

EAST HAM CONGREGATIONAL & METHODIST CHURCH (Pilgrims Way Church)

ACCOUNTS

YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER 1138633

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CHARITY INFORMATION

- 1/. The Charity was registered on 28th October 2010
The governing document is the Deed of Union (1932) and Methodist Church Act (1976)

- 2/. The present Trustees of the Charity are:

Trustees

Susan Stinson
Susan Mary Jex
Marilyn Iyabo Olutola Adiyin
Annette Jairaj
Beatrice Kumi (resigned 5/5/24)
Emmanuel Mensah Asiedu
Dorothy Greaves
Paul Stokes
Kelechi Uneze-Ogu
Josie Galang (appointed 20/3/22)
Rev Charity Madenyika (resigned 1/9/23)

- 3/. The Charity operates in the London Borough of Newham

The registered address being:

Pilgrims Way Church
Pilgrims Way
LONDON
E6 1HW

4/. **Public Benefit statement**

The provision of regular public acts of worship open to members of the church and non-members alike.
The provision of sacred space (a building) for prayer and contemplation.
The teaching of Christianity through sermons, courses and small groups.
Pastoral work including visiting the sick and bereaved.
Supporting other charities in the UK and overseas financially and with prayer.

5/. **Reserves Policy**

Charity expenditure in 2023 amounted to £104,449 (2022 £107,893).
Unrestricted reserves are £44,333 (2022 £58,255) and endowment reserves £1,680 (2022 £1,811) totalling £46,013 (2022 £60,066)
Unrestricted reserves cover approximately five months expenditure.

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TRUSTEES REPORT

The Trustees present their report and the accounts for the year

Trustees annual report

The Pilgrims Way Church is an ecumenical congregation of the Congregational and Methodist denominations.

It is one of the seven Methodist churches in the Newham Circuit.

Following a Circuit Decision Ministers were moved within the Circuit and Rev Elizabeth Osei was appointed Minister in 2023.

Mission Statement

To take on the responsibility of partnering with diverse communities and other churches (ecumenical)

To promote the pastoral support, social justice, equality, diversity, inclusion and hospitality of the church

to the lonely and vulnerable. In partnership with other Community Based Organisations to use our building.

Regular activities include providing a Community meal, coffee morning and Children's play schemes.

Since the Community meal started in 2021, Tuesday attendance has increased to an average of 35 to 45 individuals.

It is essential that we maintain the infrastructure of the church and the area used by our tenants.

Expenses continue, particularly for the heating maintenance in view of Utility rising prices.

Aims

- The celebration of public worship and the teaching of the Christian faith
- Mission to the marginalised and margins of community. Pastoral including the visiting of the sick and the bereaved
- Evangelism- provision of facilities with a Christian ethos for the local community including the elderly and the young- working in conjunction with the Local council to provide a Warm Haven (an opportunity for the community to come together over coffee).
- Working alongside the charity, Food Cycle, to provide a weekly hot meal for those in need.
- Support to other charities, in particular those in war torn Ukraine.
- The Trustees are also responsible for the Maintenance of the Church and in cooperation with those who use our buildings for hire and also the Nursery who lease our upper floors.

Objectives

- To share our faith and to equip the Church as the Body of Christ to service the community
- To continue communication and share the love of Christ via website and newsletters
- To enabling as many people as possible to attend our worship services.
- To continue our services hybrid to allow all house bound members to join the service via Zoom.
- To continue the partnership with The Newham Council and also the Food Cycle project to offer outreach to the wider community with activities and hospitality.

The main activities achieved public Benefit

Collaboration with Food Cycle, which uses surplus food provided by local suppliers to provide a free Tuesday evening meal to the lonely and vulnerable. In return, this adds a regular income stream to our rental income.

Since its start in 2021, Tuesday attendance has increased to an average of 30 to 35 individuals.

It is essential that we maintain the infrastructure of the church and the area used by our tenants in order to assist the operation.

Expenses continue, particularly for heating maintenance.

Achievements and performance

Trustees of the church have continued to maintain a presence, regular services, and activities.

Church Trustees met with Place of Hope to rebuild relations with the Circuit and address ongoing dispute regarding payment of assessment and other ongoing discord.

Church council, finance and property regularly met. A hire cost review was carried out and agreed increases were implemented to acknowledge the increase in cost for utilities and to address the shortfall for revenue to pay the circuit assessment going forward a review was also carried out regarding sparkles nurse lease.

New membership classes were being held with a view to encourage new adherents.

Summary of Accounts

At the end of August 2023 the accounts show a net deficit of £12,875 (2022 net deficit of £3,196).

Income included Offertory funds of £24,144 (2022 £22,753), rental income of £65,415, (2022 £58,892).

The largest expenditure items were staff costs £25,711 (2022 £25,221) and the Circuit contribution to a collective of Churches with whom we share costs of £39,964 (2022 £51,458)

The Nursery, Karate, and several Christian denominations continue to rent weekly space from us.

This has substantially helped our financial situation in order to pay our Circuit assessment.

Continued efforts are being undertaken to enhance room hiring in order to lower our deficit, specifically the amount owed to the Circuit.

Assets include Cash at bank £45,611 (2022 £42,806) and bequests totalling £66,934 (2022 £66,156).

Liabilities include the amount owed regarding the 'Circuit' £65,482 (2022 £51,518).

Chairperson's report

The Reverend Charity Madenyika, a Methodist minister, joined the circuit and Church in September 2022, providing pastoral oversight and leadership together with the trustees of the Pilgrim Way.

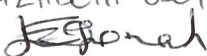
Rev Asif Karam, circuit superintendent along with other local accredited Preachers continue to lead ongoing worship services.

We aim to invite a Congregational preacher once every three months for a preaching appointment.

Chair

Signed:

Dated:

ELIZABETH OSEI

14 July 2025

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YEAR ENDED 31 AUGUST 2023

RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

	Unrestricted		Endowment		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
INCOMING RESOURCES					2022	2022
Gross income receivable						
Offerings and Tax recovered		24,144	-		24,144	22,753
Bank,CFB interest and investment Income		1,957	-		1,957	-
Lettings		65,415	-		65,415	58,892
Other receipts		58	-		58	23,051
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Total incoming resources		91,574	-		91,574	104,696
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RESOURCES EXPENDED						
Direct charitable expenditure						
Circuit assessment		39,964			39,964	51,458
Staff		25,711			25,711	25,221
Office costs		527			527	624
Repairs and maintenance		3,556			3,556	9,799
Utilities		26,884			26,884	13,715
Insurance		5,079			5,079	5,390
Legal fees		423			423	500
Other payments		1,805			1,805	585
Accountancy fees		500			500	600
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Total resources expended		104,449	-		104,449	107,892
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Net movement in funds		(12,875)	-		(12,875)	(3,196)
Funds balance brought forward		58,255	1,811		60,066	65,822
Unrealised gains/(losses)		(1,047)	(131)		(1,178)	(2,560)
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Funds balance carried forward		44,333	1,680		46,013	60,066
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SOUTH EAST AREA ASSOCIATION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL FEDERATION

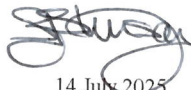
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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

	Unrestricted		Endowment		Total	
	£	£	£	£	£	£
					2023	2022
Investments/Legacies		65,254		1,680	66,934	66,156
Cash at Bank and in Hand		45,661		0	45,661	42,806
Debtors		0		0	0	5,500
Creditors		(66,582)		0	(66,582)	(54,396)
		<u>44,333</u>		<u>1,680</u>	<u>46,013</u>	<u>60,066</u>

Treasurer Susan Stinson - Treasurer

Signed:



Dated:

14 July 2025

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of
EAST HAM CONGREGATIONAL & METHODIST CHURCH (Pilgrims Way Church)

I report on the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 3 to 4.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 and regulations made under section 154 of that Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner

The charity's Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements, and they consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements under section 145 of the Act;
- follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act; and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.


Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with the 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations from you as 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, no matter has come to my attention:

- (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 Act; and
 - to prepare financial statements which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Acthave 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.

Signed: 
H M Green FCCA
147 Dalmally Road
Croydon
Surrey
CR0 6LZ

Dated: 14 July 2025

Newham Circuit Rent Outstanding at 2022

Circuit Contribution

Balance

2019/2020	41,200.00	
2020/2021	41,200.00	
2021/2022	39,964.00	(3% Discount)
2022/2023	39,964.00	

Paid to Circuit

2019/2020	30,000.00
2020/2021	24,846.00
2021/2022	16,000.00
2022/2023	26,000.00

Balance to Pay to August 2022

51,518.00

Accrual

41,200.00	30,000.00	11,200.00
41,200.00	24,846.00	16,354.00
39,964.00	16,000.00	23,964.00
39,964.00	26,000.00	13,964.00
122,364.00	96,846.00	65,482.00

Balance to Pay to August 2023

65,482.00

Per statement from circuit	71982
Incorrect 12k stated for 21/22	-4000
June statement excluded fina month	-2500
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