

Trustees' Annual Report

Year ending: 31st March 2026

Charity Details

- **Charity Name:** Lambeth Walk Methodist Church
 - **Charity Number:** 1135071
 - **Address:** 1 Lambeth Walk, London SE1 7DQ
 - **Trustees:** Members of the Church Council
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Objectives and Purpose

Lambeth Walk Methodist Church exists to:

Advance the Christian faith in accordance with Methodist doctrine, provide worship and pastoral care, and serve the local community through outreach, hospitality, and acts of compassion.

The trustees have established their mission aims '*To respond to the Good news of Jesus Christ and to live out the Love of God for All people*' and will do this by: Being a Welcoming, hospitable and inclusive. A place which is open to all, that celebrates diversity and will share what we have in common with others. We will seek to be an environmentally conscious church and one that is committed to service and justice in our neighbourhood and across the world. In this we will seek to empower local people and work towards being a church that is responsive to the challenges and needs of the local community and open to working with other organisations to meet local needs and aspirations.

The trustees confirm that they have had due regard to the public benefit guidance issued by the Charity Commission for England and Wales.

Activities and Achievements

During the year, the church:

- Held regular Sunday worship and midweek gatherings
- Provided pastoral care and support to members and the wider community
- Offered hospitality and space for community groups and activities

Impact:

The church moved into a newly built church building following a period meeting in a local community centre during the demolition and rebuild of the church premises. Since moving into the new building in June 2025 the church has sought to become a welcoming and inclusive presence in the local area, offering spiritual support, community connection, and a

place of belonging. Our goal moving forward would be to increase activities to supported individuals experiencing isolation, hardship, and uncertainty, while nurturing faith and fellowship.

Financial Summary

- **Income:** £ 588, 427
- **Expenditure:** £ 98,780

Although we have a deficit in this year as we have inhabited this new building we have had a number of expenses that we do not expect in other years. The trustees consider the financial position of the church to be stable and will improve as the potential for income from use of the building by organisations who will pay a rental fee will increase as we move forward.

Reserves:

The trustees aim to maintain appropriate reserves to ensure the ongoing sustainability of the church's mission and ministry, we have a reserves policy in which we agree to hold at least 6 months running costs in reserve should we be in a position of temporarily losing income.

Plans for the Coming Year

The trustees plan to:

- Sustain and develop worship and discipleship opportunities
 - Strengthen community engagement and outreach
 - Support volunteers and leadership within the church
 - Continue to review the use of buildings and resources to support mission
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Governance and Management

The church is governed by the Methodist Church's structures and its own Church Council, which meets regularly to oversee the life and work of the church.

Risk and Safeguarding

The trustees will begin to review key risks, including financial sustainability, property, and volunteer capacity.

The church is committed to safeguarding children, young people, and vulnerable adults and follows Methodist safeguarding policies and procedures.

Trustee Responsibilities

The trustees are responsible for ensuring that the charity is managed in accordance with its governing document and relevant legislation, and for preparing this report.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

Name: _____

Role Chair of Church Council): _____

Date: _____

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

LAMBETH WALK METHODIST	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

	Circuit	Circuit no	35/06
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number	1335071
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If not a registered charity His Majesty's Revenue and Customs Gift Aid	
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(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and

Minister:

REVEREND SUSAN SHORTMAN

Church Stewards:

Church Council

Carol Leonard	George Danso
David Vilares-Ferrer	Janet Wells
Alice Achola-Omara	Rodney Ovenden
Ursula Ovenden	Kanley McHayle
Diana Okene-Jameson	Caroline Laing
	Nancy Acquah
	Mike Brown

Treasurer:

Ms Alice Achola-Omara

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2025

LAMBETH WALK
METHODIST CHURCH

SECTION A			Unrestrict	Restricted	Totals this	Totals last
			ed Funds	Funds	year	year
			£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		10,720		10,720	10,811
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		6,105		6,105	9,875
a4	Lettings				0	
a5	Other receipts		41,620		41,620	134,573
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		58,445	0	58,445 (a7)	155,259
SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		9,500		9,500	25,000
b3	Donations		0		0	1,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		0		0	
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting & council tax)		18,561		18,561	2,008
b6	Worship		0		0	87
b7	Staff salaries and Redundancies		41,825		41,825	32,733
b7	Other payments		28,895		28,895	14,007
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		98,780	0	98,780 (b9)	74,835
SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(40,335)	0	(40,335)	80,424
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		209,499	39,749	249,248 (c6)	168,824
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	169,164	39,749	208,913	249,248
c4	Transfers and adjustments				0 (c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	169,164	39,749	208,913 (c8)	249,248 (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				665	665
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations					
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations					
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)				665	665

LAMBETH WALK METHODIST CHURCH

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 2025 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1			0			0
e2			0			0
e3			0			0
e4			0			0
e5			0			0
e6			0			0
e7			0			0
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	0	0	0	0 (e11)	0 (e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	58,445 (a7)	98,780 (40,335)	(c7)	249,248 (c6)	208,913 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	58,445	98,780 (40,335)	0	249,248 (x)	208,913 (y)

Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward

TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENT
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SECTION F

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2025		Notes	OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand					
f2	Bank Current Account		178,586		133,556	
f3	Bank Deposit Account					
f4	Central Finance Board		60,441		62,797	
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		11,655		12,173	
f6	Other funds (Accruals/Aged Debtors/Creditors)		(1,820)		0	
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts		248,862	(c6)	208,526	(c8)
f8	balance total from above) (e12)		0	(e1)	0	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH		248,862	(x)	208,526	(y)

SECTION G

OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES		At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1	Investments (include Endowments)		
g2	Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3	Other Assets		
g4	Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5	Other Liabilities	(1,820)	

- 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 ...LAMBETH WALK METHODIST CHURCH..... No...35/06.....

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 20/5/26

Name and address of treasurerAlice Achola-Omara

9 COALPORT HSE, WALNUT TREE WALK Post Code SE11 6DQ

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2025 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting Reverend Susan Shortman

Date 20/5/26

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Lambeth Walk Methodist Church

Charity Number 1135071

Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Lambeth Walk Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2025 set out on pages 2 to 4. 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.

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 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

Paula Thomas

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Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner

FCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Paula Thomas

Address 25 Westcote Road, London, SW16 6BN

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