



Church
Accruals Accounts
2022-2023

THE METHODIST CHURCH
REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
(ACCRUALS BASIS)
for the year ended 31 August 2023

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129878

| | | |
|-----------------|------------|-------|
| Lambeth Circuit | Circuit No | 35/06 |
|-----------------|------------|-------|

Minister

Revd Andy Dart

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 Sept 22 -April 23

Alistair Macfarlane Hub Coordinator Sept22-May23

Agatha Aarkah Hub Coordinator July-August 23

CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

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Introduction

Clapham Methodist Church stands on Clapham High Street in a very prominent position. It has a membership of 164 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

2022-2023 has been a very challenging year for the Church

Revd Eleanor Jackson was moved to another circuit at very short notice. We were glad to welcome Revd Andy Dart as our new Minister. However early in 2023 Revd Andy became very ill and was unable to return to work.

We have been supported by the other Circuit Staff.

Income Trends

Church income is primarily drawn from the Sunday collections, Gift aid tax credit, and lettings income from external users of the building. More members are paying directly into the bank.

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 40% of our total costs this year.

A significant amount of the Circuit assessment is used to pay the District assessment, stipends and related costs to Ministers. The Church expenditure includes general running expenses, repairs, insurance and high utility charges.

Fund Balances

As at 31st August 2023 the net current assets of the church were 54K, giving approximately 2 months' cover for expenditure

Plans for 2023-24

Church plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of a circuit assessment of £41,000

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 (Circuit office)
Circuit 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 hurch 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)

Worshiping 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.

Trustee Training

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

Related Parties

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

The internal organisations linked to the Church are:-

The Junior Church, Men's fellowship, Women's fellowship, 1 o'clock fellowship, Senior friends, Ghana fellowship, Scout troupe, Brownies and Guides, Young People's music group. Night Hub.

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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.

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 | | 4,028,232 | | | 4,028,232 | 3,987,980 |
| Equipment | | 1,020 | | | 1,020 | |
| Investment properties | | | | | | |
| Investments | | | | | | |
| Total fixed assets | | 4,029,252 | | | 4,029,252 | 3,987,980 |

Current Assets

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|---------------|--|---------------|----------------|------------------|
| Debtors and Prepayments | | 5,006 | | | 5,006 | 3,316 |
| Cash at Bank and in hand | | 37,341 | | 10,503 | 47,844 | 45,819 |
| Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits | | | | 1,445 | 1,445 | 1,447 |
| Central Finance Board Deposits | | 52,070 | | 1,106 | 53,176 | 53,303 |
| Other | | | | | | |
| Total current assets | | 94,417 | | 13,054 | 107,471 | 103,885 |
| Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr) | | 2,366 | | | 2,366 | 15,408 |
| Net current assets (liabilities) | | | | | | |
| Total assets less current liabilities | | | | | | 4,076,475 |

Loans and creditors due after 1 year

| | | | | | | |
|--|--|------------------|--|---------------|------------------|--|
| Provisions for liabilities and charges | | | | | | |
| Net assets | | 4,121,303 | | 13,054 | 4,134,357 | |

Funds of the Church

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------|--|------------------|--|---------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Unrestricted funds | | 4,121,303 | | | | 4,064,279.00 |
| Restricted funds | | | | 13,054 | | 12,178.00 |
| Endowment funds | | | | | | |
| Total Funds | | 4,121,303 | | 13,054 | 4,134,357.00 | 4,076,457.00 |

*Details - see Note 12

| | Opening balance | Receipts | Payments | Net Receipts/ Payments | Adjustments | Closing balances |
|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Internal Organisations- | | | | | | |
| Ghana Fellowship | 6351 | 1580 | 1217 | 363 | | 6714 |
| Senior Friends | 527 | 291 | | 291 | | 818 |
| 1 o'clock Fellowship in Gen. Fds | 265 | 258 | 246 | 12 | | 277 |
| Mens Fellowship | 945 | 470 | 100 | 370 | | 1315 |
| Womens Fellowship in Gen Fds | 942 | | 110 | 110 | | 832 |
| Junior Church | 2644 | 698 | 580 | 118 | | 2762 |
| Benevolence in general Fds | 782 | 469 | 295 | 174 | | 956 |
| Hub in general Fds | 3446 | 21747 | 20313 | 1434 | | 4880 |
| Total | 15902 | 25513 | 22861 | 2652 | | 18554 |

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

Table 1

| General Breakdown | 2022-2023 | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------|-----------|
| | General | Music | Development | total |
| Offertories | 43173.9 | | 3073.75 | 46247.65 |
| gift aid | 8043.07 | | 1093.75 | 9136.82 |
| Donations | | | 8476.70 | 8476.70 |
| Interest | 13896 | 45.88 | | |
| | 6027020 | | | |
| | 6027010 | 118.76 | 1584.95 | 1749.59 |
| Lettings | 30247.00 | | | 30247 |
| Other Income | 758.20 | 2425.00 | | 3183.20 |
| Revaluation gain | 130054.00 | | | 130054 |
| Fund raising/gifts/grants | 75.00 | | 1167.69 | 1242.69 |
| Total | 212515.81 | 2425.00 | 15396.84 | 230337.65 |
| Expenditure | | | | |
| Salaries | | | | |
| Assessment | 41000.00 | | | 41000.00 |
| grants/donations | | | | |
| Repairs | 14559.77 | | 575.94 | 15135.71 |
| insurance and utilities | 15096.13 | | | 15096.13 |
| Depreciation | 88782.00 | | | 88782.00 |
| Office | 7755.07 | | 1132.91 | 8887.98 |
| TMCP Admin | 2.56 | | | 2.56 |
| other expenditure | 3562.27 | 2425.00 | 562.00 | 6549.27 |
| TOTAL | 170757.80 | | 2270.85 | 175453.65 |
| Balance | 41758.01 | | 13125.99 | 54884 |

| Restricted breakdown | | 2022-23 | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------|---------------|-------|--|-----------------------|-------|--|
| | Benevolence | Model Trust | Hub | Junior Church | TOTAL | | Other internal groups | Total | |
| Opening balance | 782 | 1447 | 3446 | 2644 | 8319 | | 2579 | 10718 | |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| collections | 469 | | | 698 | 1167 | | | | |
| interest | | 45 | | | | | | | |
| grants | | | 20485 | | 20485 | | | | |
| donations | | | 1262 | | 1262 | | | | |
| Total | 469 | 45 | 21747 | 698 | 22959 | | 1019 | 23978 | |
| <u>Payments</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Donations | 295 | | | | 295 | | | | |
| wages | | | 14572 | | 14572 | | | | |
| Exoenses | | 47 | 5741 | 580 | 6368 | | | | |
| Total | 295 | 47 | 20313 | 580 | 21235 | | 456 | 21691 | |
| Final balance | 956 | 1445 | 4880 | 2762 | 10043 | | 3142 | 13185 | |
| Bank | | | | | | | | | |
| CFB | | | | 1656 | 1656 | | 2133 | 3789 | |
| TMCP | | 1445 | | 1106 | 1106 | | | 1106 | |
| General A/c | 956 | | 4880 | | 5836 | | 1009 | 6845 | |
| Total | | | | | 10043 | | 3142 | 13185 | |
| transfer | -174 | | -1435 | | -1609 | | -277 | | |
| | | | | | | | -110 | | |
| | | | | | | | -126 | -2122 | |

Benevolence, Hub, 10'clock fellowship, Womens fellowship included in General Funds - f-6845

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 | 4,297,445 | 200,000 | | | | 4,504,558 |
| Additions | | 128,921 | | | 1,133 | | 130,054 |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | | |
| Transfers * (+/-) | | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | 7,113 | 4,426,366 | 200,000 | | 1,133 | | 4,634,612 |

| Accumulated depreciation | 2% | 2% | 10% | 10% | | |
|----------------------------------|----|-------|---------|-----|-----|---------|
| Balance brought forward | | 1,738 | 514,840 | | | 516,578 |
| Depreciation charge for year (-) | | 142 | 88,527 | | 113 | 88,782 |
| Revaluations (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Disposals (-) | | | | | | |
| Transfers* (+/-) | | | | | | |
| Balance carried forward | | 1,880 | 603,367 | | 113 | 605,360 |

Net book value

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|---------|--|-------|-----------|
| Brought forward | 5,375 | 3,782,605 | 200,000 | | | 3,987,980 |
| Carried forward | 5,233 | 3,822,999 | 200,000 | | 1,020 | 4,030,272 |

* 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 2022 to August 2023

Minister in pastoral charge

Rev **Andy Dart**

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 METHODIST CHURCH, CLAPHAM. LONDON SW4 7JR

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our basis is 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's 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 he/she 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 from being physically, sexually or emotionally abused.

On our Worship Services we shall seek to combine the traditions of a member of our congregation and to seek ways of enabling both regulars and newcomers to worship God and come to a deeper faith and commitment.

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that these accrual based accounts for the year ended 31 August 20~~18~~²³ 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

J. Blucioe

Date

4th February 2024

Name of Treasurer

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 2016 were, or will be* presented to the Church Council / Members' Meeting / Leadership Group* at its meeting on

06/02/2021

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

A. L. J.

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Dr. Andrew Jones

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 August20~~18~~²³

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 20~~18~~²³ 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.

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 accounting records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items, in nature or scale, or disclosures in the accounts, and 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) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements of the Charities Act 2006 have not been met; or

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements of the Charities Act 2006 have not been met; or
- 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 Clapham 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

Marcus

Relevant Professional qualification or body

FFA, FTA, FCA, MSc.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

ALEX MARC ASSOCIATES & Co.

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ENFIELD, EN3 6YF

Date

08.04.2024