

BECKENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1138006

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Previously excepted

Registered 2010-09-14

Register [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

Contact

Address 80 Village Way
Beckenham
Kent
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Activities

Objects: 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.

Activities: The provision of regular public acts of worship open to all The provision of sacred space (two buildings) for prayer and contemplation The teaching of Christianity Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved The provision of activities for different age and gender groups with a Christian ethos Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE, LOCAL.
- Bromley

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£177,291	£128,565	-	-
2023-08-31	£162,289	£143,797	-	-
2022-08-31	£123,780	£154,085	-	-
2021-08-31	£116,919	£256,104	-	-
2020-08-31	£462,279	£579,041	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Andrew Cloke		2016-09-01
Barry David Stewart		2024-09-01
CHRISTINE HANDEL		
DAVID EWART JACKSON		2012-06-15
David Bishop		2023-09-01
David Keall		2024-09-01
Deacon Laura MacBean		2021-09-01
Faustina Eshun		2016-09-01
Gordon Wilson		2022-09-01
Graham George McLeod		2012-09-01
IRENE LUM NTUMAZAH		
IRENE MARIONETTE Antwi		
JENNIFER MARGARET NICHOLS		
Janet Hrebien		2025-09-01
Judith Anne Reep		2016-09-01
Kojo Basua Anokye		2024-09-01
Margaret Toronka		2024-09-01
Mary Elizabeth Christina Jackson		
Micheline Faulkner		2023-09-01
Paulette Elaine Tomlinson		2022-09-01
Rev Duncan John MacBean		2024-09-01
Sandra Storch		2023-09-01
Sheila Ann Priestman		2023-09-01
Simon James Young		2012-06-15
Theophilus Farmer		2018-09-01

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st August 2024

Purpose

We are a body of people, drawn together by the love of God to worship, pray and try to follow the teaching of Jesus. To fulfil our purpose, we will:

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The financial position improved during the year as letting income rose, other income held steady and we received a repayment of a Methodist pension contribution we had made previously. We also paid off the remaining loans we had incurred for the redevelopment project in full. This is the first time the church has been debt free since 2019.

Church income was up compared with the previous year and like last year includes figures from the café. The long term trend of switching from cash giving to electronic giving continued. We pay cash and cheques in via the post office or at other branches as the HSBC in Beckenham closed in early 2023. An account for Joy's Kitchen is held at NatWest, whose Beckenham branch has also closed.

A tax refund payment was received during the year. No grants were received. The café made a contribution to church costs reflecting the utilities cost of running the café.

Expenses during the year included normal maintenance costs together with the concluding payments for our two new gas replacement boilers. They are performing well and are far more economical than the old set up. We had hoped to commence on a roof repair project over summer 2024, when the church is less busy with user groups. However our contractor could not start until after the school summer holidays so next year will be the year of roof repairs.

We are planning that following roof repairs we will proceed with solar panel installation. This should reduce our electricity bill and boost our Eco church credentials. One enabler we need to do is change our supply meter to a single 3 phase meter from the existing 3 separate meters for each phase. This will reduce standing charges and some electrical wiring has already been undertaken.

During the year our reserves increased by around 30% or just under £55,000 to £231,000. This increase puts us back to where we were pre-covid and pre redevelopment project.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

collections made for nominated charitable organisations, detailed in the Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account, but not yet distributed to them. Examples are Action for Children, Mind and on behalf of Joy's Kitchen. Movements of such funds, which are held temporarily on the main bank current account, are separately recorded in the Vestry Journal, receipts and payments ledgers, and documented in other papers on file; and balances of the Benevolence Fund, to be applied at the minister's discretion.

It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 13 th March 2025, on which date the Trustees were the following:	The Trustees during the year ending 31 August 2024 were the following:
Rev. Duncan MacBean	Rev. Karen George
Deacon Laura MacBean	Deacon Laura MacBean
Kojo Anokye	Irene Antwi
Irene Antwi	David Bishop
David Bishop	Hilary Cheverton
Hilary Cheverton	Andrew Cloke
Andrew Cloke	Tina Eshun
Tina Eshun	Theo Farmer
Theo Farmer	Micheline Faulkner
Micheline Faulkner	Christine Handel
Christine Handel	David Jackson
David Jackson	Mary Jackson
Mary Jackson	David Keall
David Keall	Rev. David Morris
Rev. David Morris	Graham McLeod
Graham McLeod	Jenny Nichols
Jenny Nichols	Lum Ntumazah
Lum Ntumazah	Stephen Olufunwa
Stephen Olufunwa	Sheila Priestman
Sheila Priestman	Judith Reep
Barry Stewart	Sandra Storch
Judith Reep	Paulette Tomlinson
Sandra Storch	Gordon Wilson
Paulette Tomlinson	Valerie Wilson
Margaret Toronka	Simon Young
Gordon Wilson	
Simon Young	

CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS

THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Beckenham	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2024

Bromley	Circuit	Circuit no	35/42
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1138006

If not a registered charity Her Majesty's Revenue and
Customs Gift Aid number

N/A

(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:

Rev. Karen George

Church Stewards:

Jenny Nichols, Graham McLeod
Theo Farmer, Paulette Tomlinson,
Judith Reep, Sandra Storch

Treasurer:

Simon Young

ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2024

Beckenham

Church

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		69,358		69,358	75,483
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		7,236		7,236	3,682
a4	Lettings		81,197		81,197	68,246
a5	Other receipts		18,163	1,262	19,425	5,007
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		175,954	1,262	177,216 (a7)	162,418

SECTION B			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		41,656		41,656	41,483
b3	Donations		2,995		2,995	1,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		35,247		35,247	42,116
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		19,628		19,628	24,266
b6						
b7	Other payments		29,039		29,039	30,268
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		128,565		128,565 (b9)	139,133

SECTION C			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
			£	£	£	£
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	47,389	1,262	48,651	13,285
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		162,835		162,835 (c6)	149,715
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	210,224	1,262	211,486	163,000
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(837) (c7)	(165)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	210,224	1,262	210,649 (c8)	162,835 (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		935	1,100
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		1,900	3,164
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		2,737	3,329
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)		98	935

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 Joy's Kitchen	11,868	5,233	6,635		13,650	20,285
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
Sub total of Internal Organisations funds	11,868	5,233	6,635		13,650 (e11)	20,285 (e12)
e8 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	177,216 (a7)	128,568 (b9)	48,648	(837) (c7)	162,835 (c6)	210,649 (c8)
e9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	189,084	133,798	55,286	(837)	176,485 (x)	230,934 (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 2024**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand		
f2 Bank Current Account	41,809	25,982
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	120,492	184,106
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	534	561
f6 Other funds		
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	162,835 (c6)	210,649 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	13,650 (e11)	20,285 (e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	176,485 (x)	230,934 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2023	At 31 August 2024
g1 Investments (Include Endowments) at TMCP		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re insurance value)	11,157,155	9,646,313
g3 Other Assets	656,595	210,000
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end	(10,857)	
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

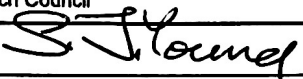
g1 Include any other investments (not the cash element of TMCP trusts accounts this is included in line f5)

DECLARATIONS

Treasurer

I confirm that I have prepared the accounts from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church Council

Signature of Treasurer



Date

13/3/25

Name

Simon J Young

Address

80 Village Way, Beckenham, Kent BR3 3NR

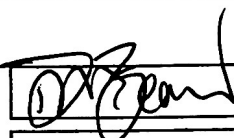
Presentation to the *Church Council for approval.

I confirm that the Accounts have been presented to the Church Council on

13/3/25

and were approved.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting



Name of the Chair of the meeting

Rev. Duncan MacBean

Date

13-3-'25

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

Beckenham Methodist

Church

This Report is on the Church Accounts for the year ended 31st August

2024

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts under Section 145 of the Charities Act
- to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under Section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of Independent Examiner's Report

My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent Examiner's Statement

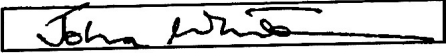
In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements:
- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act;
 - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities 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 accounts to be reached.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply appropriate

- (3) I have obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes ("TMCP") or held in other Trusts, Bank balances and Funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church ("CFB"), which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

* Please circle as appropriate

Name	John Whittam
Signature	
Relevant Professional qualification or body	ICAEW (7735068)
Address	9 Badgers Way, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 0UJ
Date	16 Feb 2025

Beckenham Methodist Church

2023-24

There was no formal audit report from the Examiner.

When the accounts were to his satisfaction they were signed off.

Simon Young

Accounts



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The number of members regularly attending services at Clock House Road never regained the numbers pre COVID and in the light of such low attendance, the Church Council authorised a suspension of services. Responsibility for the building was transferred to Bromley Circuit on 31 August 2023. In the meantime, in May 2023, the Circuit gave permission for a new Methodist society, Freeman Ghanaian Methodist Church to be established. On 31st August the trusteeship for the Clock House building was transferred to this church. Therefore, Beckenham Methodist Church is now only on the Bromley Rd site.

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A tax refund payment was received during the year unlike the previous year where it was noted as a timing issue. No grants were received. The café made a contribution to church costs reflecting the utilities cost of running the café.

Expenses during the year included normal maintenance costs together with two one off items. The first of these was to finish the organ refurbishment started last year. It is now fully working and should give excellent service for decades to come. A concert was held to mark its return to working order. The second project was replacement of the church boiler. Our boiler was 15 years old and it became apparent during the year that big costly maintenance was going to be needed to keep it running properly. It was decided to replace it with two smaller gas boilers. This would be more efficient and allow improved control over heating different parts of the church. It would also simplify servicing as the old big boiler could only be serviced by certain contractors but two domestic boilers can be serviced by a wide range of companies.

However, on the horizon is a flat roof replacement project over the hall at the rear of the church. The roof is leaking and initial investigations indicate repair is not a sensible option. BMC joined the Eco church project during the year and one idea is to install solar panels on the flat roof which could only be done

after the roof is replaced due to their considerable weight. A combined solar panel and replacement roof project is being put together.

During the year our reserves increased by around 25% or just over £33,000 to £166,000. This increase puts us back to where we were pre-covid but not to where we were before we started on the redevelopment project.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

collections made for nominated charitable organisations, detailed in the Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account, but not yet distributed to them. Examples are Action for Children, Mind and on behalf of the Traidcraft Café. Movements of such funds, which are held temporarily on the main bank current account, are separately recorded in the Vestry Journal, receipts and payments ledgers, and documented in other papers on file; and balances of the Benevolence Fund, to be applied at the minister's discretion.

It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 05 th March 2024, on which date the Trustees were the following:	The Trustees during the year ending 31 August 2023 were the following:
Rev. Karen George	Rev. Karen George
Deacon Laura MacBean	Deacon Laura MacBean
Irene Antwi	Irene Antwi
David Bishop	Cynthia Campbell
Hilary Cheverton	Hilary Cheverton
Andrew Cloke	Andrew Cloke
Tina Eshun	Tina Eshun
Theo Farmer	Theo Farmer
Micheline Faulkner	Christine Handel
Christine Handel	David Jackson
David Jackson	Mary Jackson
Mary Jackson	David Keall
David Keall	Rev. David Morris
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Stephen Olufunwa	Judith Reep
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THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Beckenham	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

Bromley	Circuit	Circuit no	35/42
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a5	Other receipts		3,645	1,362	5,007	1,884
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		151,056	1,362	152,418 (a7)	123,780

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		41,483		41,483	64,530
b3	Donations		1,000		1,000	
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		42,116		42,116	55,554
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		24,266		24,266	20,991
b6						
b7	Other payments		29,088	1,180	30,268	13,010
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		137,953	1,180	139,133 (b9)	154,085

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	13,103	182	13,285	(30,305)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		149,715		149,715 (c6)	179,066
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	162,818	182	163,000	148,761
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(165) (c7)	954
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	162,818	182	162,835 (c8)	149,715 (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		1,100		146
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		3,164		4,519
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		3,329		3,565
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SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL**SECTION E**

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e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	162,289	143,797	18,492	(165)	158,158 (x)	176,485 (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		
f2 Bank Current Account	73,648	41,809
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	75,548	120,492
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	519	534
f6 Other funds		
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1 September 2022At
31 August 2023**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

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Signature of Treasurer

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Date

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It is my responsibility to:

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Accounts



Beckenham Methodist Church
Bromley Road BR3 5JE and Clock House Road BR3 4JP

Registered Charity No. 1138006

Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st August 2022

Purpose

We are a body of people, drawn together by the love of God to worship, pray and try to follow the teaching of Jesus. To fulfil our purpose, we will:

Glorify God in worship

Develop our understanding of the love of God and the way of Jesus

Deepen our commitment to the Christian life

Enable and encourage our community to develop and use all their God-given talents

Offer Christian love and friendship to all

Respond to the needs of God's world, especially the people of Beckenham

The Methodist Church exists to exercise the whole ministry of Christ. The Local Church in Beckenham, with its membership and larger church community, exercises this ministry where it is and shares in the wider ministry of the Church in the world. In this one ministry worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service are essential elements, enabled by training and prudent administration.

Organisation and governance

Beckenham Methodist Church (BMC) is part of the Bromley Circuit (No 35/42) of the Methodist Church, and arose from a merger of the Bromley Road and Clock House Road churches on 01 September 2004.

The number of members regularly attending services at Clock House Road never regained the numbers pre COVID and in the light of such low attendance, the Church Council authorised a suspension of services and that a motion be sent to synod to declassify the site for religious purposes.

Ministers are appointed to the Circuit and given Pastoral Charge of the Local Church by the Circuit, usually staying for a term of 5 years. Rev. Alex Terrett, who had pastoral charge of the Beckenham and West Wickham churches since autumn 2018 moved on in August 2022 and no replacement was secured.

The Circuit appointed the Minister at Bromley to be the acting Superintendent and Rev David Morris, a retired minister who is part of the Beckenham membership, agreed to take on pastoral care duties for 2022/23 and taking Holy Communion. Services are led by the Circuit ministerial team and lay preachers as planned by the Superintendent according to normal Methodist practice.

The various tasks in carrying out our ministry are undertaken by the local Church, through its Church Council and committees, in union with the ministry of the Circuit of which it is constituent. In accordance with its governing document, the Constitution Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Trustees are all the members of the Church Council who are over the age of 18 years, some by virtue of posts they hold and some as elected representatives of the whole congregation.

Worship and Prayer

For most of the year services were held at both sites at 10.30 a.m. on a Sunday. Towards the end of the year services were only held once a month at Clock House Road. Holy Communion is celebrated at Bromley Road on the third Sunday of the month. The remaining members of the congregation at Clock House are now worshipping at Bromley Road.

The regular congregation is a mixture of age groups, nationalities and backgrounds and everyone who comes through the doors is afforded a friendly welcome. Service books, hymn books and pew Bibles are provided, as well as printed sheets when appropriate although audio-visual projection is now normally used and all appropriate copyright licences are held.

Membership stands at 93. Average attendance at Bromley Road is 40/50 with some housebound or infirm and others not attending regularly because of work or family commitments.

Circuit Meeting

Several Members of the Church Council also hold posts at Circuit level and the Church Council elects four representatives from amongst its number. The Circuit Meeting is a separate charity and its members are its trustees. The Local Church pays an assessment to the Circuit each year to cover the stipends and housing of ministerial staff and contributions to the Methodist Church nationally. BMC's assessment for this year was £64,530, which was an increase on last year.

The Church Premises

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the premises at Bromley Road (BR3 5JE) and at Clock House Road (BR3 4JP) Beckenham until the long-term future of that site is known. The Church premises at both sites are extensively used by the local community as well as by Church members. At Clock House Road there is a long-established pre-school playgroup and occasional evening community meetings.

The premises at Bromley Road are more extensive and are used by some 35-40 community groups on a regular basis as well as for annual meetings of local residents' groups and management committees. Activities for young children and the elderly are all available as well as the Church's own sponsored Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Badminton Club and Social gatherings. According to Methodist Practice (CPD) no alcohol is allowed to be brought onto or consumed on the premises. The AA and Al-Anon hold meetings on the premises for many years.

At Bromley Road we have been running a Community Café called TCs since July 2000 when a similar project run by Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) was forced to close. This has been very successfully staffed by volunteers from among the church membership as well as non members. At Bromley Road an extensive building project and covid caused the café to be closed in November 2018 but it reopened this year, renamed Joy's Kitchen, initially on 3 days a week basis later extending to 4 days a week as more volunteers were obtained. The aim is to reach full 5 days a week opening if sufficient volunteers come forward. In previous years a surplus was made and allocated to various mission projects at home and abroad. It is intended that this policy be reactivated and distributions should start next financial year. The Joy's Kitchen management committee reports to the Church Council.

The Property and Finance Committee reports to the Church Council and is responsible for day-to-day management of the bookings through the offices of the two appointed Property Stewards. Cleaning of both churches is carried out by professionals.

Maintenance of the premises is an ongoing expense: ongoing servicing of boilers, fire protection equipment and other key facilities was carried out. Two one off items of expenditure were incurred during the year on enhancing audio visual facilities and overhauling the Victorian organ and are covered later in more detail.

Pastoral Care

The members of the Methodist Church are each allocated to a Pastoral Visitor who works closely with the minister to ensure all pastoral needs are met. The Pastoral Visitors are members of the Pastoral Committee which reports to the Church Council. Those who are unable to attend services are visited and when requested the minister celebrates Holy Communion with them in their own home.

Mission

The Methodist Church supports Mission in Britain as well as Mission in the Wider World. These funds are well supported by the members of BMC as well as other charities. The After Service Coffee collection is allocated to specific charity by Church Council. The work of Joy's Kitchen has already been mentioned. Other charities regularly supported are Christian Aid and Action for Children, the Methodist Children's charity, one of whose founders was also a member of Beckenham Methodist Church at its original foundation in 1887. Various other charities are supported annually, both locally and worldwide, e.g. Workaid and a food bank and support for homeless men provided at another local church.

Ecumenical relationships

BMC is an active member of CTiB participating in all its activities and making financial contributions to the cause. The CTiB held a picnic in the Summer in a local park which was well attended by our congregation. Close relationships are held with our nearest neighbours at St. George's Parish Church.

Financial review, including reserves policy, designation of material funds and likely timing of expenditure

The financial position declined during the year as letting income, although well up on the previous year, was still below pre-pandemic levels and repayments on loans incurred for the redevelopment project fell due. The loans need another few years before they will be fully paid off. At the close of the financial year £24,400 was outstanding.

Church income was up compared with the previous year but only c10%. The long-term trend of switching from cash giving to electronic giving continued. Our bankers, HSBC started charging for our account which was unwelcome but we have chosen to stay with the bank we have been with for 130+ years. Despite bookings bouncing back and personal giving remaining strong no tax refund for gift aid was received. This is a timing issue and the money is expected next year. Also, no grants were received. Last year when the redevelopment finished final instalments of grant money from generous backers was triggered.

The redevelopment, which has been a major feature of these reports for the last few years has completed and a grand dedication and opening was held in early October 2021. Our Minister was joined by Rev Barbara Calvert and Rev Michael Cassidy, both past Ministers of the Church. We had an exhibition and of course a celebration cake.

Expenses during the year included normal maintenance costs together with two one off items. The first of these was to install improved audio-visual facilities in the church. It had originally been intended to do this with the redevelopment works but it was postponed due to funding issues. Around £11,000 was spent. We now have the capability to stream services onto the internet as well as having much improved wi-fi within all our buildings. The second item of expenditure was on the organ. This had been dismantled for the redevelopment works and when it was reinstalled it became clear that an overhaul was required. In total it will cost c£50,000 spread over 2 years. £28,000 was spent this year. The organ should then be match fit for the next 40 years. An appeal for funds has been made and generous donations have been received to date.

During the year our reserves declined by around 15% or just over £22,000 to £122,000. This reduction although unwelcome and explained earlier is far less than the previous year. With income recovering we

are on track to repay outstanding loans within the 5-year window we stated would be needed when the redevelopment works commenced.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

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It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 13 March 2023, on which date the Trustees were the following:	The Trustees during the year ending 31 August 2022 were the following:
Rev. Karen George	Rev. Alex Terrett
Deacon Laura MacBean	Deacon Laura MacBean
Irene Antwi	Irene Antwi
Gordon Wilson	Vicky Bessant
Cynthia Campbell	Cynthia Campbell
Sandra Storch	Mark Cheesman
Andrew Cloke	Andrew Cloke
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Mary Jackson	Mary Jackson
David Keall	David Keall
Barbara Kyei	Joe Krywko
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Judith Reep	Lum Ntumazah
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b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	64,530		64,530	62,291
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b6					
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b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	152,865	1,220	154,085 (b9)	255,124

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(30,331)	26	(30,305)	(138,650)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	176,845	2,221	179,066 (c6)	318,251
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	146,514	2,247	148,761	179,601
c4	Transfers and adjustments			954 (c7)	(535)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	146,514	2,247	149,715 (c8)	179,066 (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	146	681
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	4,519	445
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d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	1,100	146

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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	123,780	154,085	(30,305)	954	179,066 (x)	149,715 (y)

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

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DECLARATIONS

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Signature of Treasurer

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Date

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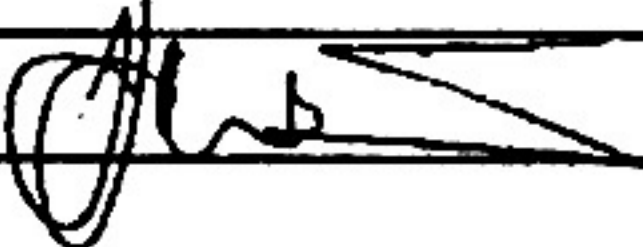
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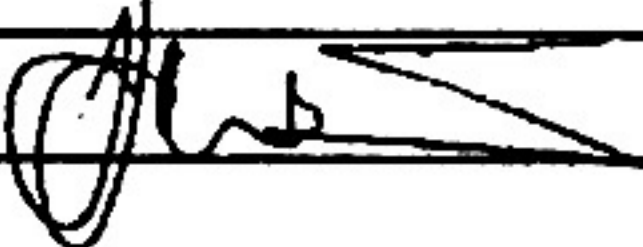
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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st August 2021

Purpose

We are a body of people, drawn together by the love of God to worship, pray and try to follow the teaching of Jesus. To fulfil our purpose, we will:

Glorify God in worship

Develop our understanding of the love of God and the way of Jesus

Deepen our commitment to the Christian life

Enable and encourage our community to develop and use all their God-given talents

Offer Christian love and friendship to all

Respond to the needs of God's world, especially the people of Beckenham

The Methodist Church exists to exercise the whole ministry of Christ. The Local Church in Beckenham, with its membership and larger church community, exercises this ministry where it is and shares in the wider ministry of the Church in the world. In this one ministry worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service are essential elements, enabled by training and prudent administration.

Organisation and governance

Beckenham Methodist Church (BMC) is part of the Bromley Circuit (No 35/42) of the Methodist Church, and arose from a merger of the Bromley Road and Clock House Road churches on 1 September 2004.

Ministers are appointed to the Circuit and given Pastoral Charge of the Local Church by the Circuit, usually staying for a term of 5 years. The current Minister is Rev. Alex Terrett, who has pastoral charge of the Beckenham and West Wickham churches and started her appointment in autumn 2018.

The various tasks in carrying out our ministry are undertaken by the local Church, through its Church Council and committees, in union with the ministry of the Circuit of which it is constituent. In accordance with its governing document, the Constitution Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Trustees are all the members of the Church Council who are over the age of 18 years, some by virtue of posts they hold and some as elected representatives of the whole congregation.

Worship and Prayer

BMC normally gives worshippers the choice of two 10.30 a.m. services on a Sunday, one at Clock House Road and the other at Bromley Road. The preachers at each service are appointed by the Circuit. Occasionally on special occasions, combined services are held at one or other venue. Holy Communion is normally celebrated at Bromley Road on the third Sunday of the month and at Clock House Road on the second, both sites offer a more informal service each month directed at families.

The regular congregations at both sites are a mixture of age groups, nationalities and backgrounds and everyone who comes through the doors is afforded a friendly welcome. Service books, hymn books and pew Bibles are provided, as well as printed sheets when appropriate. Audiovisual projection is now normally used at both sites and all appropriate copyright licences are held.

Membership stands at 96. Average attendance at Bromley Road is 40 and at Clock House Road 8 with many housebound or infirm and others not attending regularly because of work or family commitments. A tape recording of each service at Bromley Road is made available for the housebound. Services restarted at Bromley Road in September 2020 and at Clock House site later on in summer 2021.

Circuit Meeting

Several Members of the Church Council also hold posts at Circuit level and the Church Council elects four representatives from amongst its number. The Circuit Meeting is a separate charity and its members are its trustees. The Local Church pays an assessment to the Circuit each year to cover the stipends and housing of ministerial staff and contributions to the Methodist Church nationally. BMC's assessment for this year was £52,290, which was marginally higher than last year.

The Church Premises

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the premises at Bromley Road (BR3 5JE) and Clock House Road (BR3 4JP) Beckenham. The Church premises at both sites are extensively used by the local community as well as by Church members. At Clock House Road there is a long-established pre-school playgroup. Various evening activities include yoga and dance classes and other community meetings.

The premises at Bromley Road are more extensive and are used by some 35-40 community groups on a regular basis as well as for annual meetings of local residents groups and management committees. Activities for young children and the elderly are all available as well as the Church's own sponsored Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Badminton Club and Social gatherings. According to Methodist Practice (CPD) no alcohol is allowed to be brought onto or consumed on the premises. A weekly AA meeting has been held on the premises for many years.

At Bromley Road we have been running a Community Café called TCs since July 2000 when a similar project run by Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) was forced to close. This has been very successfully staffed by volunteers from among the church membership as well as non members. At Bromley Road an extensive building project caused the café to be close in November 2018. It remained closed for the whole of the year in review. Plans exist for reopening next year initially on 3 days a week basis. In previous years a surplus was made and allocated to various mission projects at home and abroad. It is intended that this policy be reactivated when the café reopens. The surplus not distributed prior to closure will be used to assist with relocating and relaunching of the café within the newly built extension. The TCs management committee reports to the Church Council.

The Property and Finance Committee reports to the Church Council and is responsible for day-to-day management of the bookings through the offices of the two appointed Property Stewards. Cleaning of both churches is carried out by professionals.

Maintenance of the premises is an ongoing expense: in line with last year the overall level of activity was lower than average, which is to be expected after we have just completed a major redevelopment. Ongoing servicing of boilers, fire protection equipment and other key facilities was carried out. The main items of expenditure were preparations for the reopening of the café – to be called Joy's kitchen.

Pastoral Care

The members of the Methodist Church are each allocated to a Pastoral Visitor who works closely with the minister to ensure all pastoral needs are met. The Pastoral Visitors and Church Stewards are members of the Pastoral Committee which reports to the Church Council. Those who are unable to attend services are visited and where requested the minister or some of the pastoral visitors are able to celebrate Holy Communion with them in their own home.

Mission

The Methodist Church supports Mission in Britain as well as Mission in the Wider World. These funds are well supported by the members of BMC as well as other charities. The work of TCs has been mentioned. Others regularly supported are Christian Aid with participation in the street collections and Action for Children, the Methodist Children's charity, one of whose founders was also a member of Beckenham Methodist Church at its original foundation in 1887. Various other charities are supported annually, both locally and worldwide, e.g. Workaid and a food bank and support for homeless men provided at another local church.

Ecumenical relationships

BMC is an active member of CTiB and participates in all its activities. On Ascension Day each year a service is shared with St. Paul's C of E Church in Brackley Road, alternating the venue and preachers. Close relationships are held with our nearest neighbours at St. George's Parish Church and the United Reformed Church, Crescent Road.

Financial review, including reserves policy, designation of material funds and likely timing of expenditure

The financial position declined during the year as expected due to the impact of Covid on our income and of the final redevelopment costs pushing our outgoings up. This will be the last year like this. The expectation is that future years will return to the previous pattern and in fact it is hoped overall bookings income will increase due to the larger premises now available at Bromley Road.

The redevelopment costs included the retention monies for the builder and the final payments to our advisors. It also included significant expenditure to reduce our loans. A loan of £58,000 was obtained from the Methodist Chapel Aid scheme and repayment commenced in June 2020. In March 2021 it was agreed by Church Council that we should pay off this loan in its entirety and save future interest payments. Additional loans from members have been gratefully received. A 5-year repayment plan to bring the church out of debit has been drawn up. It is hoped that with strong lettings, continued generous support from the congregation and further grant applications this can be shortened.

Some works were removed from the builder's contract due to affordability constraints in 2018 when contracts were awarded. These works included conversion of part of the New Room to a kitchen for the café and a disabled toilet and they have been undertaken by local traders under the direction of the property steward at a reduced cost compared to original quotation. These works will complete next year allowing the café to reopen. There are plans for a grand reopening of the redevelopment in September 2021.

Church income was constrained in 2020-21. Property bookings recovered slowly and were the lowest they have been for many years. Although the premises were available, Covid restrictions continued to apply to certain activities and other groups experienced lower demand as users socialised cautiously. The Playgroup at Clock House Road continued to operate throughout the year.

The amount of personal giving remained broadly unchanged. However, there was a welcome switch to electronic giving. It is hoped this trend continues.

During the year our reserves declined by around 40% or just over £139,000 leaving the church balances at £146,000. This was predominately due to redevelopment costs.

Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

collections made for nominated charitable organisations, detailed in the Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account, but not yet distributed to them. Examples are Action for Children, Mind and on behalf of the Traidcraft Café. Movements of such funds, which are held temporarily on the main bank current account, are separately recorded in the Vestry Journal, receipts and payments

ledgers, and documented in other papers on file; and balances of the Benevolence Fund, to be applied at the minister's discretion.

It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 15 th March 2022, on which date the Trustees were the following:	The Trustees during the year ending 31 August 2021 were the following:
Rev. Alex Terrett	Rev. Alex Terrett
Deacon Laura MacBean	Deacon Laura MacBean
Irene Antwi	Irene Antwi
Vicky Bessant	Papa Boateng
Cynthia Campbell	Vicky Bessant
Mark Cheesman	Cynthia Campbell
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David Keall	Gordon Hughes
Joe Krywko	David Jackson
Barbara Kyei	Mary Jackson
Comfort Lawson	Carol Jefferies
Rev. David Morris	Joe Krywko
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Lum Ntumazah	Graham McLeod
Sheila Priestman	Ruben Martin (part)
Judith Reep	Jenny Nichols
Paulette Tomlinson	Lum Ntumazah
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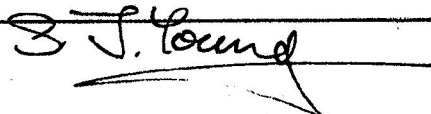
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		£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS	Note			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	62,900		62,900	298,376
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	353		353	2,365
a4	Lettings	26,483		26,483	41,380
a5	Other receipts	26,655	83	26,738	120,158
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	116,391	83	116,474 (a7)	462,279

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	52,291		52,291	51,356
b3	Donations	230		230	50
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b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	254,910	214	255,124 (b9)	579,041

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	(138,519)	(131)	(138,650)	116,762
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	114,988	203,263	318,251 (c6)	435,323
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	(23,531)	203,132	179,601	318,561
c4	Transfers and adjustments	200,376	(200,911)	(535) (c7)	(310)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	176,845	2,221	179,066 (c8)	318,251 (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	681	991
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations	445	590
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	980	900
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID (d1+d2-d3)	146	681

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e2							
e3							
e4							
e5							
e6							
e7							
e8	Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9	Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	116,474 (a7)	255,124 (b9)	(138,650)	(535) (c7)	318,251 (c6)	179,066 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	116,474	255,124	(138,650)	(535)	318,251 (x)	179,066 (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 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1		
f2	54,442	84,997
f3		
f4	263,292	93,551
f5	517	518
f6		
f7	318,251 (c6)	179,066 (c8)
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SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
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S. J. Young

Date

14.01.22

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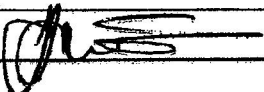
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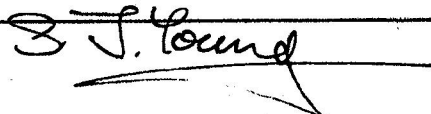
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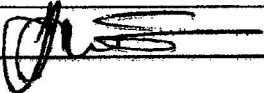
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BECKENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

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Accounts



Trustees Annual Report and Accounts for year ending 31st August 2020

Purpose

We are a body of people, drawn together by the love of God to worship, pray and try to follow the teaching of Jesus. To fulfil our purpose, we will:

Glorify God in worship

Develop our understanding of the love of God and the way of Jesus

Deepen our commitment to the Christian life

Enable and encourage our community to develop and use all their God-given talents

Offer Christian love and friendship to all

Respond to the needs of God's world, especially the people of Beckenham

The Methodist Church exists to exercise the whole ministry of Christ. The Local Church in Beckenham, with its membership and larger church community, exercises this ministry where it is and shares in the wider ministry of the Church in the world. In this one ministry worship, fellowship, pastoral care, mission and service are essential elements, enabled by training and prudent administration.

Organisation and governance

Beckenham Methodist Church (BMC) is part of the Bromley Circuit (No 35/42) of the Methodist Church, and arose from a merger of the Bromley Road and Clock House Road churches on 1 September 2004.

Ministers are appointed to the Circuit and given Pastoral Charge of the Local Church by the Circuit, usually staying for a term of 5 years. The current Minister is Rev. Alex Terrett, who has pastoral charge of the Beckenham and West Wickham churches and started her appointment in Autumn 2018.

The various tasks in carrying out our ministry are undertaken by the local Church, through its Church Council and committees, in union with the ministry of the Circuit of which it is constituent. In accordance with its governing document, the Constitution Practice and Discipline (CPD) of the Methodist Church, the Trustees are all the members of the Church Council who are over the age of 18 years, some by virtue of posts they hold and some as elected representatives of the whole congregation.

Worship and Prayer

BMC normally gives worshippers the choice of two 10.30 a.m. services on a Sunday, one at Clock House Road and the other at Bromley Road. The preachers at each service are appointed by the Circuit. Occasionally on special occasions, combined services are held at one or other venue. Holy Communion is normally celebrated at Bromley Road on the third Sunday of the month and at Clock House Road on the second, both sites offer a more informal service each month directed at families. A weekly class meeting or Bible Study is held on a Wednesday evening at Clock House Road and other fellowship meetings are also arranged.

The regular congregations at both sites are a mixture of age groups, nationalities and backgrounds and everyone who comes through the doors is afforded a friendly welcome. Service books, hymn books and pew Bibles are provided, as well as printed sheets when appropriate. Audiovisual projection is now normally used at both sites and all appropriate copyright licences are held.

Membership stands at 98 with a further 20 adherents. Average attendance at Bromley Road is 50 and at Clock House Road 15 with many housebound or infirm and others not attending regularly because of work or family commitments. A tape recording of each service at Bromley Road is made available for the housebound.

Due to Covid there were a number of changes in the 2019-20 year. Services at both sites were suspended after the services on Sunday 15 March 2020 and did not restart until September 2020 and then at Bromley Road only. Average attendance, under strict social distance guidelines was then about 35 each week. In the interval an electronic service was sent to all members each week with paper copies going to those without the internet.

Circuit Meeting

Several Members of the Church Council also hold posts at Circuit level and the Church Council elects four representatives from amongst its number. The Circuit Meeting is a separate charity and its members are its trustees. The Local Church pays an assessment to the Circuit each year to cover the stipends and housing of ministerial staff and contributions to the Methodist Church nationally. BMC's assessment for this year was £51,356, which was marginally lower than last year.

The Church Premises

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the premises at Bromley Road (BR3 5JE) and Clock House Road (BR3 4JP) Beckenham. The Church premises at both sites are extensively used by the local community as well as by Church members. At Clock House Road there is a long-established pre-school playgroup. Various evening activities include yoga and dance classes and other community meetings.

The premises at Bromley Road are more extensive and are used by some 35-40 community groups on a regular basis as well as for annual meetings of local residents groups and management committees. Activities for young children and the elderly are all available as well as the Church's own sponsored Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Badminton Club and Social gatherings. According to Methodist Practice (CPD) no alcohol is allowed to be brought onto or consumed on the premises. A weekly AA meeting has been held on the premises for many years.

At Bromley Road we have been running a Community Café called TCs since July 2000 when a similar project run by Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB) was forced to close. This has been very successfully staffed by volunteers from among the church membership as well as non members. At Bromley Road an extensive building project has been underway since November 2018 and during that period TCs was able to continue in one of the upstairs halls, operating from Monday to Thursday for 4 hours each day. In previous years a surplus was made and allocated to various mission projects at home and abroad. The surplus for 2019/20 is being held in reserve to assist with relocating and relaunching of the café within the newly built extension. The TCs management committee reports to the Church Council.

In line with Government covid restrictions all room bookings except certain exempt user groups (eg Pre School Playgroup at the Clock House Road premises and self-help and educational groups at Bromley Road) had to cease bookings in March 2020.

The Property and Finance Committee reports to the Church Council and is responsible for day-to-day management of the bookings through the offices of the two appointed Property Stewards. Cleaning of both churches is carried out by professionals.

Maintenance of the premises is an ongoing expense: In line with last year the overall level of activity was lower than average, which is to be expected when undertaking a major redevelopment. Ongoing servicing of boilers, fire protection equipment and other key facilities was carried out. The main items of renewal were a roof repair at Bromley Road and improvements to the lighting at Clock House Road.

Pastoral Care

The members of the Methodist Church are each allocated to a Pastoral Visitor who works closely with the minister to ensure all pastoral needs are met. The Pastoral Visitors and Church Stewards are members of the Pastoral Committee which reports to the Church Council. Those who are unable to attend services are visited and where requested the minister or some of the pastoral visitors are able to celebrate Holy Communion with them in their own home.

Mission

The Methodist Church supports Mission in Britain as well as Mission in the Wider World. These funds are well supported by the members of BMC as well as other charities. The work of TCs has been mentioned. Others regularly supported are Christian Aid with participation in the street collections and Action for Children, the Methodist Children's charity, one of whose founders was also a member of Beckenham Methodist Church at its original foundation in 1887. Various other charities are supported annually, both locally and worldwide, e.g. Workaid and a food bank and support for homeless men provided at another local church.

Ecumenical relationships

BMC is an active member of CTiB and participates in all its activities. On Ascension Day each year a service is shared with St. Paul's C of E Church in Brackley Road, alternating the venue and preachers. Close relationships are held with our nearest neighbours at St. George's Parish Church and the United Reformed Church, Crescent Road.

Financial review, including reserves policy, designation of material funds and likely timing of expenditure

The financial position is currently stretched reflecting the challenge of funding the redevelopment of Bromley Road where the building works are taking longer than expected and outturn costs are now higher than anticipated. Completion was forecast for November 2019 and was achieved in Summer 2020 but agreement of the final account is still outstanding. It is hoped to bring this matter to a conclusion in Spring 2021.

The year was very much a year of 2 halves to use a football analogy. Pre covid the church benefitted from strong personal giving, many bookings for lettings of church premises, which have held up surprisingly well in view of the building works at Bromley Road, to local community groups, a reduced Circuit assessment, and lower than usual expenses on repairs and maintenance in view of the redevelopment project now underway. Post lockdown income fell away sharply. Bookings were halted except for a small number of exempt users – such as the playgroup at Clock House Road. Personal giving declined as many members tend to give in person on a Sunday and switch to electronic giving has been slow.

The Redevelopment project at Bromley Road, outlined in prior years' reports, is now nearing completion. The works have significantly enhanced the church and plans are in place for a grand opening when we finally emerge from covid. The provision of a kitchen and toilets in the New Room area were removed from the builder's scope when tender returns were higher than expected. It is the plan now to complete these works as soon as possible which will allow the reopening of TCs using the new area.

To fund the redevelopment loans have been sought. A loan of £58,000 was obtained from the Methodist Chapel Aid scheme and repayment commenced in June 2020. Additional loans from members have been gratefully received. A 5 year repayment plan to bring the church out of debit has been drawn up. It is hoped that with strong lettings, continued generous support from the congregation and further grant applications this can be shortened.

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Funds held as custodian trustee on behalf of others:

Such funds are not material. They may include, during the financial year:

collections made for nominated charitable organisations, detailed in the Notes to the Receipts & Payments Account, but not yet distributed to them. Examples are Action for Children, Mind and on behalf of the Traidcraft Café. Movements of such funds, which are held temporarily on the main bank current account, are separately recorded in the Vestry Journal, receipts and payments ledgers, and documented in other papers on file; and balances of the Benevolence Fund, to be applied at the minister's discretion.

It is policy to disburse such collections in the same financial year in which they were received into the church accounts, except for the Benevolence Fund which may accumulate across year-ends.

Thanks

The Trustees would like to thank all those who work in a volunteer capacity to enable the smooth running of the Church in all its facets. As can be seen, BMC is an organisation devoted to providing public benefit with the assistance of its members. The Trustees, in exercising their powers and duties, complied with their obligation to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

This Report was approved at BMC's Church Council meeting on 4th March 2021, on which date the Trustees were the following:

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Theo Farmer
Ruben Martin
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Other Trustees during the financial year 2019-20 covered by this Report, included Colin Wilson.

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		£	£	£	£
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a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	341,058	121,221	462,279 (a7)	227,019

SECTION B		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
b1	PAYMENTS				
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b3	Donations	50		50	4,500
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	14,499		14,499	61,116
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b6					
b7	Other payments	35,927	455,497	491,424	581,661
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	123,544	455,497	579,041 (b9)	719,390

SECTION C		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR (a6-b8)	217,514	(334,276)	(116,762)	(492,371)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year	127,844	307,479	435,323 (c6)	927,982
c3	Sub total (c1+c2)	345,358	(26,797)	318,561	435,611
c4	Transfers and adjustments	(230,370)	230,060	(310) (c7)	(288)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR (c3+c4)	114,988	203,263	318,251 (c8)	435,323 (c6)

SECTION D		£	£
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d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures above)		
d1	Balance brought forward from last year	991	1,279
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e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	462,279	579,041	(116,762)	(310)	435,323 (x)	318,251 (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 2020**

		OPENING BALANCES		CLOSING BALANCES	
f1	Cash in hand				
f2	Bank Current Account	146,473		54,442	
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f4	Central Finance Board	288,336		263,292	
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My examination was carried out in accordance with general Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the 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 accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

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In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention (other than that disclosed below*):

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