

BRENT METHODIST CHURCH – DARTFORD

Annual Report

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Financial Statement

For the year ended 31 August 2023

Ministers

**Reverend Alex Terrett
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet**

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**Santander UK PLC
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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 2022 to 31st August 2023 are as follows:

Name	Role	Date Appointed/ (Resigned)
Alex Terrett	Minister	September 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 2023)
Karen Dudley	Steward	April 2018
John Wilson	Council Member	March 2011
Lorna Wilson	Steward	(May 2023)
Susan Waterman	Council Member	March 2016
Dele Orekoya	Pastoral Committee Sec.	March 2019
Gillian Bratley	Safeguarding Officer	May 2023

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. 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 Alex Terrett 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 Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet on 9th October and donations were made to the local food bank. 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 jointly by Rev. Alex Terrett and Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet. 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 once more 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 have continued to support Spurgeons Academy in Kenya and the work that is carried out in our Lords name to help the children and families who live in the surrounding villages.

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

We continue to hold weekly services, but numbers continue to be lower than previous years.

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

We have had another blessed year meeting with our Messy Church families each month. We had some new families join us during the year and had between 8 and 20 children each month.

In September we learnt about the pillar of cloud and of fire that comforted the Israelites as they left Egypt. We then looked at how we make a difference by being salt and light. We looked on Psalm 23, and how God is always with us, in happy times and sad. We then celebrated Christmas together. We learnt about John the Baptist and how following Jesus can change us. We then learnt about the Good Samaritan and how we should love our neighbour. Following this we learnt about Ruth and Naomi and linked this with Mother's Day. Messy Church fell on Easter Saturday, so for one of the activities the families decorated the cross with flowers, that the congregation then finished decorating on Sunday morning. We then focused on the Lord's Prayer and then the story of the prodigal son. We finished the year praising God learning about Psalm 8.

We continue to be blessed with a team of regular helpers, and each month God ensures we have sufficient people to welcome the families, run the activities, organise the food and lead the worship. We are also thankful for Rev Alex who has joined the Messy Church team, and to Deacon Elizabeth, Gill Gray and Tracey Burch who have also led our times of worship during the year.

We continue to make good use of the Messy Magazine to support 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. We thank

God for this opportunity to witness to the children and families and pray for continued blessing on our Messy Church family.

We don't have Messy Church in August, but this year we ran two stay and play sessions, held on two mornings in the summer holidays. We had games and activities and finished with a packed lunch. Some of our Messy Church families came, but we also had some new families too. The sessions seemed very popular and so we will hopefully be able to run these again to further support our local community.

Dartford Foodbank

We have been at the Methodist Church in Spital Street for well over a year now and we feel very settled.

It's been a very busy year with most Tuesdays we have at least a 100 people coming through the door. This number is much higher than we have ever had so we struggle some weeks with our items, we do actually run almost out. We are very fortunate that Dartford Council have given us some money which helps buy items. We still have donations from Sainsbury's and Asda both Dartford and Crayford.

We are hoping Harvest donations from varying schools and churches will boost our store room.

We hear from some of our clients how difficult it is to manage from week to week and are very glad they can use the foodbank.

We serve refreshments all morning and a warm room when it starts to cool down.

We have some lovely volunteers some on a rota and some that do every week. It's a privilege to be part of the team each week and to try and make life a little easier.

Winter Shelter

Once again between 2022 to 2023 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.

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 continue to hold 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 encouraged to grow in all areas of their Christian discipleship.

We have one Worship Leader. We now mainly use recorded music and videos to enhance our worship, occasionally led by one or two singers. We have some new musicians this year, who are being supported by our Worship Leader in using their musical gifts to enable worship. Some former musicians have returned and so we are able to offer live musical accompaniment when people are available. 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 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.

We have one fellowship group attended by ten members and hosted by a couple who live near the church. After a short reading or contemplation, we pray for the church family, for God's continued blessing in our services and that we would draw people to know the love of Jesus.

Safeguarding

Our Safeguarding Officer stepped down at the end of last year and for a while we were unable to recruit volunteers to this valuable post. We continued to ensure that DBS checks are kept up to date and that regular Safeguarding training is undertaken.

In May we appointed two Safeguarding officers to share this vital role, and we are grateful for the support that they have been able to give to us. Advanced Module Training has been arranged for all volunteers for the coming Autumn and an annual review of our Safeguarding Policy.

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

Flower Ministry

We continue to decorate our church on special occasions such as Christenings, Circuit Services, and where members of the church congregation are moving on. We have purchased some indoor plants and 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 God's creations.

Pastoral Visitors

The attendance at the Brent has been steadily increasing, with numerous new visitors attending the Church over the past year. On October 1st, 2023, Reverend Alex Terrett will be conducting an enrolment service for nine new

members of the Brent. We continue to pray that more families will choose to become part of our Church community.

Unfortunately, we have lost three cherished and devoted members of the Brent over the past year, they will be deeply missed by the Church.

The Pastoral Secretary has helped to coordinate the pastoral visitors and during the year a new pastoral visitor was appointed. All pastoral visitors remain in regular contact with the individuals on their lists through cards and phone calls. We express our gratitude to all our pastoral visitors for the outstanding work they do in reaching out to the members of our church community.

Looking Ahead

As we start a new year, as a church, we continue to face many changes and challenges not only within our community but also within the wider Circuit. Rev. Alex Terrett will start her second year as our Presbyter and Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet will continue as our Minister. 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. As we face a reducing number of available preachers and Ministers to lead us in our worship, we will look at creative solutions to deliver more local arrangement services and ways to include all age worship on a more regular basis.

We continue to pray for those taking membership on 1st October 2023 and that they will bring a vibrancy to our church.

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 2023

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

The deficit overall for the year was **-£10,999.68** which represents an increase of **-56%** on last year's deficit of **-£7,032.77**. The negative figure is very high compared to what was expected in the budget. The year's budget had indicated a surplus of £641.00 but unfortunately there were important works that the church needed to carry out on the rental properties, the quinquennial inspections of all of the mentioned properties and the hike in the Energy Gas and Electric rates that was anticipated last year. 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 **-£10,999.68** 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.

The year has seen a mixture of highs and lows in both income and expense categories. Figures from the income show a relatively stable figure when compared to last year with just about £8 increase on last year's with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Total offering decreased by 9%.
- b. Anniversary and Gift Day income increased by 153%.
- c. Internet Service Income increased by 350%.
- d. Interest income increased by 629%.
- e. Other Rent in Church Rentals increased by 41%.
- f. Phone and Photocopier Income increased by 35%.

Figures from the expenses on the other hand show an increase in total resources expended by 4% from last year with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Gifts made by the church decreased by 41%.
- b. Property equipment increased by 421% with the replacement of the Church's laptop.
- c. Property Cleaning Materials increased by 172%.
- d. Property Fire Alarm maintenance increased by 179%.
- e. Property Utilities Electrics increased significantly by over 3000%.
- f. Property Utilities Gas increased significantly by 622%.
- g. Property Utilities Water increased by 63%.
- h. Messy Church Expenses increased by 153%.
- i. Catering increased by 1029%.
- j. Miscellaneous expenses decreased by 73%.
- k. Photocopier Rental & Service Costs increased by 475% with a replacement device.
- l. Rental Flat repairs increased by 750% due to redecoration.
- m. Rental Houses repairs decreased by 59%.
- n. Property repairs and renewals decreased by 67%.

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 however, shows a deficit of **-£14,305.00**. it is hoped that the Energy prices will drop further to give the church a lower overall cost for the new financial year. 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 deficit 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 2023. 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 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 it's 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. £52,645.00.

The reason for this is fourfold:

- a. The church needs around one month's expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal monthly running costs which is £8,774 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 (£22,000) 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 £7,400 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 2023

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)

Minister:

Reverend Alex Terrett
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet

Church Stewards:

Karen Dudley - Senior Church Steward
Lorna Wilson - 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	31,464		31,464	34,422
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	1,826	788	2,614	359
a4	Lettings	19,561		19,561	17,427
a5	Other receipts	44,858		44,858	46,070
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	97,709	788	98,497 (a7)	98,278

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	40,000		40,000	40,000
b3	Donations	5,800		5,800	9,900
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,114		14,114	29,510
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,942		20,942	6,672
b6					
b7	Other payments	28,570	71	28,641	19,229
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	109,426	71	109,497 (b9)	105,311

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(11,717)	717	(11,000)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		78,265	24,850	103,115 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	66,548	25,567	92,115
c4	Transfers and adjustments		718	(718)	(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	67,266	24,849	92,115 (c8)
					103,115 (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			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		499	711
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		499	711
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 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
e1	Ladies Leisure Hour	353	567	(214)		741	527
e2	Messy Church	238	323	(85)		12	(73)
e3	Keep Fit	260	260				
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	851	1,150	(299)		753 (e11)	454 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	98,497 (a7)	109,497 (b9)	(11,000)	(c7)	103,115 (c6)	92,115 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	99,348	110,647	(11,299)		103,868 (x)	92,569 (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
f1	Cash in hand	16	16
f2	Bank Current Account	24,616	8,573
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	53,633	58,677
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	24,850	24,849
f6	Other funds		
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	103,115 (c6)	92,115 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	753 (e11)	454 (e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	103,868 (x)	92,569 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	1,120,000	1,135,000
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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2023 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 2023 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting

Name of the Chair of the meeting Date

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 *S. Nichols*

Name of independent examinerSteven Nichols.....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examinerFCA CTA.....

Name of firm (where appropriate) ...NICHOLS AND CO (ACCOUNTANCY) LIMITED.....

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Date16 / 02 / 2024.....