



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2021
Period end date

Period start date To 31st August 2022

Charity name: LESNES ABBEY CIRCUIT

Charity registration number: 1134664

Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	<p>The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976). The purposes of the methodist church are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of - (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the methodist church; (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the methodist church; (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the methodist church; (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the methodist church.</p> <p>Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church by order of the annual conference (CPD). Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with the Local Preachers meeting, the Circuit Finance Committee and the Circuit Property Committee,</p>
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	<p>Our activities include the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Supporting local churches in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non- members alike.2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups and the promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services

		<p>3. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved at home and in hospital.</p> <p>4. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of in person events and services via you tube, thus reaching out to those who cannot attend physically. Provision of chaplaincy services to the local hospitals and prison.</p>
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	<p>We confirm the trustees have had regard to the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit. When reviewing the aims and objectives of the circuit, the Trustees have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit. The guidance is consulted in carrying out our activities, for example those pertaining to fund raising. This ensures that our work is within the confines of the rules and expectations of the commission. We make sure that we work to the charity's aims and objectives, which are centred around the benefit of the public.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	We do not offer grants to any individual or institution. We also have not received any funding from the Government or any agency. Grants may be given to deserving churches.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	Volunteers are the fabric of the circuit. Without them, it would not function. They make up the majority of the various committees that exist. They collect visiting ministers from home, station etc who have not got cars. Hold coffee mornings and luncheon clubs, act as administrators and clerical staff. They maintain manses and churches as much as possible.
Other		

Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	<p>During the year, the Charity worked to:</p> <p>(a) Provide the staff and facilities to enable mission to reach the community and grow the Church family which in turn provided mutual support to those within it.</p> <p>(b) Provided support for organisations working in society to help the vulnerable where they need it e.g. less able bodied youth attending a day centre in conjunction with Charlton Athletic football Club.</p> <p>(c) Provide facilities for groups to meet, run by the community, for recovering alcoholics, weight loss programs, the elderly, mothers with young children, and youth groups e.g. Boys Brigade and Girls Brigade and playgroups.</p>

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	See separate sheet.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The Reserves Policy for the Circuit is to hold a minimum sum equivalent to five months' average expenditure. This should be sufficient to meet any unforeseen item of major expenditure on manses and / or to be able to continue, in the short term, funding planned activities in the event of any inability to raise the full Circuit Assessment from churches.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	31 707.00
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	N/A
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	N/A
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	N/A

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Weekly collection from the various churches, allows them to pay assessments to the circuit which in turn pays the district. Income is also generated from fund raising and donations.
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	Diminished numbers in church attendance have resulted in reduced finances. This is happening at the time when prices in society have escalated. Deteriorating aged buildings that require maintenance and repairs to be done, are not done in a timely manner as funds are limited.
Other		

Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	Deed Of Union (1932) And Methodist Church Act (1976)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The trustees are made up by representatives from the various churches. The individuals get nominated, elected by the circuit leadership team and are sanctioned at the circuit meeting.

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Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	Trustees are advised and encouraged to read material such as the trustees welcome pack provided by the commission. They also keep updated with changes and material sent via email, from the commission to the charity.
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Lesnes Abbey Methodist Circuit
Other name the charity uses	
Registered charity number	1134664
Charity's principal address	Trinity Methodist Church 265 Burrage Road Plumstead London SE18 7JW

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse	Superintendent Minister		Church Council
2	Revd Dr Chellaian Lawrence	Minister		
3	Revd Patrick Egglestone (AM)	Minister		
4	Marian Van Dyke	Senior Circuit Steward		
5	Madonna Johnson	Circuit Steward		
6	Femi Lawson	Circuit Steward		
7	Prince Fifi Yawson	Circuit Secretary		
8	Steve Hienno	Circuit Treasurer		
9	Francis Johnson	Circuit Property Steward		
10	Brentnol Roach	Local Preacher coordinator		
11	Hudson Jackson	Circuit Safeguarding		
12	Archibald Dadzie			
13	Kofi Narh-Saam			
14	Seun Adebajo			
15	Robert Ndume			
16	Maggie Cooper			
17	Ray Cooper			
18	Cathy Turner			
19	Marilyn Akuoko			
20	Ann Hartley			
21	Eugene Owusu			
22	Roger Forward			
23	Chris Howes			
24	Ben Godwill			
25	Ebenezer Gyang-Kodia			
26	Tolu Tikare			
27	Adebayo Jolaoso			
28	Kofo Famurewa			
29	Tony Hayes			
30	Martha Etsibah			
31	Sandy Kennedy			
32	Karen Gilham			
33	Paul Nichols			
34	Barry Munden			

Corporate – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

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Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

[illegible]

Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	N/A
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	N/A
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	N/A

Additional information (optional)

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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Other optional information

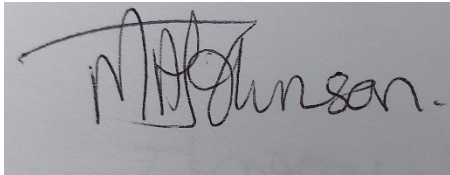
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Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)



Full name(s)

Madonna Audrey Omoniyi
Johnson

Position (eg Secretary,
Chair, etc)

Trustee

Date

Lesnes Abbey**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2019**

Unrestricted

INCOME**RESOURCES**

Notes

Voluntary income	1	0
Income From Investment		17,894
Others		<u>179,583</u>
		<u>197,476</u>

RESOURCES USED

Cost of Activities in Furtherance of Objectives	2	199,803
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TOTAL RESOURCES USED		<u>199,803</u>
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Net (outgoing) in the year		<u>(2,327)</u>
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NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR		(2,327)
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Transfer between Funds:

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD		<u>1,234,432</u>
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BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD		<u>1,232,105</u>
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Lesnes Abbey

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31 AUGUST 2022

	Note	
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS		
Circuit Manses & Equipment		
Investment Properties		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	3	50,303
HSBC Current Account	4	6,854
Central Finance Board		24,772
TMCP		32,508
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		114,437
CREDITORS: Amounts falling		
Under 1 year	5	50,204
Loans to the Circuit Due		-
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NET ASSETS		
FUNDS		
Unrestricted Funds	6	
Restricted Funds	7	

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Approved by the Trustees on 2023 and signed
their behalf by :

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STEPHEN HIENNO

Treasurer

Lesnes Abbey

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUS'

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the historic cost convention except where assets have been stated at valuation. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Statement of Recommended Practice, Accounting and Reporting by Charities Revised 2005 (SORP 2005)applicable Standards and the Companies Act 2011.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES.

1.1 FUNDS

General funds represent the funds of the circuit that are not subject to any restrictions regarding their use and are available for application on the general purposes of the Circuit.

The purpose of any restricted funds is noted in the financial statements.

The financial statements include transactions, assets, and liabilities for which the Circuit can be held responsible. They do not include the financial statements of Circuit groups that owe an affiliation to another body nor those that are informal gatherings of Circuit members.

INCOMING RESOURCES.

1.2 Voluntary income and capital resources.

Voluntary income and donations are recognised when received.

1.3 Other Ordinary Income.

Rental income from letting of circuit premises is accounted for when due.

1.4 Income from investments.

Dividends and interests are accounted for when received.

APPLICATION OF RESOURCES.

1.5 Grants.

Grants and donations are accounted for when paid.

THE METHODIST CHURCH

Lesnes Abbey

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST

1.8 Other fixtures , fittings and office equipments.

All other fixtures, fittings and Equipments used by the circuit are written off as and when incurred.

Lesnes Abbey

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2022

Charity Registration number - 1134664

Principal address: 265, Burrage Road, Plumstead, London SE18 7JW (Circuit Office)

Bankers - HSBC Bank
Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church

Accountant and Independent Examiner.

Lesnes Abbey

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2022

The following pages are for the Trustees

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO

**THE Trustees of LESNES ABBEY CIRCUIT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2022**

I report on the accounts of the LESNES ABBEY METHODIST CIRCUIT
for the year ended 31, August 2021 which are set out on pages 5 to 10.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TRUSTEES OF LESNES ABBEY AND THE EXAMINER

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements.

The Trustees consider that an audit is not required for the year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an Independent Examination is required.

It is my responsibility to:

- i) Examine the financial statements under section 145 of the 2011 Act
- ii) To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act, and
- iii) To state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

BASIS OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT.

My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commission. The examination includes a review of the financial records kept by the Circuit and a comparison of the financial statements with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosure in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from you as the Managing trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the financial statements present a "true and fair" view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT.

In connection with my examination of your financial statements for the year ended 31 August 2021, no matter has come to my attention :

- 1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
 - > To keep financial records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act : and
 - > To prepare financial statements which accord with the financial records and comply with the Accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met ; or

- 2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Independent Examiner

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2022

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £
1. Incoming Resources		
Activities in Furtherance of the Charity's Objects		
Donations & Legacies	-	-
Income From Monetary Investment	26	
Income from Investment Properties	17,868	
Assessment of Churches	170,848	
Other Income	8,734	
TOTAL INCOME	<u>197,476</u>	<u>-</u>
 RESOURCES USED		
2. Cost of Activities in Furtherance of Objectives		
Salaries & Associated Costs	119,568	-
Property Maintenance	6,098	
District Assessment & Levy	45,724	801
Office Expenses	160	
Other Outgoings	28,254	
	<u>-</u>	<u>801</u>
TOTAL RESOURCES USED	<u>199,803</u>	<u>801</u>
Excess (Deficit) Over Income	(2,327)	(801)
Transfer Between Funds		
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	1,234,432	32,508
 NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	<u><u>1,232,105</u></u>	<u><u>31,707</u></u>

LESNES ABBEY CIRCUIT

TRUSTEES REPORT AND ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31, AUGUST 2022

The Lesnes Abbey present their report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CIRCUIT.

The Circuit is managed by the Superintendent, Ministers and elected Stewards from the variou

Superintendent

Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse

Treasurer

Mr Stephen Hienno

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Circuit is managed by the trustees and is made up of the ministers and elected stewards. The Circuit ensures that incoming steward are well equipped by arranging for them to attend training and seminars organised by the circuits.

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Lesnes Abbey Circuit forms part of the London Methodist District and is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. As a Circuit our primary aim is to fulfil the purposes of the Methodist Church which 'are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
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Our activities include the following:

1. Supporting local churches in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non- members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Members of Trustees of LESNES ABBEY

Members who served during the year and at the date of this report are:

Superintendent **Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse**

Minister Revd Nana Banyin-Thomford. Deceased November 2021

Minister Revd Chellaian Lawrence

Minister Revd Patrick Eggleston [AM]

Supernum Deacon Patricia Soule

Circuit Tre Mr Steve Hienno

Circuit Stewards:

Ms Marian VanDyck

Mrs Madonna Johnson

Mr Femi Lawson

Local Preb Mr Brentnol Roach

Circuit Saf Mr Hudson Jackson

Circuit Adr Mrs Vicky Forster

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. The rental income relates to the rental of a manse at 27 Canberra Road, Charlton. Total income at £18k is same as the previous year.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in the year was £201k as compared to £237k the previous year., this was made due to the reduction in staff costs as a result of having one less minister for the year.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit were £64k, giving approximately 10 months cover for expenditure based on the 2021-22 expenses. We also have to repay £20k to the loan in the three years between 2019-20 and 2022-23 to fully repay this loan. To date, £10 is outstanding.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2023
and signed on their behalf by :

JUST 2022

Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
-	-	0	1,000
0		17,894	18,319
-	-	179,583	208,500
-	0	197,476	227,819
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32,508	0	1,266,940	1,270,418
31,707	0	1,263,812	1,261,364

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Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse

Superintendent

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Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2022	2021
£	£	£
-	-	1,000
	26	137
	17,868	18,182
	170,848	185,594
	8,734	22,906
-	197,476	227,819

Endowment Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
£	£	£
-	119,568	142,111
-	6,098	15,152
-	46,525	47,984
	160	643
	28,254	30,983
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The Lesnes Abbey present their report together with the independently examined accounts for the year ended 31 August 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS OF THE CIRCUIT.

The Circuit is managed by the Superintendent, Ministers and elected Stewards from the variou

Superintendent

Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse

Treasurer

Mr Stephen Hienno

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Circuit is managed by the trustees and is made up of the ministers and elected stewards. The Circuit ensures that incoming steward are well equipped by arranging for them to attend training and seminars organised by the circuits.

The governing document for the circuit is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act Detailed governance arrangements are outlined within the Constitutional Practice and Discipline order of the annual conference (CPD).

Day to day management of the circuit is undertaken by the Circuit Leadership team along with Circuit Finance and Property Committee and the Circuit Policy Committee.

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Lesnes Abbey Circuit forms part of the London Methodist District and is governed by the Constitutional Practice and Discipline of the Methodist Church. As a Circuit our primary aim is to fulfil the purposes of the Methodist Church which 'are and shall be deemed to have been since the date of union the advancement of –

- (a) the Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church;
- (b) any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church;
- (c) any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church;
- (d) any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.'

Our activities include the following:

1. Supporting local churches in the provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non- members alike.
2. The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
3. Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
4. Promotion of Christianity through the staging of events and services.

Members of Trustees of LESNES ABBEY

Members who served during the year and at the date of this report are:

Superintendent **Revd Greg Obong-Oshotse**

Minister Revd Nana Banyin-Thomford. Deceased November 2021

Minister Revd Chellaian Lawrence

Minister Revd Patrick Eggleston [AM]

Supernum Deacon Patricia Soule

Circuit Tre Mr Steve Hienno

Circuit Stewards:

Ms Marian VanDyck

Mrs Madonna Johnson

Mr Femi Lawson

Local Preb Mr Brentnol Roach

Circuit Saf Mr Hudson Jackson

Circuit Adr Mrs Vicky Forster

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Income trends

Circuit income is primarily drawn from the assessments paid by the circuit churches. The rental income relates to the rental of a manse at 27 Canberra Road, Charlton. Total income at £18k is same as the previous year.

Expenditure trends

Total expenditure in the year was £201k as compared to £237k the previous year., this was made due to the reduction in staff costs as a result of having one less minister for the year.

Fund balances

As at 31 August 2022 the net current assets of the Circuit were £64k, giving approximately 10 months cover for expenditure based on the 2021-22 expenses. We also have to repay £20k to the loan in the three years between 2019-20 and 2022-23 to fully repay this loan. To date, £10 is outstanding.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the Trustees on 2023
and signed on their behalf by :

JUST 2022

Restricted	Endowment	2022	2021
-	-	0	1,000
0		17,894	18,319
-	-	179,583	208,500
-	0	197,476	227,819
801	-	200,604	236,873
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32,508	0	1,266,940	1,270,418
31,707	0	1,263,812	1,261,364

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Rev Greg Obong-Oshotse

Superintendent

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Endowment Funds	TOTAL FUNDS	
	2022	2021
£	£	£
-	-	1,000
	26	137
	17,868	18,182
	170,848	185,594
	8,734	22,906
-	197,476	227,819

Endowment Funds	2022 Total	2021 Total
£	£	£
-	119,568	142,111
-	6,098	15,152
-	46,525	47,984
	160	643
	28,254	30,983
	-	-
-	200,604	236,873
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-	(3,128)	(9,054)
-	1,266,940	1,270,418
-	1,263,812	1,261,364

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