

BRENT METHODIST CHURCH – DARTFORD

Annual Report

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Financial Statement

For the year ended 31 August 2022

Ministers

**Reverend Tony Graff
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet**

Bank:

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BRENT METHODIST CHURCH DARTFORD - TRUSTEES REPORT

The address of the Church is Brent Methodist Church, St Vincent's Road, Dartford, Kent DA1 1XF.

Structure, Governance and Management

Brent Methodist Church forms part of the North Kent Circuit (36/21) within the South-East District and is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Disciplines of the Methodist Church.

Extracts from the Methodist Constitutional Practice and Discipline state that the church stewards are corporately responsible with the ministers exercising pastoral responsibility in relation to the Local Church for giving leadership and help over the whole range of the church's life and activity. Such activities are managed, agreed upon and executed by the "Managing Trustees" of the local church who are all members of the Church Council. The Church Council has authority and oversight over the whole area of the ministry of the church, including the management of its property. Aims and methods, the determination and pursuit of policy and the deployment of available resources form part of its responsibilities. In many cases it will appoint committees which will have authority, in their own areas of responsibility, to initiate action, co-ordinate the work done in the church, advise the Church Council and report to it, being subject to its authority and oversight.

The stewards are appointed and recruited during the annual general church meeting. Eligible voting members of the meeting nominate and present to the minister such names seven days before the meeting and these names are voted on during the meeting. Other members who want to serve as trustee representatives can also be nominated by a voting member to be voted on during the meeting. The other officers such as the treasurer, communion stewards, pastoral secretary, class leaders, council secretary and other officers or committees as the council requires are selected and approved by the church council members during church council meetings.

The members of the Church Council are the Trustees of the Church. Those who served as Managing Trustees during the year from 1st September 2021 to 31st August 2022 are as follow:

Name	Role	Date Appointed/ (Resigned)
Tony Graff	Minister	(July 2022)
Elizabeth Harfleet	Minister	September 2019
Gillian Bratley	Council Member	March 2020
Fiona Crowhurst	Property Secretary	March 2009
Edric Davies	Council Member	March 2011
Tunde Dipita-Williams	Treasurer	August 2008
Karen Dudley	Steward	April 2018
Patrick Marie	Senior Steward	(March 2022)
John Wilson	Council Member	March 2011
Lorna Wilson	Steward	March 2016
Susan Waterman	Council Member	March 2016
Dele Orekoya	Pastoral Committee Sec.	March 2019

Finance and Property Committee is a sub-committee of the Church Council, to which it reports.

Objectives and Activities

The main objective of the fellowship is the proclamation of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ, the Lord, through preaching and teaching the Word of God.

The mission of the fellowship is to establish and to extend the Kingdom of God in Dartford, United Kingdom and the World.

Activities to promote the objectives of the charity and for the public benefit including missionary support, community outreach programs and youth work.

To give 10% of its income to worthwhile causes and charities as a tithe.

Public Benefit Compliance

The Trustees confirm that they have complied with their duty to have regard to the guidance on public benefit as published by the Charity Commission.

Looking Back

We give praise and thanks to God for His innumerable blessings. We continue to experience the faithfulness of our God even more so at times such as this. We were able to resume weekly services from September 2021 although we still utilized online services at times when local preachers were not available. We have had some members move on and new members join in our Sunday worship to grow the Kingdom of God. The church continues to be a multi-cultural church, with members of all ages, which brings diversity to worship and interactions.

We praise God for Reverend Tony Graff and Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet, for their leadership and ministry. We are grateful to our dedicated team of volunteers, without whose hard work and devotion when working with preachers, worship leaders and those leading services, would not make it possible to hold weekly services.

It is wonderful to hear from visitors, including visiting preachers, who come to the Brent, that they have received a warm welcome, enjoyed hospitality, and felt the presence of the Holy Spirit in our Church.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest service was led by Rev. Tony Graff on 3rd October and donations were made to the local food bank. This was one of the first festivals that we were able to celebrate face to face after nearly two years of having restrictions in place. It was lovely to be able to celebrate God's creation and see displays of fruit, vegetables, and flowers around the church.

CHRISTMAS

The annual Carol service was once more able to be held this year in December and was led by Rev. Tony Graff. It was lovely to be able to decorate the church and share in fellowship after the concert with home made mince pies and

refreshments being offered. We give thanks to the Steel Pan Drums who provided music for the Carol Concert.

Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet led us in our traditional Christmas Day morning service.

LENT

This year we did not hold a specific Lent course but used the period of Lent to be able to reflect and prepare ourselves for our annual Easter Sunday service.

Giving

Based on the biblical principle that says, “it is more blessed to give than to receive”, each year we ensure we give 10% of our income as donations to worthy causes. This amount is then distributed to missions, disaster afflicted areas and charities. The proposed beneficiaries are reviewed prayerfully each year. We also have a benevolent fund, with additional monies given by the congregation following communion services, which can be used by the Minister to respond to emergency needs.

Members Spiritual Growth

Although weekly services have resumed, we still see the impact on church life that the pandemic has had with numbers continuing to be lower than previously.

Church notices are distributed monthly, and our website has information regarding weekly services to ensure that information is available for all to access.

Pastoral visitors continue to be in regular contact with our members, some in person and others through regular telephone contact. This is always valued and appreciated by members, especially those who are not able to attend weekly church services.

Prayer Ministry

The Brent offers several different ways in which people can pray and be prayed for. During the past year the prayer chain continues to be used but we have also been able to offer prayer ministry after the service on a fortnightly basis. We are grateful to all those that provide prayer support to our congregation and members.

Prayer can also be offered and said through the internet channel when attending the online Circuit services.

Evangelism

In September we returned to Messy Church in person. It was wonderful to see the families again and they were happy to be back at church. Seeing how much the children had grown really emphasised how long we'd been apart. We made some adjustments to the structure initially to keep everyone safe, with the families doing the activities, and eating a packed tea at separate family tables, and remaining in the Westcombe Hall for the time of worship. After a couple of months everyone felt it was time to go back to the more normal organisation for Messy Church, and to worshipping again in the main church. Most of the families have returned to Messy Church, but not all. Some may be due to children being that much older now, and two families have moved out of the area. A text is sent to families to remind them when Messy Church is on, and they appreciate this contact.

The year started with a focus on 'new beginnings', with a passage from Isaiah. We learnt about Bartimaeus and trusting in God, how we should care for God's creation, and celebrated Christmas together. We learnt about Jesus as a boy in the temple, and when he was in the temple as an adult and protected the woman who was going to be stoned. Following this we looked at the parable of the mustard seed and then Easter. After Easter we learnt about Peter and Tabitha, and then focused on Paul for two sessions; when he was changed on the road to Damascus, and when he was in prison with Silas.

The Messy Magazine is used to support with the planning, and we try to organise a range of activities that will suit the different ages, but also help us discuss different aspects of the Bible passage. The families all share a meal together after the time of worship. Our thanks go to Deacon Elizabeth

Harfleet, Gill Gray, Ian Packham, Tracey Burch and Bart Woodhouse who have led our times of worship during the year.

The families really enjoy Messy Church - hearing and discussing stories from the Bible. We have a dedicated team of regular helpers; each month God ensures we have sufficient people to run the activities and to lead the worship, and we are grateful to everyone that helps. We thank God for this opportunity to witness to the children and families and pray for continued blessing on our Messy Church family.

Dartford Foodbank

The Dartford Foodbank has changed venue in February 2022. We are now based in the Methodist Church in Spital Street. It's so much better being inside again and the premises are great. We have room to be able to offer refreshments and sit and chat with our clients. We have more volunteers which are great. Our donations are still being collected from Dartford and Crayford Sainsbury also Asda at Greenhithe. We have also been given a monetary donation from Dartford Borough Council which is amazing so we can buy items which we are doing every week.

We had help when moving from our old premises from Bellway and one of our volunteers is a builder and helped paint the storeroom where we keep most of our donations etc.

We have noticed in the last month that our numbers of clients have increased from about 70 to last Tuesday we had about 100 which highlights the times we are going through.

As mentioned, before we have some amazing volunteers who tirelessly come each week without fail.

Winter Shelter

Once again between 2021 to 2022 the support from Dartford Council had enabled the homeless in Dartford to be temporarily housed in Dartford. Therefore, the Brent and other churches in Dartford were not needed to provide shelter during the winter months. Our project worker Steve Ives continues his work with the support of Porchlight and DBC still providing help for the men in temporary accommodation.

Looking forward

We are hoping that any homeless people now and, in the future, will be housed either temporarily or hopefully in a more permanent setting.

Sunday School

During the past year although we have resumed to weekly services there has been no capacity to offer Sunday school. Since the pandemic we have struggled to have a regular weekly attendance from our children and young people. As a church we have looked at other ways that we can engage with our young people, and this remains a key focus for the coming year and to consider how best to support our children and young people.

We continue to pray for new families to come to the Brent and join our church family.

Equipping and Training

Our Local Preachers are part of the circuit team of preachers who receive continuous training to equip them to bring God's Word to the churches. Through their preaching, members are blessed and reminded of their responsibilities as followers of Christ.

For most of the past year, we have had 2 Worship Leaders, one of whom plays guitar, but due to Covid, we have only had one other singer and no other musicians to supplement the leading of worship. In the summer of 2021, one of our Worship Leaders moved out of the area, which is a sad loss to the worship team. We now mainly use recorded music and videos to enhance our worship, occasionally led by one or two singers. Over the coming year we will be required to organise more Local Arrangement services, due to the lack of availability of preachers. Our Worship Leader and Stewards will work together with the church family to arrange these services, using and developing available gifts. The sound and projection volunteers are also a much-valued part of the support team.

During the Covid-19 pandemic, we have continued to use Zoom as another means of worshipping together, with a Maundy Thursday service, occasional worship group sessions and regular fellowship groups - one daytime and one in the evening, both fortnightly. An Advent Course was led by Deacon

Elizabeth Harfleet and Mrs Ann Matthews, and we were joined by friends from Spital Street Methodist Church and St Andrew's United Reformed Church.

The Worship Conference organised by Mission Worship was held online in March and a few of our members attended virtually.

Safeguarding

We are blessed with two Safeguarding officers sharing the vital role, although this has found to be more challenging this year due to work constraints which has meant we continue to look for additional support in this role. We are grateful for the additional support that has meant that DBS checks have kept up to date but without further support this may impact on future checks facing delays.

Over the past year the Safeguarding officers have ensured that:

- The policy was reviewed and approved by the church council members.
- Relevant contact details have been placed in clear vicinity for all church users.
- Information with regards to working guidelines, support, and expectations of volunteers is kept up to date.
- Advanced Module Training for all volunteers has been requested to Circuit.

We are grateful to the safeguarding officers for their dedication to this very important role.

Flower Ministry

During 2021 and 2022 there has been no fresh flowers in the church on a regular basis because of the lack of arrangers and less people in our congregation to donate. However, on special occasions the church has donated money for flower arrangements such as Christenings, Circuit Services, and where members of the church congregation are moving on. In the last AGM it was suggested that some individuals would like to purchase an indoor plant or artificial flowers for a constant display in the weeks when there are no fresh flowers. We feel it is important for nature to be present in the church to remind us of Gods creations

Pastoral Visitors

In the last year regular church services resumed and the church is gradually filling up, with parishioners and visitors again. Although quite a few of our regular members still appear to be worshipping online which is a good thing, but we miss seeing them in person.

The pastoral secretary has helped to coordinate the pastoral visitors and organised meetings as required for the important role they play in the life of the church. The pastoral visitors are the first point of contact for members, who through them ensure information needing urgent attention is passed on to the Minister. The pastoral visitors have also been in regular contact with people on their lists through personal visits, phone calls/texts, letters, and cards.

Sadly, in the past year we lost, Keith Dear a long-standing faithful member of the Church, who held many posts in the church. We also lost Mervyn Waterman the husband of Sue Waterman a very active member of the church and Don Hillier the father of former members of the church. Both men served the Lord faithfully and dutifully in many ways. May the souls of the dearly departed rest in perfect peace.

In September Reverend Alex Terrett joins the church and the pastoral visitors look forward to working closely with her and to developing new ways of reaching out to the church congregation.

Looking Ahead

As we start a new year, as a church we continue to face many changes and challenges. We welcome our new Presbyter Rev. Alex Terrett and all that she may bring to us not only as a church but also to the wider community we serve. Alex will have responsibility for 4 churches within the Circuit and this will place its own demands on time available for services and commitments to The Brent. Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet will continue as our Minister, and we look forward to continuing to develop those areas of work within our Mission plan and look at different ways to engage with our community.

We continue to pray that our members will return to church along with new members joining and bringing a vibrancy to our church once more.

We are incredibly grateful to our members who freely give their time to support the Church in many ways, producing weekly notices, helping with the different groups and serving on committees. Their love of God is evident in their desire to serve the Church and wider community.

BRENT METHODIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REVIEW OF YEAR ENDING 31st August 2022

Full details of the Church Accounts are contained at the end of this review.

The deficit overall for the year was **-£7,032.77** which represents a significant decrease of about **-346%** on last year's surplus of £2,863.94 to a negative figure. The negative figure is very high compared to what was expected in the budget. The year's budget had indicated a surplus of £1,247 but unfortunately there were important works that the church needed to carry out in addition to reduced offerings, no ECC assessment contribution and a contribution to Methodist Pension funds. A combination of increased income in certain giving categories and increased expenses than budgeted in several other categories contributed to the final figure.

Looking further into this year's deficit of **-£7,032.77** would highlight a lot of the categories with significant changes from last year's report which would make for better understanding of the accounts by anyone interested and which can be attributed once again to the period of changes in behavior and activities due to the current climate following the Covid-19 pandemic.

The year has seen a mixture of highs and lows in both income and expense categories. Figures from the income show an increase in total income from last year of 6% with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Total offering decreased by 11%.
- b. Rents received from Rental Houses increased by 20%
- c. Benevolence gifts received decreased to 0% as none received
- d. Interest income increased by 114%
- e. Other Rent in Church Rentals increased by 244%
- f. Phone and Photocopier Income decreased by 93%

Figures from the expenses on the other hand show a significant increase in total resources expended by 17% from last year with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Gifts made by the church increased by 230% (includes donation to Methodist Pension Funds and 10% giving)
- b. Stationery decreased to 0% as there was none

- c. Ministerial expenses increased by 215%
- d. Miscellaneous expenses increased by 882% (Queen's Jubilee 2022)
- e. Photocopier paper decreased by 56%
- f. Copyright permission increased by 40%
- g. Gardening decreased by 51%
- h. Property repairs and renewals increased by 136%
- i. Window cleaning increased by 100%
- j. Publicity decreased to 0% as there was none
- k. Rental Houses repairs decreased by 66%
- l. Flowers and presents increased by 203%

The financial state of the Church remains healthy with positive bank and deposit balances starting the new financial year. The operational budget for the new financial year shows a surplus of £641 which remains a positive. However, it is worthy to note that with the uncertainty in the Energy sector, there is likely to be a significant change in the costs of Gas and Electricity provided to the church. It is also hoped that normal services will continue weekly for the foreseeable future with no further interruptions anticipated. It is also hoped that as usual, some of the other budgeted expenses might not be utilised which would in turn have a positive impact on the surplus figure. In addition, church workers and trustees with various responsibilities are always made aware to continue in their efforts to both watch and manage expenses in order to keep these at a reasonable level.

With the anticipated effective expense management and God's guidance and favour, it is hoped for a positive end to the financial year.

The Church has two main Trust Funds as follows:

Sale of House Trust Fund holding **£23,648.62** as of 31st August 2022. This money has come from the sale of one of the houses left to the Church by Mrs Westcombe in the year 2002 and also proceeds from the premium received on the leasehold extension on Colney road flat. These houses were left to us for the 'benefit, continuation and furtherance of Methodism in the Newtown area of Dartford.' The funds within this account are deemed to be restricted and Church Council has agreed that this capital fund should be used for outreach projects. TMCP have confirmed this fund can also be used for Property Schemes or for the promotion of the work of God. The interest from this account is transferred to the Deposit Account.

The Hodson Trust fund (**£1,200.00**).

This is a permanent endowment fund, whereby only the interest can be used and is credited to the Deposit account. The capital sum cannot currently be spent but with the adjustment in charity law and due to the amount of the endowment fund, future consideration of its liquidation will be looked into.

The Church has two other accounts (Current Account and Deposit Account). These accounts are used for the day to day running expenses of the Church, such as Circuit Assessment, salary of the cleaner, utilities etc.

Depreciation Policy

Church Council has agreed the following depreciation policies on new equipment:

Five years for electrical equipment at 20% for each year.

Ten years for furniture etc. at 10% for each year.

Property Valuations

The letting agent provides property valuations on the three houses and flat in August of each year. They are provided on the basis that the properties are being sold on the open market as unoccupied.

Reserves Policy

The Charity's Reserves Policy deals with:

Our General Fund (Current Account and Deposit Account)

Other Funds also held which are NOT covered by our reserves are:

-Sale of House (Westcombe Fund) CFB12815

-The Hodson Trust CFB17346

Our Reserves

Our General Fund

The trustees aim ideally to hold in reserve sufficient money in our general funds to cover six month's budgeted expenditure i.e. £44,657.00

The reason for this is fourfold this year:

- a. The church needs around one month's expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal monthly running costs which is £7,443 according to our current budget.
- b. To cover our commitment to the Diaconal payments of £7,500
- c. To cover six months of circuit assessment (£20,000) and emergency or unexpected repairs to the Church and the houses of (£5,000).
- d. To support the gifting of 10% of Church Income to worthy causes currently set at £5,800 for this year.

The general fund is currently sufficient to fulfil these needs.

Other Funds held for specific purposes:

Sale of House (Westcombe Fund) CFB12815

This fund holds the legacy from the Houses given to the Brent by Mrs Westcombe 'for the benefit, continuation, and furtherance of Methodism in the Newtown area of Dartford' in addition to the premium received from the leasehold extension request on the Colney Road flat. Church Council has agreed to fulfil the spirit in which the legacy was given and use this money for Outreach Projects. This is held by The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes (TMCP) as a restricted fund. TMCP have confirmed this fund can also be used for Property Schemes or 'for promotion of the work of God in the relevant organisation'.

The Hodson Trust CFB17346

This is an Endowment Fund and therefore we can only use the interest, which is credited to the general fund.

Risks

The risks facing the church are reviewed at each Property & Finance and Council Committee meetings and include:

Loss or Damage to Buildings: This risk is addressed through insurance cover.

Personal Liability of Managing Trustees (i.e. members of the Church Council: This risk has been addressed through Trustee Indemnity Insurance.

Legal and Reputational Risks associated with working with children: The Methodist Church has a Connexional ‘Safeguarding Policy to which Brent Methodist Church subscribes. There is a continuous programme to ensure that up to date checks are made via the Disclosure and Barring Service on anyone in regular contact with young people through Church activities.

Health and Safety: The risk is addressed by members of the Property Committee carrying out regular health and safety checks. Additional precautions as a result of changes in Fire Regulations have been implemented.

Financial loss which is addressed through appropriate financial controls and procedures.

In summary, the trustees have assessed the major risks to which the Charity is exposed and are satisfied that systems are in place to mitigate the Charity’s exposure to major risks.

Investment Policy

A low-risk policy is maintained. The Deposit Fund administered by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church is utilised to deposit any funds surplus to the Brent’s immediate requirements.

Statement of Trustees Responsibility

Law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the charity’s financial activities during the year and of its financial position at the end of the year. In preparing financial statements giving a fair and true view, the Trustees should follow best practice and:

Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently.
Make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent.

State whether applicable accounting standards and the Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting by Charities have been followed.
Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that activities will continue.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper records which disclose with reasonable accuracy the financial position of Brent Methodist Church and which enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Standing Orders of the Methodist Church and the Charities Act 2011. They are also responsible for taking reasonable steps to safeguard the assets of the Church and to prevent and detect fraud and other irregularities.

Signature(s)	_____	_____
Full name(s)	_____	_____
Position (e.g. Secretary, Chair, etc.)	_____	_____
Date	_____	_____

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Brent Methodist Church - Dartford	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31 August 2022

NORTH KENT 1130746	Circuit	Circuit no	36/21
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1130746

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)

Ministers:

Reverend Tony Graff
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

Church Stewards:

Karen Dudley - Senior Church Steward
Lorna Wilson - Steward
Patrick Marie - Steward

Treasurer:

Tunde Dipita-Williams

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	34,422		34,422	37,585
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	242	117	359	167
a4	Lettings	17,427		17,427	13,135
a5	Other receipts	46,070		46,070	42,568
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	98,161	117	98,278 (a7)	93,455

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40,000		40,000	40,000
b3	Donations	9,900		9,900	3,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	29,510		29,510	13,982
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	6,672		6,672	8,158
b6					
b7	Other payments	19,158	71	19,229	25,451
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	105,240	71	105,311 (b9)	90,591

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(7,079)	46	(7,033)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		85,296	24,852	110,148 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	78,217	24,898	103,115
c4	Transfers and adjustments		48	(48)	(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	78,265	24,850	103,115 (c8)
					110,148 (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 above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			123
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		711	107
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		711	230
d4	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 2022 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	Ladies Leisure Hour	422	346	76		665		741
e2	Messy Church	259	287	(28)		40		12
e3	Ebbsfleet Community Church	7,916	24,082	(16,166)		16,166		
e4	Keep Fit	255	255					
e5								
e6								
e7								
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	8,852	24,970	(16,118)		16,871	(e11)	753 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	98,278 (a7)	105,311 (b9)	(7,033)	(c7)	110,148 (c6)		103,115 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	107,130	130,281	(23,151)		127,019 (x)		103,868 (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 2022**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	16	16
f2	Bank Current Account	30,937	24,616
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	54,343	53,633
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	24,852	24,850
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	110,148 (c6)	103,115 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	16,871 (e11)	753 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	127,019 (x)	103,868 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2021	At 31 August 2022
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,020,000	1,120,000
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)

Name of Church ...BRENT METHODIST CHURCH - DARTFORD... No1130746.

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2022 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer Date.....

Name and address of treasurer

..... Post Code.....

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 19th October 2022.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Brent Methodist Church - Dartford

Charity Number 1130746

Responsibilities and basis of report

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended **31/08/2022**.

As the charity trustees of the Trust, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signature of independent examiner

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