44
Assessment				
grants/donations	50360.00			50360.00
Repairs	6559.87			6559.87
insurance	3581.43			3581.00
utilities	7981.72			7981.72
Depreciation	86090.00			86090.00
Office	7530.54			7530.54
TMCP Admin				
other expenditure	6679.78	2820.00		9499.78
TOTAL	168783.34	2820.00		171603.34
Balance	439785.02		17696.08	457481.10
transfer	8500.00		-8500.00	457418

Restricted breakdown				2021-22															
	Benevolence	Model Trust	Hub	Junior Church	TOTAL														
	694	1445	-854	3945	5230														
Opening balance																			
Receipts																			
collections	278			605	883														
interest		7			7														
grants			18946		18946														
donations			2243		2243														
Receipts	278	7	21189	605	22079														
Total	972	1452	20335	4550	27309														
Payments																			
Donations																			
wages			15641		15641														
Exoenses	190	5	128	1906	3349														
Total	190	5	16889	1906	18990														
Final balance	782	1447	3446	2644	8319														
Bank				1575															
CFB				1069															
TMCP		1447																	
General A/c	782		3446																
Total	782	1447	3446	2644	8319														
transfer	-782		-3446																

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	3,763,116	200,000				3,970,229
Additions		534,329					534,329
Revaluations (+/-)							
Disposals (-)							
Transfers* (+/-)							
Balance carried forward	7,113	4,297,445	200,000				4,504,558

Accumulated depreciation

	2%	2%	10%	
Balance brought forward	1,596	428,892		430,488
Depreciation charge for year (-)	142	85,948		86,090
Revaluations (+/-)				
Disposals (-)				
Transfers* (+/-)				
Balance carried forward	1,738	514,840		516,578

Net book value

Brought forward	5,517	3,334,224	200,000			3,539,741
Carried forward	5,375	3,782,605	200,000			3,987,980

* 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.

Members of Church Council September 2021 to August 2022

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)

Nikki Junaid (2021)

Oluba Lilley (2018)

Veronica Nunoo (2021)

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

Lynda-Anne Garwood-Warren

Sam Gyesi

Teresa Johnson

John Ntow

Bisi Olorunfemi

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

Fiona Owuru

Elizabeth Oyeledun (*Circuit Steward*)

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

Edna Efah (*Junior Church Superintendent*)

Gloria Leach (*Communion Steward*)

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH

CLAPHAM HIGH STREET, CLAPHAM, LONDON, SW4

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our basis is in Jesus Christ. We shall therefore

- expect our faith to change our life
- take seriously 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 the 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 full potential
- we shall encourage each member to be as fully involved in the life of the Church as s/he wishes, regardless of race, gender, age, or disability
- we recognise our responsibility to promote the welfare of children and young people, and to prevent them being physically, sexually, or emotionally abused

In our Worship Services we shall seek to combine the traditions of all members of our congregation and to seek ways of enabling both "regulars" and "new-comers" to worship God and come to a deeper faith and commitment.

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

13.02.2023

Name of Treasurer

DOROTHY BLINCOE

Address

28 Fernside Rd.
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

14.02.2023

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Andrew J. Ait.

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. ANDREW J. AIT.

Date

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

2022

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.

* Please delete or circle as appropriate

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 records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, explanations from the Trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a true and fair view. My report is limited to those 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 2006

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

have not been met; or

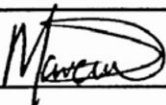
(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

(3) I have /have not* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees of the 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) as at the balance sheet date.

Name of independent
examiner

MARCUS DUNTOYE

Signature of independent
examiner



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FCA, FCIT, MSc.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

ALEX MARC ASSOCIATES & CO.

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ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX EN3 6YF

Date

23.3.2023