

**BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
ANNUAL REPORT & ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**



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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church, incorporating the South London Mission, is situated in Bermondsey Street, London. We are a Methodist church congregation and mission within the Methodist circuit of Deptford and Southwark.

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Since 1889 the needs of the local community have been served by Methodist Christians from this corner of Bermondsey. Following the reorganisation of the London Mission (South) Circuit in 2008, Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church, including the South London Mission, registered with the Charity Commission in 2011 Number 1141912. The nature of the governing document is that of an excepted unincorporated charity dating from September 1932.

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011, the Statement of Recommended Practice "Accounting and Reporting for Charities" (FRS 102) issued by the Charity Commission, The Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the Church Accounting Regulations 2006.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

The Trustees present their annual report and accounts of the charity for the year ended 31 August 2020. The charity registration number is 1141912 and other reference and administrative details are shown on page 1. Its working names are BCH, SLM and South London Mission.

The Trustees of the charity are the members of the Church Council of Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church (BCH), appointed by the Annual Church Meeting. Membership of the Church Council is normally restricted to a 6-year term but can be extended by approval of the Annual Church Meeting. The Chair of Trustees – the Minister of BCH alongside the Finance & Governance Committee perform the main management function for the charity, including recommending the budget and setting the remuneration levels for employed staff. They are supported by a Property Committee and a Missions Projects Committee. Day-to-day management is delegated through the Minister to a team of lay staff covering both administration and mission activities.

The Church Council Members who served during the year were as follows:

The Superintendent Minister	T	Revd. David Gillman
The Minister	T	As above
Lay Worker		Mr Peter Baffoe
The Church Stewards*	T	Mr Ayodele Odumade
	T	Ms Abena Baffoe
	T	Mr Cecil Venn
	T	Mrs Lovette Kargbo
	T	Mrs Doreen Gowie
	T	Mr Desmond Sesay
	T	Martha Obeng-Dampney
	T	Mrs Agatha Williams
	T	Mr Reynold Thomas
	T	Mr Eric Bediako
	T	Mrs Stephanie Stevenson
The Church Treasurer*	T	Mr Samuel Abbey
The Secretary of the Council*	T	Mrs Toyin Odumade
The Secretary of the Pastoral Committee*	T	Mr Eric Bediako
Baptismal Roll Secretary	T	Mrs Rachel George
The Secretary of the Property Committee	T	Mrs Tracey Marlin
The Secretary of the Finance & Governance Committee & SLM Projects Committee	T	Ms Abena Baffoe
Safeguarding Officers	T	Mrs Tracey Marlin
	T	Mrs Doreen Gowie
	T	Mrs Lovette Kargbo
	T	Mr Reynold Thomas
Representatives elected annually by the church meeting*	T	Mr Hector Shaw
	T	Mr Samuel Abbey
	T	Ms Kadiatu Jalloh
	T	Mr Festus Macauley
	T	Mrs Akua Agyepong
	T	Mrs Omo Harris
	T	Mr Seth Baffoe
	T	Mrs Velma Fofanah
	T	Mr George Boachie
	T	Mrs Mary Davies
	T	Mrs Jennifer Yankson-Lartey

* Subject to the six year rule. T=Trustee

MISSION STATEMENT, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

The calling of Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church is to be a sign of God's love to our neighbours through word, prayer and action. Open to God challenging and changing us, and recognising our need for God's power and grace, we commit ourselves to:

- The transformation of lives, churches and communities;
- Becoming Christ-centred, mission orientated and outward looking;
- Deepening relationships with God and with others;
- Transparency, trust and teamwork;
- Courageous leadership and strategic thinking;
- Engaging with the changing nature of the communities we serve;
- Working with those who share our goals and aspirations

There are many activities and projects fulfilling these aspirational goals – led and supported by the BCH congregation, our many volunteers, and the paid staff of SLM.

It seems impossible to look back over the last year and think of anything other than the Covid-19 Pandemic. However when looking back at our year which began in September there are many things we have achieved and things to be proud of. In our report this year we will share some of the highlights and some of our hopes for the future in what will be the “new normal”. In this year we have made some organisational changes in order to respond to the changing nature of the work of the South London Mission and the Southwark Deptford Methodist Circuit.

Community

We have continued to be part of the Southwark Foodbank network, feeding up to 20 households a week. This year in particular has been difficult, and we have seen much higher numbers of large families and people experiencing job insecurity attending the foodbank. As well as addressing the immediate need of food poverty, we also offer signposting advice and support so that people can continue to get help beyond the food parcels. We are pleased to note that we have seen a rise in the number of volunteers and donations to the food bank also.

The mission and the worshipping community at Bermondsey Central Hall continued to support the work of the winter night shelter project acting as a host venue every Saturday evening and Sunday morning between November 2019 and January 2020.

Our partnership with Link Age Southwark has continued this year with the exercise class for over 60s being a regular feature of our mid-week activities. The group perform a series of gentle chair-based exercises to support both physical and mental health and wellbeing.

Family & Children

This is a key part of the work for both the Church and the Mission. Activities encourage the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and young people including:

Boys and Girls Brigade: - attended by more than 25 children (ages 4–15yrs) each week during term time.

Saturday Supplementary School: - Every Saturday morning during the school term the now familiar sight of 30 plus primary school children sat neatly around several square tables in the church hall is what you would meet as the SLM Supplementary School continues to provide a high standard of educational development for children in the local area. The school focuses on English and Maths teaching but also developing the confidence and resilience of participants from Key Stage 1 to teenagers. The School provides extra support on subjects, specialising in literacy and numeracy and I.T. skills. There are currently three teaching members of staff and an administrator.

Sunday School: - meets 2 or 3 times a month – and has an attendance of 30 to 40 children and young people. Four different age-groups meet, and the volunteer teachers provide age-appropriate activities for spiritual and social development.

MISSION STATEMENT, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS CONT'D

Venture FX – Mummies Republic

The Venture FX Pioneer focuses on families with young children who are isolated due to life circumstances and financial issues, often without other family members around to help them. In addition to practical and emotional support, the project offers them space to explore spiritual issues whatever their background, culture or current situation. One of the highlights this year was two trips to the theatre over the Christmas period. Thanks to grants and donations we were able to take 30 families to enjoy a pantomime performance at the world famous London Palladium and to see the Lion King at the Lyceum theatre on The Strand. During the lockdown period, Mummies Republic were also able to raise funds to support the purchase of laptops to support home-learning for vulnerable children.

Property Matters

A registered “House of Multiple Occupation”, Cluny Place House (CPH) provides much needed affordable accommodation to a mix of people, from students and young adults taking their first steps towards independence to former Night Shelter guests and those from overseas. In addition to somewhere to live, the 34 residents are provided with practical and pastoral support where appropriate.

In the new year we sadly said goodbye to two of our ‘office’ tenants, Housing Justice and the Robes Project. BCH provided a home to these charities for a combined period of over 15 years. Both charities recognised that they needed to relocate to newer and more modernised facilities to support the development of their work. We are sad to see them go and now have the opportunity to invest in making the building fit for the future.

Post Covid

In March we joined the whole nation in the national lockdown. Due to the community and human centred nature of most of the charity’s projects, and the requirement to close portions of the building, some staff were furloughed. Though this was a difficult decision to make but we were heartened to see so many local mutual aid groups start up and support local people.

As the local community and the nation as a whole begins to slowly work its way out of the crisis, we feel this is a good time for the mission and the church to ask some questions about its purpose. The best placed people to answer these questions are not only those already engaged with the mission and the church but also our local community, our neighbours and external stakeholders. With this in mind, we intend to carry out a listening campaign using the ‘face to face conversations’ surveys and questionnaires and local data to better understand the needs of our community.

REVIEW, RISK MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Review of operations, structure and activities:

Much of the church's activity was severely disrupted during 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic and ensuing lockdown. The operational review of processes, structure and personnel, facilitated by an external consultant was ongoing, but gave way to the financial, staffing and missional /ministry concerns resulting from Covid-19. For part of lockdown, the majority of staff were on furlough and expenditure on the external consultancy was reduced. The review will reconvene in the autumn of 2020 with a focus on establishing a sustainable model for the CPH housing provision and then implementing appropriate structures for staffing and governance to support this. The Finance & Governance Committee and staff remain cognisant that a greater level of strategic focus and operation resilience is required to help the charity maximise its impact, steward its resources effectively and operate in a sustainable fashion, particularly following the financial pressures experienced in 2020. The review will seek to conclude in early 2021 with any recommendations being brought the church council for ratification as appropriate.

Activities for the Public Benefit:

The Trustees confirm that they have referred to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit when reviewing the charity's aims and objectives, and in planning activities for the year. All of the above listed projects are focused on benefiting those in need of support and are open to anyone who meets the specific criteria of the individual activities.

Risk management:

The Trustees continue to keep the major risks to which the organisation is exposed under review and take appropriate action when required. For example, the age and size of the property means that maintenance and repairs are continuous; as a result, the costly but essential upgrades – such as the fire alarm system – have to be funded from reserves. A quinquennial review is scheduled for November 2020. Risk Management remains a primary responsibility and concern for the Finance & Governance Committee. The level of rent arrears from CPH also remains a risk to be managed as does the proportion of income generated from various commercial lettings. The F&G will continue to monitor the level of arrears and any corresponding write-off of bad debt, as well as considering general income and expenditure levels, level of cash reserves and the ongoing financial viability of the charity.

Future Plans:

As referenced above, the leadership of BCH are currently undergoing an operational and strategic review to aid future planning. The staffing and governance structures, missional activities and premises use are all being considered as the church seeks to be obedient and responsive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. It is hoped that significant progress will be made on this review in 2020/2021. The charitable objectives of the charity will remain the same, to promote and communicate the Christian gospel and to alleviate poverty by serving those in need, primarily in the Bermondsey and Southwark areas. The focus for 2020/2021 financial year will be to agree a sustainable model of management and operation for the CPH housing provision, reduce expenditure where possible, utilise the Trewint flat and 2nd floor offices for charitable or revenue generating purposes and to optimise mission activity to meet the needs of the local community, particularly in the wake of Covid-19.

FINANCIAL REVIEW, POLICY ON RESERVES AND INVESTMENTS

Our work is funded primarily by rental income from Cluny Place House, the medical surgery on Decima Street and the various lettings of both offices and accommodation on site. However, the generosity of those connected to the Church and of the various grant funders we have approached is much appreciated, and plays a vital role in allowing Mission activities to continue.

Net incoming resources were £574,955 compared with £555,180 in the last financial year. This increase is entirely due to the receipt of grants from HMRC through their Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (circa £68K). Net of these grants, income reduced by circa £50,000, due to reduced donations and vacant rooms and office space. A detailed analysis of incoming and outgoing resources is shown in Notes 1 & 2 of this booklet. Operational expenditure was £525,999, but additionally £65,400 was spent on a major fixed asset purchase with the replacement of the boiler and heating system for Central Hall. Whereas the assets of the charity on the balance sheet increased to £474,255, net current assets reduced to £343,893.

From this £343,893:

- Approximately £52,662 are long term investments which produce an annual income for the charity but reduced in value in the financial year
- £70,979 represents debtors to the charity, most of which are resident room fees. Due to the commercial reality that a proportion of this debt was unlikely to be realized the finance and governance committee agreed to write off circa £11K in 2020.
- £36,291 is held as a restricted fund for the Venture FX project.
- The remainder of the balance sheet is cash deposited across a range of bank accounts and saving products. This cash is held to meet our reserves policy, to smooth out cash-flow and in preparation for any larger maintenance issues which may occur with the building.

Investments are held and managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The social, ethical and environmental considerations followed are therefore those of the Methodist Church.

Staff remuneration levels are agreed by the Finance & Governance Committee, with any employed members absenting themselves from the discussion. Salaries are benchmarked to Methodist lay worker scales, Venture FX rates (advised by the Connexion) and the UK Church Administrators Network 2019 Benchmarking Survey. No increase was awarded in 2020 due to the financial pressures experienced by the charity.

The Trustees' policy on reserves is to hold sufficient funds to cover present and future projects for a minimum of 6 months, and to meet its obligations as they fall due.

Support for our Mission Activities:

We are very grateful to all those who show a prayerful interest in our activities and who support our projects through financial and in-kind donations. If you would like to know more, please get in touch – we would be delighted to send a speaker or preacher or run a Home Mission event for you.

Signed _____ Dated:

by Rev David Gillman, Superintendent Minister of Deptford & Southwark Circuit
on behalf of the trustees of Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 August 2020.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's financial statements carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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.

Independent examiner's statement

Since the charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a body listed in section 145 of the 2011 Act. I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

Emphasis of matter

As part of the independent examination, we would like to draw attention to the users of these accounts that the debtors balance for rent due from the residential room letting from the charities social housing activity is likely to be overstated. During the year the trustees and management undertook a review of the debt outstanding and wrote off a proportion of this. As part of our review, we have identified that proportions of the remaining debtors balance have been outstanding for more than a year. We have been unable to verify if these amounts are more than likely to be paid in the coming year. As outlined in the trustee's report due to the nature of the social housing being provided there will always be rental debts which are unlikely to be paid. As the independent examiners we have recommended that a bad debt policy is reviewed on a regular basis.

Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner

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BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st August 2020

	notes	unrestricted funds £	restricted funds £	2020 total £	2019 total £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	2				
Donations and legacies		73,681	310	73,991	70,728
Investments		381,522	27	381,549	410,894
Grants		-	113,891	113,891	67,661
Activities		4,020	1,504	5,525	5,898
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		459,224	115,732	574,955	555,180
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3/4	396,679	129,320	525,999	562,950
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		396,679	129,320	525,999	562,950
NET INCOME before transfers		62,545	(13,588)	48,956	(7,770)
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5	-	-	-	(2,466)
Gains on revaluation of investments	6	(6,271)	-	(6,271)	2,479
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		56,273	(13,588)	42,685	(6,761)
Reconciliation of funds:					
BALANCE AT 1st September 2019	11	379,071	52,499	431,570	438,332
Transfers between funds		(500)	500	-	-
BALANCE AT 31st August 2020	11	434,845	39,411	474,255	431,570

The notes on pages 14 to 22 form part of these financial statements.

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2020

	notes	2020 £	2019 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	77,700	18,511
Investments	6	52,662	58,933
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	70,979	68,890
Cash at bank		305,791	293,099
		376,770	361,989
CREDITORS due within one year	8	32,877	7,863
NET CURRENT ASSETS		343,893	354,126
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		474,255	431,570
CREDITORS due after one year	9	-	-
NET ASSETS	10	474,255	431,570
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted			
General		412,311	356,537
Designated		22,534	22,534
		434,845	379,071
Restricted			
Specific		39,411	52,499
		474,255	431,570

Approved by the Finance & Governance Team on date & signed on their behalf by:

..... Revd. David Gillman (Superintendent Minister)

..... Mr Samuel Abbey (Treasurer)

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BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
CASH FLOW STATEMENT for the year ended 31st August 2020

		2020	2019
	notes	£	£
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash generated from operating activities	A	(158,529)	(234,823)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received and rent from investments		171,221	196,104
Net cash provided by investing activities		171,221	196,104
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interest paid		-	-
Loans received		-	-
Loan repayments		-	(100)
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		-	(100)
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		12,692	(38,818)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		293,099	331,918
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		305,791	293,100
Classified on the balance sheet as:			
Cash at bank		107,409	39,729
CFB deposit accounts		198,382	253,370
		305,791	293,099

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NOTE TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS:

A. RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

	2019	2018
	£	£
Net (deficit) / surplus for the year	42,685	(6,130)
Gains on revaluation of investments	6,271	(1,471)
Interest received	(3,813)	(4,713)
Rent from investments	(167,408)	(191,390)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,211	1,851
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	(65,400)	-
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	(2,088)	(27,249)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	25,013	(8,662)
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(158,529)	(234,823)

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

a) Basis of preparation of financial statements

The accounts are prepared under the historical cost convention, in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 and Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to Charities preparing their accounts in accordance with FRS 102 (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS 102)) and the Charities Act 2011.

The primary objective of the charity is to promote the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to the doctrine and practice of the Methodist Church. The charity meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS 102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost or transaction value unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy note(s). There are no material uncertainties about the charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

The church is a registered charity in England and Wales. The Trustees are the members of the Church Council named on page 1. The registered office is 256 Bermondsey Street, London, SE1 3UJ

b) Fund accounting

BCH funds are required to be analysed under specific headings, as follows.

General funds represent the 'free' funds of the charity that are not subject to any restriction regarding their use and are available for application for the general purposes of BCH.

Designated funds are earmarked by the charity for particular purposes but are nevertheless still unrestricted as the church council can redesignate the funds if it wishes.

Restricted funds are funds collected or donated for a particular purpose and cannot be used by the charity for any other purpose except by agreement with the donor.

The funds of the charity have been appropriately analysed and the statement of financial activities has been prepared in accordance with this analysis.

c) Accounting Requirements

The accounts are required to include all transactions, assets and liabilities for which the charity can be held responsible. and therefore include:

- Tax on gifts and donations received during the year;
- Specific giving directed to support individual full-time Christian workers;

The accounts do not include the accounts of church groups that owe an affiliation to another group, nor those which are informal gatherings of church members. Church groups which are largely self-financing, such as the flower fund, are excluded as they do not materially affect the accounts; however subsidies paid to these groups are included.

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st August 2020

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

d) Income

(i) Donations

Collections and planned giving are included in the SOFA when the funds are received. Income tax recoverable on gift aid donations is recognised when claimable.

(ii) Other donations

Any grants or legacies to the charity are accounted for as soon as the charity is notified of its legal entitlement and the amount due.

(iii) Trading and ancillary activities:

All funds raised by church activities such as the bookstall, and catering etc. are accounted for gross. Rental income from non-investment property and room lettings is recognised when the rental is due.

(iv) Investments

Investments are a form of basic financial instrument and are initially recognised at their transaction value and subsequently measured at their fair value as at the balance sheet date using the closing quoted market price. The statement of financial activities includes the net gains and losses arising on revaluation and disposals throughout the year.

The main form of financial risk faced by the charity is that of volatility in equity markets and investment markets due to wider economic conditions, the attitude of investors to investment risk, and changes in sentiment concerning equities and within particular sectors.

e) Application of Resources

- (i) Grants and outward giving are accounted for in the SOFA when paid, unless an obligation, whether constructive or legal, exists to the recipient in accordance with the Charities SORP and FRS 102.
- (ii) Parish Share and other costs directly relating to the work and activities of the Church are accounted for when they are incurred or become due and payable.

f) Depreciation

Depreciation has been provided at the following rates in order to write off the assets over their estimated useful lives.

Central Hall Improvements	Over 15 years
Minibus	20 written down value

g) Liabilities

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that settlement will be required and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably –usually the invoice amount. All expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis.

h) Going Concern

The Trustees have assessed whether the use of the going concern basis is appropriate and have considered possible events or conditions that might cast significant doubt on the ability of the charity to continue as a going concern. The Trustees have made this assessment for a period of at least one year from the date of approval of the financial statements. In particular the Trustees have considered the charity forecasts and projections and have taken account of pressures on income. After making enquiries the Trustees have concluded that there is a reasonable expectation that the charity has adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future. The charity therefore continues to adopt the going concern basis in preparing its financial statements.

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st August 2020
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1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

h) Tax Status

As a charity, BCHMC is exempt from paying income and corporation tax, but does have to pay value added tax.

2. INCOME

	unrestricted funds £	restricted funds £	2020 total £	2019 total £
DONATIONS AND LEGACIES				
Donations & Gifts	24,174	-	24,174	17,256
Legacies Receivable	27,808	-	27,808	9,030
Gift Aid	5,600	-	5,600	12,277
Church Offering	14,454	-	14,454	29,292
Special collections & support	1,645	-	1,645	1,716
	73,681	-	73,681	69,572
INCOME FROM PROPERTY / INVESTMENTS				
Interest & Investment Income	3,786	27	3,813	4,713
Residents	210,328	-	210,328	214,890
Other Commercial Hire	167,408	-	167,408	190,390
Other	-	-	-	900
	381,522	27	381,549	410,894
Venture FX				
Venture FX Grants	-	45,582	45,582	67,661
Venture FX Donations	-	310	310	1,156
	-	45,892	45,892	68,817
Activities and Events				
Venture FX Activity	-	1,504	1,504	500
Other	2,055	-	2,055	3,158
Sunday School	1,965	-	1,965	2,240
	4,020	1,504	5,525	5,898
Government Grants				
CJRS (HMRC)		68,309	68,309	-
TOTAL	459,224	115,732	574,955	555,180

In the 2019 FY, £69,317 of donation income related to restricted funds, with the balance of all other income totalling £486,495 relating to unrestricted funds.

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st August 2020
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3. THE WORK OF BERMONDSEY CH METHODIST CHURCH & THE SOUTH LONDON MISSION

	notes	unrestricted funds £	restricted funds £	2020 total £	2019 total £
CHARITABLE GIVING					
Benevolent Fund	11/17	-	-	-	1,720
JMA		-	-	-	1,296
External Giving		-	-	-	5,000
		-	-	-	8,016
MINISTRY					
Circuit Assessment (Circuit/District/Conn	12	72,500	-	72,500	80,266
Staffing costs	13	107,068	68,309	175,376	200,131
BCH Methodist Church costs costs		4,998	-	4,998	10,289
Direct Social Relief		2,842	-	2,842	7,895
South London Mission Running Costs		14,562	-	14,562	12,069
Cluny Place House running costs		37,951	-	37,951	32,094
		-	-	-	-
		239,920	68,309	308,228	342,744
VENTURE FX					
Venture FX Staffing Costs	13	-	52,662	52,662	41,857
Project Costs		-	8,350	8,350	12,493
		-	61,011	61,011	54,350
PREMISES					
Insurance		8,068	-	8,068	8,195
Cleaning Supplies		8,310	-	8,310	9,471
Repairs/Maintenance (not CPH)		30,053	-	30,053	32,649
Utilities		61,705	-	61,705	48,569
Depreciation		6,211	-	6,211	4,330
Local Authority Rates		2,827	-	2,827	3,063
		117,173	-	117,173	106,277
ADMINISTRATION					
Printing, photocopying & Stationery		838	-	838	3,696
Telecoms		3,275	-	3,275	3,086
Banking, Governance & Professional Fees		21,916	-	21,916	34,238
IT, Hardware,subscriptions and sundries		2,434	-	2,434	10,544
Bad debt write-off	7	11,123	-	11,123	-
		39,587	-	39,587	51,564
TOTAL		396,679	129,320	525,999	562,950

In the 2019 FY, £54,350 of expenditure on the work of the church related to restricted funds, with the balance of £506,122 relating to unrestricted funds.

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4. SUPPORT COSTS	(continued)	2020 £	2019 £
Staffing costs		113,186	81,547
Administration costs (total as above)		<u>7,255</u>	<u>10,333</u>
All support costs are for the work of the church		<u><u>120,441</u></u>	<u><u>91,880</u></u>

Included within administration costs is £960 (2019: £1,260) for the examiner's remuneration.

5. TANGIBLE ASSETS & INVESTMENTS

Cost or valuation	Premises Improvements £	Minibus £	total £
Balance at 1st September 2019	27,766	18,683	46,449
Revaluation	-	-	-
Additions	65,400	-	65,400
Disposals	<u> </u>	<u>18,683</u>	<u>18,683</u>
Balance at 31st August 2020	<u><u>93,166</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>93,166</u></u>
Depreciation			
Balance at 1st September 2019	9,255	18,683	27,938
Charge for the year	6,211	-	6,211
Released on disposal	<u>-</u>	<u>18,683</u>	<u>18,683</u>
Balance at 31st August 2020	<u><u>15,466</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>15,466</u></u>
Net book value			
At 1st September 2019	<u>18,511</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>18,511</u>
At 31st August 2020	<u><u>77,700</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>77,700</u></u>

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Valuation	Other Investments £
At September 2019	58,933
Net gain on revaluations	<u>(6,271)</u>
At 31 August 2020	<u><u>52,662</u></u>
	2020 £
Historical cost	<u><u>37,801</u></u>
	2019 £
	<u><u>37,801</u></u>

Bermondsey Central Hall Premises

The Church Council has control over and responsibility for the premises of Bermondsey Central Hall which is excluded from the accounts by virtue of s.10(2) of the Charities Act 2011. The freehold of Bermondsey Central Hall' is ultimately vested in the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. Major improvements to the premises are capitalised and depreciated over their estimated useful life.

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7. DEBTORS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Prepayments	-	-
Resident Room Fees & Commercial Lets	61,348	48,062
Loans	6,043	8,551
Gift Aid	3,347	12,277
Grants (CJRS)	11,363	-
Bad debt write-off	(11,123)	-
	<u>70,979</u>	<u>68,890</u>

8. CREDITORS due within one year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Circuit Assessment	30,000	-
Sundry creditors & Accruals	960	5,940
Deferred Income	1,917	1,923
	<u>32,877</u>	<u>7,863</u>

9. CREDITORS due after more than a year

	2020	2019
	£	£
Creditors due after more than a year	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BY FUND as at 31st August 2020

	unrestricted funds		restricted funds	total
	general	designated		£
	£	£	£	
Tangible fixed asset investments	52,662			52,662
Tangible fixed assets	77,700		-	77,700
Current assets	314,825	22,534	39,411	376,770
Current liabilities	(32,877)	-	-	(32,877)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>412,310</u>	<u>22,534</u>	<u>39,411</u>	<u>474,255</u>

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11. MOVEMENT OF FUNDS DURING THE YEAR

	balance b/f	income	expenditure	transfers and revaluations	balance c/f
	£	£	£	£	£
UNRESTRICTED FUNDS					
General funds	356,537	459,224	(396,679)	(6,771)	412,311
Designated funds:					
Minibus Fund	22,534	-	-	-	22,534
Total designated funds	22,534	-	-	-	22,534
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	379,071	459,224	(396,679)	(6,771)	434,845
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Hollyman & Lidyard	3,093	27	-	-	3,120
Venture FX	49,406	47,396	(61,011)	500	36,291
Special Collections	-	-	-	-	-
CVJRS	-	68,309	(68,309)	-	-
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	52,499	115,732	(129,320)	500	39,411
TOTAL	431,570	574,955	(525,999)	(6,271)	474,255

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS

General

This is the main fund of the Bermondsey Central Hall Methodist Church and there is no restriction on its use.

Designated

These are funds set aside by BCH for a special purpose.

RESTRICTED FUNDS

Special collections

This fund amalgamates special collections made by the church for special appeals. The disbursements made from such gifts during the year are listed in note 16.

Venture FX

This fund contains all income and expenditure for projects under the banner 'Venture FX'. These projects are overseen by the Venture FX worker and her management group. Income is primarily grant based.

CVJRS

This fund contains the grant income provided by HMRC through the Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme and the corresponding expenditure on staff salaries.

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12. CIRCUIT ASSESSMENT

Bermondsey Central Hall is a church in the Methodist Circuit of Southwark and Deptford. It contributes, by means of Circuit Assessment, to the operational costs of the circuit, district and connexion which predominantly helps the funding of presbyters (ministers). In the 2020 FY, the amount paid by BCHMC was £72,500 (2019: £80,266). The Methodist Connexion meets the stipend and other employment costs of the Minister of BCH and provides their housing. The amount by which BCH's contribution exceeds these costs and other apportioned Circuit, District and Connexional costs, goes towards the mission of the wider Methodist Church, helping subsidise church congregations who cannot afford their own ministry contributions.

13. STAFF COSTS

	2020	2019
	£	£
Salaries and Stipends	195,536	200,927
Employers NIC	17,119	16,551
Pension contributions	8,142	9,169
Temp Agency	-	18,221
Staff expenses and recruitment	802	4,726
Total	<u>221,600</u>	<u>249,593</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more.

Staff Numbers - average head count	2020	2019
Office	3	3
Saturday School	7	7
Direct Social Relief	2	2
Cluny Place House	2	2
	<u>14</u>	<u>14</u>

14. KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL

The charity's key management personnel comprise the minister and senior members of the staff team. Total remuneration paid to key management personnel was £70,939 (2019: £62,900).

15. TRUSTEE EXPENSES & RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

A total of 5 trustees claimed 'out-of-pocket' expenses totalling £3787.44 in the course of duties performed as employees or volunteers on behalf of the church or in reimbursement for items procured for the church. (2018-2019: 8 trustees claimed 'out-of-pocket' expenses totalling £9349.56)

16. TRUSTEE DONATIONS

The aggregate value of donations made by Church Council members for this financial year was £4,523.50 from 18 trustees (2018-2019: £9212.70 from 18 trustees).

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17. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

The following 7 trustees (or connected persons) received remuneration for an employment with the charity. These figures are inclusive of NI (£11,764) and Pension (£6082)

	2020	2019
W Webber	28,111	27,562
H C Shaw	24,818	24,333
P Baffoe	42,287	33,562
W Baffoe	42,653	41,818
R Thomas	2,523	2,474
L Kargbo	2,061	2,021
C Venn	2,061	2,021
	<u>144,516</u>	<u>133,791</u>

18. SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

	2020	2019
Amounts disbursed during the year:	£	£
JMA	-	1,296
Benevolent Fund	-	1,720
	<u>-</u>	<u>3,016</u>

19. EVENTS AFTER REPORTING PERIOD

The Covid-19 Pandemic continues to provide significant challenges for the charity, Post August 2020, the UK re-entered national lockdowns in November 2020 and again in January 2021, which is still ongoing at the point of publication of these accounts. The charity is continuing to make use of the CVJRS grant to support partial furlough of some of our staff and the F&G committee will meet regularly during 2021 to consider areas of risk management with a particular focus on income levels and expenditure.