

*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 2024-2025 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 once again to a busy year and a hopeful future for our charity.

Yours Sincerely

*Greg Obong-Oshotse*

The Reverend Greg Obong-Oshotse M.Th.  
*Minister*

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING

31.8.2025

Trinity Methodist Church  
265 Burrage Road  
Plumstead  
London SE18 7JW

Charity Registration No. 1129942

# **INCOME & EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>Notes</b>	<b>2024</b>
	£		£
Offerings	43991	1	48517
Lettings	65687	2	63565
Donations	5850		6045
Fund Raising (£1.00 Collection)	3000		
Other Charitable Funds			1203
Benevolent Fund	402	3	385
Gift Aid	6829		6397
Bank Interest			
Circuit Refunds			
Other Refunds (Tax)			
Misc. Income			
Weddings			
Transfer from Building Fund	1790		4192
Retreat	7051		7624
Compassion - Haiti			1497
Retreat (Debt)	542		
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>135142</b>		<b>139425</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Circuit Assessment	54350		44747
CFB Account			3243
Benevolent Fund (Payments)	540		0
Utilities	24386	4	20383
Insurance	5779		6553
Cleaning	19191		19507
Telephone	2529		2297
Overheads	5870		10206
Administration	16246		21057
Bank Charges	177		176
Retreat	7483		6570
Offering Refund (Pmt to Abbey Wood)	1165		
Building Maintenance	2932		5017
Compassion - Haiti			1497
Transfer to Building Fund	710		
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>141358</b>		<b>141263</b>
<b>Excess (Deficit) Over Income</b>	<b>-6216</b>		<b>-1838</b>
<b>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</b>	<b>8259</b>		<b>10097</b>
<b>NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>2043</b>		<b>8259</b>

# **BALANCE SHEET FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST AUGUST 2025**

<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>
	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Circuit Assessment Prepaid		11187
CFB Deposit Account	3115	3289
HSB Current Account	2043	8259
Building Fund	30697	17164
Bequests Held by TMCP	21999	21171
Loan : Lesnes Abbey Circuit	2000	5000
	<b>59854</b>	<b>66070</b>
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		
Sundry Creditors/Accruals	0	0
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>59854</b>	<b>66070</b>
<b>REPRESENTED BY: FUND ACCOUNT</b>		
Opening Balance B/F	66070	66884
Gain / Loss For The Year	-6216	-1838
TMCP/CFB Gain / Loss		1024
Premises Booking Deposits		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>59854</b>	<b>66070</b>
<b>Restricted Funds:</b>		
Sunday Club	135	135
Benevolent Fund	2820	2958
Building Fund	30697	17164
<b>Charitable Funds</b>		
Restricted Funds Total	33652	20257
<b>Unrestricted Funds Total</b>	<b>26202</b>	<b>45813</b>
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>59854</b>	<b>66070</b>

**TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31.8.2025**

- 1 The offerings for the year decreased by 9.33%
- 2 The lettings for the year increased by 3.80%
- 3 Benevolent Fund donation is to support Church family in need.
- 4 Utilities expenditure increased by 19%

		2025	2024
5 Building Fund	Bal B/F	17164	20982
	Rec 2024 / 2025	13533	374
	Grant		
	Expenses		-4192
	Bal C/F	30697	17164

**6 Utilities charges:**

Gas	10319	6602
Electric	10574	9891
Water	1567	1583
Refuse	1926	2307
	<b>24386</b>	<b>20383</b>

- 7 Resources expenditure of £5,870.00 include general overheads - stationery, printing, minor repairs and house keeping
- 8 Building Maintenance £2,932.00 comprises Heating, Electric testing, Fire equipment, Alarm system, Lift and Alterations.

**RESERVES POLICY**

To maintain an account balance in our General Fund to cover six months gross expenditure i.e. £65,000

To maintain premises and equipment to continue to provide facilities to be enjoyed by the community (Trinity Centre), estimated at £12,500

To support the local Methodist Circuit in their ministerial, outreach and building commitments

# THE METHODIST CHURCH

## STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH PLUMSTEAD

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

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	Senior Church Steward
Margaret Gbadamosi	Tolu Tikare
Femi Lawson	Adebayo Jolaoso
Oyebunmi Baderinwa	Josephine Adekola
Irene Fynch	Faith Moses

**Treasurer:**

Eben Gyang-Kodia

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

Trinity Methodist Church Plumstead

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
	Note	£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	43,991		43,991	48,517
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	3,115		3,115	3,289
a4	Lettings	65,687		65,687	63,565
a5	Other receipts	22,349		22,349	24,054
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>135,142</b>		<b>135,142 (a7)</b>	<b>139,425</b>

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	54,350		54,350	44,747
b3	Donations / Benevolent	540		540	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	2,932		2,932	5,017
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	30,165		30,165	26,937
b6	Admin/Cleaning	35,437		35,437	40,564
b7	Other payments	17,934		17,934	23,998
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>141,358</b>		<b>141,358 (b9)</b>	<b>141,263</b>

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)</b>	<b>(6,216)</b>		<b>(6,216)</b>	<b>(1,838)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	66,070		66,070 (c6)	66,884
c3	<b>Sub total (c1+c2)</b>	<b>59,854</b>		<b>59,854</b>	<b>65,046</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments			(c7)	1,024
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)</b>	<b>59,854</b>		<b>59,854 (c8)</b>	<b>66,070 (c6)</b>

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 (d1+d2-d3)</b>		



## 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 2025 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						
Sub total of internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
Church accounts total brought forward from page 2 - main column	135,142 (a7)	141,358 (b9)	(8,216)	(c7)	66,070 (c6)	59,854 (c8)
TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	135,142	141,358	(8,216)		66,070 (x)	59,854 (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 2025

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	8,259	2,043
f3 Bank Deposit Account / Building Fund Account	17,164	30,697
f4 Central Finance Board	3,289	3,115
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	21,171	21,999
f6 Other funds	16,187	2,000
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	66,070 (c6)	59,854 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	66,070 (x)	59,854 (y)

## SECTION G

## OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
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

18/12/2025

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.

23.2.26

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

[Signature]

Name of the Chair of the meeting

Ruel G. Obong-Oshote

Date

23.2.26

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

Trinity Methodist

Church

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

2025

### 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 SUDDER

Signature D. Sudder

Relevant Professional qualification or body  
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Date 19/01/2026

**PROPERTY REPORT TO THE TRINITY CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON SUNDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026**

Calvary greetings to you all in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Church Heating: The installation of the new boilers has been completed, commissioned and fully functional. The project cost about Thirty-seven thousand pounds of which we got a grant of twenty-five thousand pounds from the district advance fund to support this project. The balance was covered from the church account.

Premises use: Charlton Park Academy continues to be the major user of the building Monday to Friday. Other user groups are Scouts, Sound steps, Music School, Alcoholics Anonymous as well as other one-off bookings that come in occasionally.

Inspection: All other required periodic inspections of the building are up to date except the five-year electrical condition report (EICR) that is being arranged for.

The London fire service visited the building recently and outline some health and safety issues that we need to put in place. Work is still ongoing on this but most of them have been done including safety signs and emergency lightings around the premises.

There was a big blockage in the building underground waste disposal system which resulted in blockage of the toilets. Contractors were called in and they removed some of the blockages and freed up the toilets but the underground waste system is still being monitored.

In order to avoid future occurrence, the premises committee have stopped the use of blue tissues, installed new hand dryer in the downstairs lady's toilet and have installed signs in all toilets for people not to flush items capable of causing blockages in the toilets.

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Thank you

Tolu Tikare  
Property Steward.

## **TRINITY CENTRE**

### **PREMISES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-25**

The Committee consists of eight members, including the Church Treasurer and Church Property Steward, and has met every two months under the chairmanship of Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse. The Church and Circuit Administrator is the Secretary to the Committee. As usual we invited representatives of Charlton Park Academy and 19+ group (Trinity People) to join us for part of each meeting.

The main user group during the week is still Charlton Park Academy (Monday to Friday), We still host Scouts, Soundsteps Music School, Alcoholics Anonymous, GABTA Karate, Pilates weekly session, GCDA Cookery Club, and quarterly meetings of the Trustees of Plumstead Almshouses. The Wednesday tuition group stopped meeting at Trinity, as did the Wednesday Tamil School. Mensah Edusport used the building for activities (and meals) for children in the school holidays. Occasional one-off bookings for community events are accepted, if approved by the Committee.

Sincere thanks are due to Julie our Administrator who copes with a heavy workload and undertakes many practical tasks to look after the user groups; also to Tolu our Property Steward who freely gives his time and skills to maintain a large complex building ; and the team of church volunteers who look after the Centre reception desk, Monday to Friday during office hours.

## Stewards

There are currently nine (9) active stewards on rota that make up the stewards' body.

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

Ben, Femi and Tolu have keys to the church and are trained to open and close up the church. Ben and Femi have access to the safe.

On the rota, three stewards are assigned for each service with varying duties.

Benjamin Godwyll, Senior Church Steward

15/04/2026

## **TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE**

### **GDPR ANNUAL REPORT, 2024- 2025**

Trinity's Annual Return on Data Protection was submitted to the District to meet the deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> May. Prior to that submission, our Data Mapping form and Processor Record were reviewed and updated.

We are making progress in securely destroying old personal information that does not need to be kept. As more archive material is transferred to the first floor archive store (formerly the computer room) we will no doubt identify more such information.

No breaches of data 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 updated 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 2024- 2025**

The Pastoral Team consisted of nine Pastoral Visitors, one of whom acted as Secretary to the Pastoral Committee. The Committee met in October 2024, and January, April, and July 2025 under the chairmanship of Revd. Greg Obong-Oshotse. Its main purpose was to receive, in confidence, reports from the Pastoral Visitors and lift up church members in prayer. In order to inform the Committee, the Pastoral Visitors made every effort to keep in contact with the members and church attenders on their lists and support them individually with prayer.

It was noted that some people who were nominally church members, had not attended services or been in contact for some time. In July 2025 a personal letter was sent to each of those people (about 30 in all) asking them to make contact if they wished to continue their association with Trinity. A few responded but most did not. It was decided that their details should be kept for a while, but on a separate list, in case they decided to return to Trinity.

Our first Pastoral Service, which included the Commissioning of Pastoral Visitors, was held on 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025. Each group had a designated area in the chapel so that they could sit with their Pastoral Visitor, and they were also invited to sit with their group for the fellowship meal afterwards.

In advance of the service, updated 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.



# **Trinity Methodist Church Safeguarding report for AGM**

**May 2026**

## **Safeguarding Incident**

There was no incident reported last year.

## **Training**

Ongoing training continues for all volunteers.

20 volunteers including Church stewards and Sunday school teachers have completed the Foundation Module training.

Online and face to face training is being facilitated by the London district Methodist church Safeguarding team and Face to face training could also be accessed when arranged by the Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

## **DBS**

There is work in progress to ensure all volunteers have an up-to-date DBS certificate.

At present, 11 volunteers have had their DBS completed. The Circuit Safeguarding Officer who is responsible for DBS is aware and continues to work with us to ensure all DBS are done.

## **Safeguarding Policy:**

Policy is on display on the noticeboard in the reception area of the church and is also on the Church website.

Winnie Williams

Safeguarding Officer