

**BRENT METHODIST CHURCH – DARTFORD**

**Annual Report**

**And**

**Financial Statement**

**For the year ended 31 August 2024**

**Ministers**

**Reverend Alex Terrett  
Deacon Elizabeth Harfleet**

**Bank:**

**Santander UK PLC  
Bridle Road  
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GIR 0AA**

**Independent Examiner:**

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Unit 7  
Mulberry Place  
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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 1<sup>st</sup> September 2023 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 are as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Role</b>	<b>Date Appointed/ (Resigned)</b>
Alex Terrett	Minister	September 2022
Elizabeth Harfleet	Minister	(July 2024)
Gillian Bratley	Council Member	March 2020
Fiona Crowhurst	Property Secretary	(August 2024)
Edric Davies	Council Member	March 2011
Tunde Dipita-Williams	Acting Treasurer	August 2023
Karen Dudley	Steward	April 2018
John Wilson	Council Member	March 2011
Lorna Wilson	Council Member	May 2023
Tunde Williams	Steward	September 2023
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. We continue to see 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 will be saying goodbye to our Deacon when she leaves us in the summer to take up a new role. We will miss her calming manner and spiritual ear which have been valued and appreciated by all the church family during her five years with us at The Brent. We wish her well as she takes up a new position in September.

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.

We have re-introduced the role of Vestry Steward to help support with the weekly services. This has meant that some of the Steward duties are able to be shared.

It is wonderful to hear from visitors, some who are regular preachers amongst us and others who come from local charities, such as Emerge Advocacy, who share the work they do and how we can support them. All receive a warm welcome.

## ***HARVEST FESTIVAL***

Our Harvest service was led by Revd. Alex Terrett on 1st October and donations were made to the local food bank. Following the service, fellowship continued with a bring and share lunch. 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 held a Lent course that focused on modern day slavery. This gave us an opportunity to join with other churches and look at the impact this has on us today and how as Christians we respond to this.

## ***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, and numbers have remained consistent throughout the year.

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.

The weekly house group has continued to evolve and from January this moved to meet at the church and renamed as Prayer and Fellowship. Since starting we have seen people walk in off the street to join us which has been very encouraging. On average we have 12 people attending weekly. We have seen some amazing answers to prayer and it has been a privilege to see individuals grow in confidence in their Prayer life.

### ***Evangelism***

The church runs many activities throughout the week, all of which are open to our local community and hope to reach those who would not normally come into a church environment.

We have seen people come to our groups that we wouldn't usually see on a Sunday. The church wants to build relationships, like stepping stones, with the ultimate goal of inviting people to meet Jesus and to have a living relationship with Him.

## *Messy Church*

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 15 children each month.

In September we learnt about Abraham and how he and Sarah were promised by God that they would have a child and more descendants than stars in the sky. We then went on to look at Abraham's grandson Jacob, and his dream of the ladder to heaven. We had the theme of Remembrance in November and the children created a peace wall and decorated the church and outside railings with handmade poppies. We then celebrated Christmas together. We learnt about how Jesus and his first disciples became "fishers of men" followed by a theme on forgiveness and how God wipes away our sins when we ask for forgiveness. We celebrated Easter at Messy Church and decorated the cross with fingerprint and paper flowers. We have also celebrated Pentecost and looked at the Fruits of the Spirit. We finished the year celebrating the Olympics with fun games and activities.

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, Deacon Elizabeth, Gill Gray, Ian Packham and Tracey Burch who have also led our times of worship during the year.

We will miss having Deacon Elizabeth as part of our Messy Church team, when she leaves us at the end of the summer. She has led worship and helped with the planning and running of sessions throughout her time with us at The Brent and will be missed by our families and children.

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 once more 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

are very popular with our families and we hope that they will continue to join us once we resume our monthly sessions in the Autumn.

### ***Film and Fellowship***

This is a new group that meets once a month on a Friday and has been part of our growth in offering Outreach to the local community as a church. The aim in our mission plan is to reach out to non-Christians and those who are lonely and would not normally come into a church environment.

We offer refreshments, sometimes including ice cream and popcorn, just like the real cinema. Some of the films we have enjoyed watching together include Saving Mr Banks and Mrs Harris goes to Paris. We try to cater for everyone's interests. On average we see between 9 – 17 people attending each month.

### ***Dartford Foodbank***

We continue to meet at the Methodist Church in Spital Street 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.



## ***Pathfinders***

In January we started back up with our Sunday School. This is now called Pathfinders and we offer sessions fortnightly during our Sunday services. Most weeks we have 2-4 children attending but on occasion have had up to 6 children in the session. The sessions are aimed at children aged 4 – 11 years. Sessions are planned using X Stream from Scripture Union. Topics covered include how God created the world, Abraham's journey and his faith in God following through on his promises.

We would like to be able to offer pathfinders each week but need to have more regular helpers and leaders to keep the group going.

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 but sadly they stepped down in May which has left us more reliant on using recorded music and videos to enhance our worship, occasionally led by one or two singers.

We continue to have a small group of musicians and so we are able to offer live musical accompaniment when people are available.

Over the year we have been required to organise more Local Arrangement services, which has sometimes meant that we have joined the online Circuit Services. With the departure of our Deacon in August we anticipate having to use the online services more frequently as local arrangements continue to increase.

Stewards and musicians work together with the church family to arrange the local arrangement services, using and developing available gifts. The sound and projection volunteers are also a much-valued part of the support team.

## ***Safeguarding***

We have two Safeguarding officers who ensure that all those in volunteer roles across the church remain upto date with training and DBS checks.

The Safeguarding Policy is renewed annually in the Autumn and a copy is displayed around the church premises.

Safer Recruitment continues to be a focus for all churches and all trustees have completed the relevant paperwork to ensure we remain compliant at all times.

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, Remembrance Sunday, Easter and Christmas. 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 Gods 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 conducted an enrolment service for ten new members of the Brent with one other member transferring membership.

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 meets with them regularly throughout the year. 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. We start the year with Rev. Alex Terrett continuing as our Presbyter but are now without a Deacon. We continue to look at different ways to engage with our community and through the introduction of our weekly art and craft group we hope to be able to encourage more people to join us in our weekly worship.

We continue to face a reducing number of available preachers and Ministers to lead us in our worship, which leads us to look at creative solutions to deliver more local arrangement services and ways to include all age worship on a more regular basis.

We are struggling to recruit new volunteers and we start the year with many roles vacant including property steward and church stewards. 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 but without more people coming forward to take up these roles, we are unsure what this will mean for the long term future of our church.

All our volunteers love of God is evident in their desire to serve the Church and wider community and we pray that throughout the coming year we welcome more families to our church and more volunteers wishing to serve God in this way.

## **BRENT METHODIST CHURCH FINANCIAL REVIEW OF YEAR ENDING 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024**

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

The deficit overall for the year was **-£5,658.67** which represents a significant decrease of about **-94%** on last year's deficit of **-£10,999.68**. The negative figure even though high, but not as high as per the approved budget which had a deficit of **-£14,305.00**. The reason for the reduction in deficit is because we had over £12k more income than budgeted. 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 **-£5,658.67** 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 5% increase in income compared to the previous year, with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Total offering decreased by 2%.
- b. Flat Rent increased by 25%.
- c. Internet Service Income increased by 83%.
- d. Interest income increased by 31%.
- e. Other Rent in Church Rentals decreased by 14%.
- f. Church funds decreased by 89%.

Figures from the expenses on the other hand show a slight decrease in total resources expended by 1% from last year with some of the below major changes explaining this position:

- a. Ministerial expenses increased by 87%.
- b. Gifts made by the church decreased by 35%.
- c. Flat Insurance decreased by 52%.
- d. Property Cleaning Materials decreased by 21%.

- e. Property Fire Alarm maintenance decreased by 67%.
- f. Property Utilities Electrics increased by 69%.
- g. Property Utilities Gas decreased by 34%.
- h. Property Utilities Water increased by 45%.
- i. Messy Church Expenses decreased by 63%.
- j. Catering decreased by 26%.
- k. Photocopier Rental & Service Costs increased by 55%.
- l. Rental Flat repairs decreased by 71%.
- m. Rental Houses repairs increased by 513%.
- n. Property repairs and renewals increased by 32%.

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 **-£10,386.00**. It is 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 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024. 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. £55,645.50.

The reason for this is two-fold:

- a. The church needs around one month's expenditure in reserve as working capital to cover normal monthly running costs which is £9,274.25 of our total year's budgeted expense of £111,291.00
- b. To cover six months of circuit assessment (£23,540) and emergency or unexpected repairs to the Church and the houses not in the budget set at £5,000. 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)

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Full name(s)

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Position (e.g.  
Secretary,  
Chair, etc.)

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Date

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THE METHODIST CHURCH  
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Brent Methodist Church - Dartford	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED  
31 August 2024

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
Tunde Williams - Steward

Treasurer:
Tunde Dipita-Williams

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	31,336		<b>31,336</b>	31,464
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	2,110	1,314	<b>3,424</b>	2,614
a4	Lettings	19,620		<b>19,620</b>	19,561
a5	Other receipts	48,766		<b>48,766</b>	44,858
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>101,832</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>103,146</b> (a7)	<b>98,497</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	44,000		<b>44,000</b>	40,000
b3	Donations	3,750		<b>3,750</b>	5,800
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	16,403		<b>16,403</b>	14,114
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,491		<b>20,491</b>	20,942
b6					
b7	Other payments	24,089	71	<b>24,160</b>	28,641
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>108,733</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>108,804</b> (b9)	<b>109,497</b>

SECTION C					
c1	<b>NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<b>(a6-b8)</b>	<b>(6,901)</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>(5,658)</b>
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		67,266	24,849	<b>92,115</b> (c6)
c3	<b>Sub total</b>	<b>(c1+c2)</b>	<b>60,365</b>	<b>26,092</b>	<b>86,457</b>
c4	Transfers and adjustments		1,243	(1,243)	<b>(c7)</b>
c5	<b>TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR</b>	<b>(c3+c4)</b>	<b>61,608</b>	<b>24,849</b>	<b>86,457</b> (c8)
					<b>92,115</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 above)		£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		337	499
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		337	499
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	Ladies Leisure Hour	310	347	(37)		527	490
e2	Messy Church	213	176	37		6	43
e3	Keep Fit	320	320				
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	843	843			533 (e11)	533 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	103,146 (a7)	108,804 (b9)	(5,658)	(c7)	92,115 (c6)	86,457 (c8)
e10	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>103,989</b>	<b>109,647</b>	<b>(5,658)</b>		<b>92,648 (x)</b>	<b>86,990 (y)</b>
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****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2024**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	16	16
f2	Bank Current Account	8,573	23,561
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	58,677	38,031
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	24,849	24,849
f6	Other funds		
f7	<b>SUB TOTAL - Church accounts</b>	<b>92,115 (c6)</b>	<b>86,457 (c8)</b>
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	<b>533 (e11)</b>	<b>533 (e12)</b>
f9	<b>TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH</b>	<b>92,648 (x)</b>	<b>86,990 (y)</b>

**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)	1,135,000	1,192,500
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 2024 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 2024 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 Report to the Trustees of the

Brent Methodist Church

Charity Number: 1130746

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brent Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2024 set out on pages 2 to 3. As the Church’s trustees, 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 Church’s accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church: Brent Methodist Church

### 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 (other than that disclosed below\*) 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.

I have/~~have not~~\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... *S. Nichols*

Name of independent examiner ..... Steven Nichols

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... FCA CTA

Name of firm (where appropriate) ..... Nichols & Co (Accountancy) Ltd

Address ..... Unit 7 Mulberry Place, Pinnell Road, Eltham, London

..... Post Code ..... SE9 6AR

Date ..... 10th February 2025

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