

*Statement from The Chairman*

## Nurturing Growth, Seeking The Stranger

As a charity, the trustees of Trinity Methodist Church remained focussed on our primary roles of Christian mission and ministry throughout the 2023-2024 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 2024

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:

Ben Godwyll	Femi Lawson
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
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	48,517		48,517	41,667
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,289		3,289	551
a4	Lettings	63,565		63,565	55,473
a5	Other receipts	24,054		24,054	19,434
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>139,425</b>		<b>139,425</b> (a7)	<b>117,125</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,747		44,747	44,747
b3	Donations / Benevolent				275
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	5,017		5,017	7,622
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	26,937		26,937	15,219
b6	Admin/Cleaning	40,564		40,564	21,262
b7	Other payments	23,998		23,998	15,685
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>141,263</b>		<b>141,263</b> (b9)	<b>104,810</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(1,838)</b>	<b>(1,838)</b>	12,315
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		66,884	66,884 (c6)	53,124
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>65,046</b>	<b>65,046</b>	<b>65,439</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,024	1,024 (c7)	1,445
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>66,070</b>	<b>66,070</b> (c8)	<b>66,884</b> (c6)

SECTION D				
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>				
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>		

# **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 2024 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
e1 Chatterbox						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
c8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
c9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	139,425	141,263 (b9)		1,024 (c7)	66,884 (c6)	66,070 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	139,425	141,263	(1,838)	1,024	66,884 (x)	66,070 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>				

## **SECTION F**

### **STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

116,574

#### **CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	10,097	8,259
f3 Bank Deposit Account / Building Fund Account	20,982	17,164
f4 Central Finance Board	4,539	3,289
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	20,079	21,171
f6 Other funds	11,187	16,187
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	66,884 (c6)	66,070 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,884 (x)	66,070 (y)

## **SECTION G**

### **OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 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

29/12/24

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.

24.2.25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

[Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev A. Obang-Oshatse

Date

24.2.25

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

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH - PLUMSTEAD

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> August

2024

### 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 SCUDDER

Signature

*[Signature]*

Relevant Professional qualification or body

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Date

24/02/2025