



Church  
Accruals Accounts  
2023-2024

**THE METHODIST CHURCH**  
**REPORT AND ACCOUNTS**  
**(ACCRUALS BASIS)**  
for the year ended 31 August 2024

**CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH**

Church

Registered Charity - Registration number (if applicable)

1129878

Lambeth Circuit

Circuit No

35/06

Minister

Revd Dr Andy Lyons

Church Srewards

Rita Addai

John Amoah

Antonia Buamah

Valerie Green

Oluba Lilley

Veronica Nunoo

Solomon Quaye

Michelle Wilson

Lay Workers

Agatha Aarkah Hub Coordinator

Church Treasurer

Dorothy Blincoe

**CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH Church  
TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024**

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**Introduction**

*Clapham Methodist Church stands on Clapham High Street in a very prominent position. It has a membership of 150 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**

2023-24 has been a very challenging year for the church and the circuit.

Revd Andy Lyons was welcomed at the beginning of the year to take the place of

Revd Andy Dart who retired due to ill health. Revd Andy Lyons acted as Superintendent and Minister of Clapham along with his previous work. We thank him for all his support. With him we were struggling to cope with all the management issues of the church. We were preparing for our 150th Anniversary to be held in October 24.

**Income trends**

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

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

**Expenditure trends**

The major cost is in relation to the assessment paid to the Clapham Circuit. The Circuit assessment was reduced by £4000.

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, high gas and electricity charges, and high boiler repairs.

**Fund balances**

As at 31 August 2024 the net current assets of the Church were K24,

**Plans for 24-25**

Church plans for the coming year have been prepared on the basis of the assessment of £41000 taking into account higher utility prices

**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 2024 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 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)*

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 Lambeth 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, , Ghana fellowship, Scout troupe, Brownies and Guides, Young People's 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.

## Balance Sheet as at 31 August 2024

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

## Tangible Fixed Assets\*

## Notes

Land & Buildings		4,052,362							
Equipment		13,642							
Investment properties									
Investments									
<b>Total fixed assets</b>		13,642							

## Current Assets

Debtors and Prepayments		5,325							
Cash at Bank and in hand		18,377							
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes deposits									
Central Finance Board Deposits		72,115							
Other									
<b>Total current assets</b>		95,817							

## Creditors and Accruals (due in under 1 yr)

		10,811							
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## Net current assets (liabilities)

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## Total assets less current liabilities

		4,151,010							
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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

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## Funds of the Church

Unrestricted funds		4,151,010							
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Restricted funds									
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Endowment funds									
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<b>Total Funds</b>									
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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		2023-24			
		General	Music	Development	TOTAL
Offertories		40531.13		3117.48	43648.61
gift aid, CAF		8449.32		1126.50	9575.82
Donations				5383.79	5383.79
Interest	13896	72.34		72.34	72.34
	6027020			2867.42	2867.42
	6027010	185.21		185.21	185.21
Lettings		23464.00		23464.00	23464.00
Other Income		1477.07		4241.70	4241.70
Revaluation gain		115101.00		115101.00	115101.00
Fund raising/gifts/grants					
Total		189280.07		15259.82	204539.89
Expenditure					
Salaries			1140.00		1140.00
Assessment		37000.00			37000.00
grants/donations					
Repairs		9489.11			9489.11
insurance and utilities		15519.49			15519.49
Depreciation		92499.00			92499.00
Office		5989.30			5989.3
TMCP Admin		4.12			4.12
other expenditure		4232.63		14150.00	18382.63
TOTAL		164733.65	1140.00	14150.00	180023.65
Final total		24546.41	-1140	1109.82	24516.23





## **Members of Church Council September 2023 to August 2024**

### *Minister in pastoral charge*

Revd Dr Andy Lyons

### *Superintendent Minister*

(Revd Dr Andy Lyons)

### *Circuit Steward*

Raymonde Chintoh

### *Church Stewards*

Solomon Quaye

Rita Addai

John Amoah

Antonia Buamah

Valerie Green

Veronica Nunoo

Michelle Wilson

### *Representatives to the Church Council elected by Annual General Church Meeting*

Henrietta Amponsah

Sharon Bryan

Regina Carrena

Gloria Domale

Hilma Dunn

Ola Fadugba (died April 2024)

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*

Vacant

### *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*)

(indicates dual membership)



# CLAPHAM METHODIST CHURCH

Clapham High Street, Clapham, London SW4 7JR

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## 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 potential
- we shall encourage each member to be fully involved in the life for the Church as she/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 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 2019 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council.

Signature of Treasurer

J. Blincoe

Date

29.04.2025

Name of Treasurer

DOROTHY BLINCOE

Address

28 Fernside Rd. Balham  
London SW12 8LLPresentation to the Church Council / ~~Members' Meeting~~ / ~~Leadership Group\*~~ for approval.

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 Aug 2019 were, ~~or will be~~\* presented to the Church Council at its meeting on

24.06.2025

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Dr. A. LYONS

Date

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

CLAPHAM METHODIST

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August20~~19~~<sup>24</sup>

## 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~~19~~<sup>24</sup> 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 those records. 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 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 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 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.

Name of independent examiner

MARCUS DUNTOYE

Signature of independent examiner



Relevant Professional qualification or body

FFA, FTA, FCA, MSc.

Name of firm (where appropriate)

ALEX MARC ASSOCIATES & Co.

Address

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

Date

26. MAY. 2025