

Statement from The Chairman

Nurturing Growth, Seeking The Stranger

As a charity the trustees of Trinity Methodist Circuit, remained focussed on our primary roles of Christian mission and ministry throughout the 2022-2023 Church Year. In the main, our vision continued primarily to be the translation of God's extraordinary plan of salvation into real life in both our church family and our surrounding community.

We continued to be guided in this by the overall Mission of our parent charity body, the British Methodist Church, to 'spread scriptural holiness' through the land. That has meant working on two fronts: first, the internal front – building ourselves up spiritually. And second, the external front – reaching out to our surrounding communities with the transforming Gospel of Christ.

Our operational activities have centred around the study of the Holy Scriptures and the cultivation of spiritual disciplines: prayer, Bible reading, meditation. In a lot of these activities, we have strategically kept an eye on our own growth, and the other on outreach. We have sought the stranger, and we have also tried to build the spiritual home to which they will come. And we have continued to offer a pastoral presence to all other groups within the church and its surrounding community.

The adjoining reports on our finances, property and premises, stewards, GDPR, pastoral work, and safeguarding all attest to a busy year and a hopeful future for our charity.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Obong-Oshotse

The Reverend Greg Obong-Oshotse M.Th.
Minister

THE METHODIST CHURCH

STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PLUMSTEAD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Lesnes Abbey	Circuit	Circuit no	35/30
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1129942

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid number

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

Minister:

Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse

Church Stewards:

Femi Lawson	Ben Godwyll
Margaret Gbadamosi	Tolu Tikare
Irene Fynch	Adebayo Jolaoso
Oyebunmi Baderinwa	Josephine Adekola

Treasurer:

Eben Gyang-Kodia

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	41,667		41,667	39,656
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	551		551	89
a4	Lettings	55,473		55,473	51,592
a5	Other receipts	19,434		19,434	15,557
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	117,125		117,125 (a7)	106,894

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,747		44,747	42,584
b3	Donations	275		275	200
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	7,622		7,622	6,570
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	15,219		15,219	27,036
b6	Admin/Cleaning	21,262		21,262	24,565
b7	Other payments	15,685		15,685	8,294
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	104,810		104,810 (b9)	109,249

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	12,315	12,315	(2,355)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	53,124		53,124 (c6)	55,091
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	65,439	65,439	52,736
c4	Transfers and adjustments	1,445		1,445 (c7)	388
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	66,884	66,884 (c8)	53,124 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS			
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		
j1	Balance brought forward from last year		
j2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		
j3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		
j4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID		
	(d1+d2-d3)		

SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2023 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
1 Chatterbox						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds						
9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	117,125 (a7)	104,810 (b9)			53,124 (c6)	66,884 (c8)
10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	117,125	104,810	12,315	1,445 (c7)	53,124 (x)	66,884 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2023	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
Cash in hand		
Bank Current Account	1,635	10,097
Bank Deposit Account / Building Fund Account	20,789	20,982
Central Finance Board	368	4,539
Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	19,686	20,079
Other funds	10,646	11,187
SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	53,124 (c6)	66,884 (c8)
Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)		
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	53,124 (x)	66,884 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
1 Investments (include Endowments)		
2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
3 Other Assets		
4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
5 Other Liabilities		

14 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

15 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer

Eben Gyang-Kodia

Date

10/01/2024

Name

Eben Gyang-Kodia

Address

29 Raymere Gardens Plumstead London SE18 2LB

Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on
and were approved.

19.2.2024

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

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Name of the Chair of the meeting

Revd Greg Obeng-Oshoto

Date

19.2.2024

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

-TRINITY METHODIST

Church - PLUMSTEAD

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

2023

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required 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.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the 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 that 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;
- 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

(3) I have/~~have not~~ obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

* Please circle as appropriate

Name

DENNIS EDWARD SLUDDER

Signature



Relevant Professional qualification or body

Address

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NORTHFLEET
KENT DA11 7DT

Date

26/01/2024

TRINITY CENTRE

PREMISES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-23

Our new Circuit and Trinity Administrator started work at the end of 2022 and has taken on the role of Secretary to the Premises Committee. After discussion and consultation with our major Centre user group (Charlton Park Academy) we decided to hold meetings every two months instead of every month.

Since the last report, the main user groups have remained the same: Charlton Park Academy (Monday to Friday), Scouts, Soundsteps Music School, Alcoholics Anonymous, GABTA Karate, Mrs Takhi's tuition group. Sadly, the Tots and Toddlers group closed due to lack of support. Mensah Edusport have used the building for activities (and meals) for children in the Easter and Summer holidays.

A Warm Welcome coffee morning was run each Wednesday morning from December to Easter. The young people from Charlton Park 19+ group were enthusiastic helpers. However, there were other drop-in sessions running nearby, and the uptake remained low.

We had problems with the heating system and had to have two pumps in the boiler room replaced. We also had work done on lift, which although perfectly safe needed to be updated to meet current requirements.

We had two Work Days, one in June and one in August. Great work was done by the volunteers, making a huge difference to the church garden and getting some "spring cleaning" and repairs done in the building. We are planning to make the Work Days a regular event.

Stewards and Media team Annual Report 2022-23

Stewards

There are currently eight (8) active stewards on rota out of the total number of thirteen (13) that make up the stewards' body. Since the last AGM, we have not had one new steward despite the regular appeal for church volunteers.

- Ben Godwyll
- Femi Lawson
- Tolu Tikare
- Margaret Gbadamosi
- Josephine Adekola
- Adebayo Joloaso
- Oyebunmi Baderinwa
- Irene Fynch

Only three of the active stewards are trained to open up the church. This is putting a stretch on those who open up. We would like to request to get more stewards trained to open up the church for the Sunday church services.

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Media team

We have four volunteers in the media team who are assisting with operating the projector and streaming the service on Zoom. This has been good for the media team.

- Adeola Tikare
- Samuel Edem
- Damilola Baderinwa
- Michelle Gureje

With the donation of a new TV monitor for the social area, it will soon be possible to stream the service to the social area.

The donation of £600.00 that was received last year for the media team, that money is yet to be used to install the projector software on the new laptop. Any monies left will go towards upgrading the PA / audio system to improve the sound quality.

Benjamin Godwyll
Senior Church Steward

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

ANNUAL GDPR REPORT, 2022- 2023

Trinity's Annual Return on Data Protection was submitted to the District to meet the deadline of 31st May.

Our Data Mapping form was updated to reflect the appointment of new Pastoral Visitors and the Circuit/Church Administrator. It will be updated again to include the church membership database, to which access is strictly limited.

We are continuing the process of securely destroying old personal information that does not need to be kept.

There were no breaches of security notified. There were no requests by individuals for access to their personal data held by Trinity.

Church Council members, as Managing Trustees, were reminded to read the Managing Trustees Privacy Policy which is displayed on the notice board in the vestibule. It is also available online via the website of the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) .

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

PASTORAL TEAM ANNUAL REPORT 2022- 2023

The Pastoral Team consisted of nine Pastoral Visitors, one of who was secretary to the Pastoral Committee. The Committee met on in January, April, and July under the chairmanship of Revd. Greg Obong-Oshotse. The Pastoral Visitors are actively keeping in contact with the members and church attenders on their lists and supporting them with prayer.

To comply with the District safeguarding requirements, all the Pastoral Visitors have gone through the Safer Recruitment process. Those whose DBS certificates had lapsed, had new checks done by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

All the details of those on the pastoral lists have been transferred to a new database. Once this is fully operational we will have a complete electronic membership roll which can be kept up to date.

The lists showing Pastoral Visitors and the names of those in their groups, were displayed in the vestibule and the congregation were invited to check in case anyone had not been allocated a Visitor. This exercise resulted in some changes being made to the lists, and the changes were made on the database.

Trinity Methodist Church, Lesnes Abbey Circuit

Safeguarding Report 2022-2023

Safeguarding Incident

There has been no Safeguarding incident reported over the last year.

Training

Seventeen members including Stewards and volunteers have completed the Safeguarding Foundation Module training.

The Circuit Safeguarding Officer is to arrange another training day for the remaining five who should attend such training. There was one Face to face Foundation training day at Wesley Hall Methodist church in September. The Church Administrator was able to attend however, the training was during the week which made it difficult for others to attend because of work commitment. There is still no online Foundation Module training yet however the District Safeguarding Officer and her assistant are working hard to be able to facilitate such training. The Pastoral Leader and I were able to complete the Advanced module Safeguarding training last year as required for our positions.

I was also able to attend the Safeguarding Conference at the London district in March of this year. The conference was very inspiring and well attended.

Safeguarding Audit

Annual Safeguarding audit review part one and two were completed and returned to the London District Safeguarding team in July and August 2023.

We now await to receive report of the audit and a visit from the District Safeguarding officer and her team.

A lot of the work has been done on areas we were audited on.

An updated Safeguarding policy, Complaint policy, Whistle blowing policy and Critical incident policies were completed and ratified by the Church Council in October 2023.

They are now on display on the church notice board and our Safeguarding policy is about to be uploaded onto the church website. The policy was also sent to all service users of Trinity Centre when their contracts were renewed on a yearly basis.

Winnie Williams

Safeguarding Officer