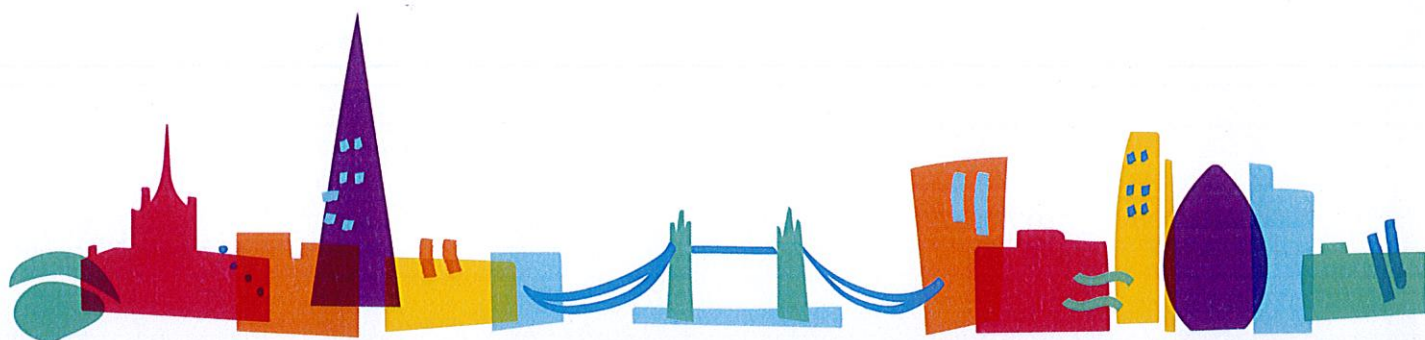




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Bermondsey Central Hall incorporating the South London Mission
Registered Charity No. 1141912



Annual Accounts 2021

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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.

Our correspondence address is:

South London Mission
256 Bermondsey Street
Bermondsey
London
SE1 3UJ

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 2021. 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 has lacked a formal and consistent approach to Trustee Induction and training in recent years. Cognisant of this fact, the Finance & Governance Committee intend to implement a new training and induction programme for trustees in the 2022-2023 financial year, as well as reviewing Terms of Reference and training arrangements for the Council's sub-committees. This requirement has been noted on the 2022 risk register for the charity. Safeguarding training for Trustees will be organised via thecss.co.uk.

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

The Superintendent Minister		Rev. David Gillman
The Minister		As above
Lay Worker		Mr Peter Baffoe
The Church Stewards*	T	Mr Ayodele Odumade
	T	Ms Abena Baffoe
	T	Mrs Lovette Kargbo
	T	Mrs Doreen Gowie
	T	Mr Desmond Sesay
	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*		(In Vacancy)
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	Mrs Velma Fofanah
	T	Mrs Mary Davies

* 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 few years and think of anything other than the Covid-19 Pandemic. However, in the midst of these challenges, we have seen God be faithful in blessing the communities at and surrounding BCH. In our report this year we will share some of the highlights and some of our hopes for the future.

BRITE-Box

In April we piloted a new project called BRITE Box. BRITE stands for Building Resilience In Today's Environment. This is a scheme where we prepare and deliver meal kits to children to cook and eat at home with their families. The initiative was started in Richmond by a charity called Voices of Hope.

It is being funded by AnjunaBeats, a record company based on Decima Street, who wanted to support a local project. We are working with Borough Market and Bells Butchers in Bermondsey to source the ingredients locally. The project was delivered across one year group in 4 local primary schools with a total of 156 families taking part.

The pilot was extremely successful and received very positive feedback from parents, teachers and pupils. AnjunaBeats have agreed to continue to support aspects of the project for the next school year and we will be looking at ways to expand the project to more schools.

Listening Agenda

As the local community and the nation as a whole began to slowly work its way out of the initial phases of the pandemic, we felt it was 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 commissioned an independent consultant to carry out a listening campaign using the 'face to face conversations' surveys, questionnaires and local data to better understand the needs of our community. This will guide the future development of SLM.

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. At the height of covid restrictions these classes were delivered via zoom.

Family & Children

The work with families and children is a key part of the work for both the Church and the Mission. In the past year with significant restrictions on social gatherings it has been challenging to meet in the ways we have been used too. Our activities to encourage the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and young people moved to using online platforms until we were able to meet in person again.

Our supplementary Saturday school was unable to operate for much of the year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We are looking forward to this provision restarting in the autumn term of 2021. In 2022 we hope to review the operation of the school to ensure it flourishes in its support of the children who attend.

Venture FX – Mummies Republic

This year also marks the final year of the 10-year Venture Fresh Expression project, Mummies Republic. There were a number of VFX projects around the country sponsored by the Methodist Church. The work of Mummies Republic has brought and built so much life into the work of the South London Mission and in the next year we will transition it to become fully integrated into the life and work of SLM.

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. BCH is currently in the process of reviewing our legal framework for the operation of CPH to ensure it functions in the best way, moving forward.

During the year our Quinquennial survey and report were completed. This provides a 5 yearly snapshot of the state of our premises which will guide our maintenance and development priorities for 2022 and beyond.

Venture Fresh Expressions (VFX) End of Project Report 2020/2021

A melancholy August 2020 began the new Methodist year with the continued bereavement of family, friends and members. In response to the restriction The VFX project of Mummies Republic experienced its most sedated year to date, with skeletal operation meeting the basic physiological needs of food and clothing for women and their children. The project also engaged its members via online platforms to ensure their wellbeing.

Long term community emergencies were pronounced for our members as Covid-19 lockdown and restrictions exacerbated the impact of low income and the housing concerns of overcrowding, unresolved problems with leaks, damp and mould. These physiological problems were compounded by the psychological problems of isolation and uncertainty.

Out of lockdown, our service remained restricted as our outward facing projects were dependent on the voluntary services of retired citizens or those who were out of work due to health-related conditions.

The operational and human resource management conundrum paved the way for rethinking about the future of the project. December 2021 brought the end of the Venture Fresh Expressions project at the South London Mission (SLM). Seed investment into the project by the Methodist Connexion, District, Circuit, and the Joseph Rank Trust had enabled 10 years of the project.

In its inception the project was defined as a holy risk, as it awarded freedom for authentic pioneering which reflected and operated alongside its communities. The outcomes have been authentic and sometimes ahead of government policy. Whilst the project was new, energetic, and innovative, its difficulties stemmed from the reality that the project operated as a silo because it was an external project of the SLM.

The operation of the project was dependent on external grants for every aspect of its work. Whilst this restricted internal development, it enabled agility for audacious innovation built around short-term focus teams. Focus teams were members from other organisations, with shared goals and accountability. Together mini projects were co-designed and implemented which met the niche needs of its members.

This way of operating revealed that partnership which prioritised mutual efforts and shared accountability were good practice and a method of working which enabled the holistic growth and development of the community. However, internally in its final year of 2021 the VFX project found itself with limited human resource capacity and growing demand.

Therefore, as of January 2022, the project ceased to be an externally funded project and has become an integrated and integral part of SLM. The strategy will be for the project to use its skills and partnerships to enable SLM to become increasingly engaged with its external stakeholders, in a way which reflects the changing dynamics in community needs, investments and partnerships.

Outstanding achievements of the VFX project

Group Talking therapies

The VFX Mummies Republic project has many outstanding achievements, its earliest achievement being the initiation of the South London and Maudsley NHS group therapy sessions, which continues to provide a model for other community groups.

"Relationships with local communities are essential for mental health services like ours to do our jobs properly. The stigma that is still associated with mental health difficulties is often an obstacle to people receiving the mental health care that they need and deserve. It is also sadly the case that people experiencing the greatest social disadvantage who may need the services the most, will often also be those who find services hardest to access. We know that we can't improve access by simply sitting in our clinics. This is why building partnerships with community groups is so helpful for us, and why we are so grateful for the support of everyone at Mummies Republic." Dr Janet Wingrove, Consultant Clinical Psychologist : Talking Therapies Southwark Annual Report 2017

Annual retreats

A further achievement was the annual retreats initiated to mitigate the scourge of poverty around the summer holidays. In the words of one of our members *"This summer my child can report back to school, that they did more than go to the playground"*. This annual activity began in 2016 as a learning outcome from the group therapy classes and ceased due to Covid-19.



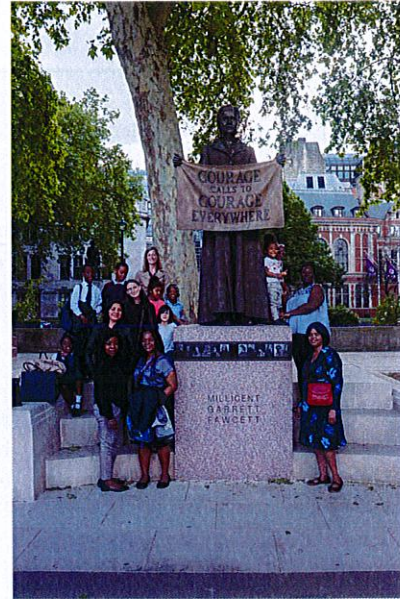
Venture Fresh Expressions Mummies Republic Butlin's 2019 retreat

Campaigning based on lived experience

The launch of Universal Credit in 2019 necessitated the project to challenge and campaign using the lived experience of its members. On route to the Houses of Parliament, our members took a picture alongside the statue of Millicent Garrett Fawcett in Parliament Square.

The message on her statute read *"Courage calls to courage everywhere."* The message resonated with the experience of our members, as the amendments and necessitation for online access to the benefits system attacked the physiological and psychological safety of low-income households.

It took great courage for our members to stand in front of a collective of politicians, heads of housing associations, national campaign senior leaders and headteachers in the Houses of Parliament, impart their experience of the racial and gender biased nature of the policy and its egregious attack on households, simply for they being poor. Courage for the members came in knowing that nothing but policy change would improve the system.



**Venture Fresh Expressions
Mummies Republic Universal Credit
campaign 2019**

The collective 10 years of the project's development has provided a compelling direction for continued community development and social innovation, seeking to holistically empower households. This is only achievable with the agreement of our members, participation of high performing teams made up through partnership, and a wide group of stakeholders providing the financial and governing support. Using this model Mummies Republic as a project of the SLM will be sustained for a further 10 years.

REVIEW, RISK MANAGEMENT AND PLANNING

Review of operations, structure and activities:

Much of the church's activity was severely disrupted during 2020 and 2021 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 much of the year, the majority of staff were on furlough (partial or otherwise) and expenditure on the external consultancy was reduced. 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 in response to the financial pressures experienced by the charity.

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. 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.

Remuneration:

The Church Council delegates the oversight of remuneration of its staff and key management personnel to its Finance and Governance Committee. Staff Salaries are reviewed annually and have most recently been linked to research conducted by UCAN (United Kingdom Church Administrators Network) in 2019. This research is due to be updated in 2022, at which point BCH/SLM will review the findings and seek to adjust its grading structure and salary levels accordingly.

Volunteers:

BCH is incredibly grateful for the voluntary service of its members, who serve in a number of capacities to support weekend worship, church governance, property management and mission activity. As is the norm with most churches, the role of volunteers is essential and core to BCH's operation and is recognised as an integral commitment of church membership, recognised within the annual Methodist Covenant Service. The Church Stewards perform a key volunteer role in the oversight and support of weekend worship and the pastoral life of the church. However, BCH employs a committed and competent staff team who alongside the Minister, hold management responsibility for the oversight and delivery of activities under the SLM banner and although the role of volunteers within SLM remains crucial, it is recognised that the charity's ability to undertake its present activities and commitments is not dependent on any particular volunteer's involvement. It is estimated that between 50 and 80 volunteers serve regularly across all activities, contributing many hundreds of volunteer hours each month.

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. Further delay was experienced in 2021 due to the continuing challenges of Covid-19, but It is hoped that significant progress will be made early in 2022, particularly when considering the outcomes of the 'listening campaign'. 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 2021/2022 financial year will be to:

- agree a sustainable model of management and operation for the CPH housing provision,
- fill CPH room vacancies
- reduce expenditure where possible, seeking to operate within the financial means of the charity
- develop fruitful and effective partnerships with funders and other community organisations, to best meet the needs of the community
- better utilise vacant commercial office space for revenue generating purposes and explore the feasibility for future development of the premises
- optimise mission activity to meet the needs of the local community.

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 £588,623 compared with £574,955 in the last financial year. This increase is entirely due to the receipt of grants from HMRC through their Coronavirus Job Retention Scheme (circa £58K) and the generosity of various grant providing bodies who have supported charities impacted by Covid (circa £68K). Net of these grants, income reduced by circa £45,000, due to reduced donations and vacant rooms and office space. This is the second consecutive year to see a drop in income of this level. A detailed analysis of incoming and outgoing resources is shown in Notes 1 & 2 of this booklet. Operational expenditure for the year was £572,063, but this includes significant expenditure relating to new community projects (many of which are Covid related) and the writing-off of £50,000 of historic bad debt.

At year end the net assets of the charity totalled £502,831.06.

From this £502,831.06:

- Approximately £64,677 are long term investments which produce an annual income for the charity
- £46,926 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 £50K in 2021.
- £18,758 is held as a restricted fund for the Venture FX project.
- £15,000 is held as a restricted fund for the strategic development of SLM resulting from a grant from the Impact on Urban Health Fund.
- 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.

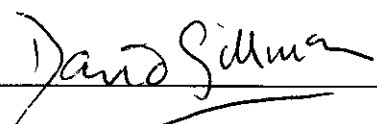
Investments are held and managed by the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church and the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes. The social, ethical, and environmental considerations followed are therefore those of the Methodist Church.

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.

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: 14/6/22

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 2021.

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.

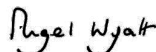
Independent examiner's statement

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.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
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Date: 20/06/2022

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES for the year ended 31st August 2021

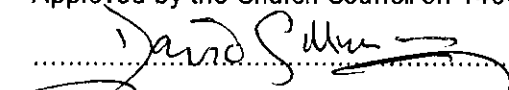
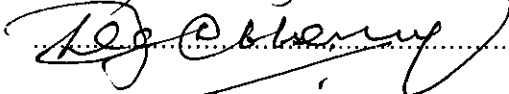
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INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:	2				
Donations and legacies		63,393	10	63,403	73,991
Investments		371,907	390	372,297	381,549
Grants		53,290	99,309	152,599	113,891
Activities		324	-	324	5,525
TOTAL INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		488,914	99,709	588,623	574,955
EXPENDITURE ON:					
Charitable activities	3/4	470,221	101,842	572,063	525,999
TOTAL EXPENDITURE		470,221	101,842	572,063	525,999
NET INCOME before transfers		18,693	(2,133)	16,560	48,956
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	5	-	-	-	-
Gains on revaluation of investments	6	12,015	-	12,015	(6,271)
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS FOR THE YEAR		30,709	(2,133)	28,576	42,685
Reconciliation of funds:					
BALANCE AT 1st September 2020	11	434,845	39,411	474,255	431,570
Transfers between funds		(1,888)	1,888	-	-
BALANCE AT 31st August 2021	11	463,665	39,166	502,831	474,255

The notes on pages 17 to 25 form part of these financial statements.

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET as at 31st August 2021

	notes	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS			
Tangible fixed assets	5	71,489	77,700
Investments	6	64,677	52,662
CURRENT ASSETS			
Debtors	7	46,926	70,979
Cash at bank		339,758	305,791
		386,685	376,770
CREDITORS due within one year	8	20,020	32,877
NET CURRENT ASSETS		366,665	474,255
TOTAL ASSETS less CURRENT LIABILITIES		502,831	474,255
CREDITORS due after one year	9	-	-
NET ASSETS	10	502,831	474,255
FUNDS	11		
Unrestricted			
General		441,131	412,311
Designated		22,534	22,534
		463,665	434,845
Restricted			
Specific		39,166	39,411
		502,831	474,255

Approved by the Church Council on 140622 & 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 2021

		2021	2020
	notes	£	£
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net cash generated from operating activities	A	(132,721)	(158,529)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest received and rent from investments		166,687	171,221
Net cash provided by investing activities		166,687	171,221
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Interest paid		-	-
Loans received		-	-
Loan repayments		-	-
Net cash (used in)/provided by financing activities		-	-
Change in cash and cash equivalents in the reporting period		33,966	12,692
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period		305,791	293,099
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period		339,758	305,791
Classified on the balance sheet as:			
Cash at bank		114,353	107,409
CFB deposit accounts		225,405	198,382
		339,758	305,791

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NOTE TO THE STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS:

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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Net (deficit) / surplus for the year	28,576	42,685
Gains on revaluation of investments	(12,015)	6,271
Interest received	(2,078)	(3,813)
Rent from investments	(164,609)	(167,408)
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	6,211	6,211
Loss on disposal of fixed assets	-	(65,400)
(Increase)/Decrease in debtors	24,053	(2,088)
Increase/(Decrease) in creditors	(12,858)	25,013
NET CASH GENERATED FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(132,721)	(158,529)

BERMONDSEY CENTRAL HALL METHODIST CHURCH
NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31st August 2021

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.

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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 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.

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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 £	2021 total £	2020 total £
DONATIONS AND LEGACIES				
Donations & Gifts	26,282	-	26,282	24,174
Legacies Receivable	25,040	390	25,430	27,808
Gift Aid	4,913	-	4,913	5,600
Church Offering	6,743	-	6,743	14,454
Special collections & support	415	-	415	1,645
	63,393	390	63,783	73,681
INCOME FROM PROPERTY / INVESTMENTS				
Interest & Investment Income	2,067	10	2,078	3,813
Residents	205,231	-	205,231	210,328
Other Commercial Hire	164,609	-	164,609	167,408
Other	-	-	-	-
	371,907	10	371,918	381,549
Venture FX				
Venture FX Grants	-	25,748	25,748	45,582
Venture FX Donations	-	-	-	310
	-	25,748	25,748	45,892
Activities and Events				
Venture FX Activity	-	-	-	1,504
Other	324	-	324	2,055
Sunday School	-	-	-	1,965
	324	-	324	5,525
Other Grants				
CJRS (HMRC)	-	58,561	58,561	68,309
Other Grants	19,790	-	19,790	-
Impact on Urban Health	33,500	15,000	48,500	-
	53,290	73,561	126,851	68,309
TOTAL	488,914	99,709	588,623	574,955

In the 2020 FY, £115,732 of income related to restricted funds, with the balance of all other income totalling £459,224 relating to unrestricted funds.

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3. THE WORK OF BERMONDSEY CH METHODIST CHURCH & THE SOUTH LONDON MISSION

	notes	unrestricted funds £	restricted funds £	2021 total £	2020 total £
CHARITABLE GIVING					
Benevolent Fund	11/17	-	-	-	-
JMA		-	-	-	-
External Giving		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-
MINISTRY					
Circuit Assessment (Circuit/District/Conn	12	128,000	-	128,000	72,500
Staffing costs	13	117,351	58,561	175,913	175,376
BCH Methodist Church costs costs		1,098	-	1,098	4,998
Direct Social Relief		18,281	-	18,281	2,842
South London Mission Running Costs		7,273	-	7,273	14,562
Cluny Place House running costs		19,256	-	19,256	37,951
		-	-	-	-
		291,259	58,561	349,820	308,228
VENTURE FX					
Venture FX Staffing Costs	13	-	42,662	42,662	52,662
Project Costs		-	619	619	8,350
		-	43,281	43,281	61,011
PREMISES					
Insurance		7,438	-	7,438	8,068
Cleaning Supplies		8,298	-	8,298	8,310
Repairs/Maintenance (not CPH)		12,904	-	12,904	30,053
Utilities		62,997	-	62,997	61,705
Depreciation		6,211	-	6,211	6,211
Local Authority Rates		1,440	-	1,440	2,827
		99,287	-	99,287	117,173
ADMINISTRATION					
Printing, photocopying & Stationery		2,726	-	2,726	838
Telecoms		3,681	-	3,681	3,275
Banking, Governance & Professional Fees		21,287	-	21,287	21,916
IT, Hardware, subscriptions and sundries		1,982	-	1,982	2,434
Bad debt write-off	7	50,000	-	50,000	11,123
		79,675	-	79,675	39,587
TOTAL		470,221	101,842	572,063	525,999

In the 2020 FY, £129,320 of expenditure on the work of the church related to restricted funds, with the balance of £396,679 relating to unrestricted funds.

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4. SUPPORT COSTS	(continued)	2021 £	2020 £
Staffing costs		113,060	113,186
Administration costs		7,764	7,255
All support costs are for the work of the church		<u>120,824</u>	<u>120,441</u>

Included within administration costs is £1,020 (2020: £1,020) for the examiner's remuneration.

5. TANGIBLE ASSETS & INVESTMENTS

Cost or valuation	Premises Improvements £	total £
Balance at 1st September 2020	93,166	93,166
Revaluation	-	-
Additions	-	-
Disposals	-	-
Balance at 31st August 2021	<u>93,166</u>	<u>93,166</u>
Depreciation		
Balance at 1st September 2020	15,466	15,466
Charge for the year	6,211	6,211
Released on disposal	-	-
Balance at 31st August 2021	<u>21,677</u>	<u>21,677</u>
Net book value		
At 1st September 2020	<u>77,700</u>	<u>77,700</u>
At 31st August 2021	<u>71,489</u>	<u>71,489</u>

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6. FIXED ASSET INVESTMENTS

Valuation	Other Investments £
At September 2020	52,662
Net gain on revaluations	12,015
At 31 August 2021	<u>64,677</u>
	2021 £
Historical cost	<u>37,801</u>
	2020 £
	<u>37,801</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

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments	-	-
Resident Room Fees & Commercial Lets	89,631	61,348
Loans	2,544	6,043
Gift Aid	4,751	3,347
Grants (CJRS)	-	11,363
Bad debt write-off	(50,000)	(11,123)
	<u>46,926</u>	<u>70,979</u>

For the FY ending 31st August 2021 the BCH Finance & Governance Team agreed to write off £50,000 of bad debt which primarily relates to historic underpayment of CPH room fees from residents reporting to experience financial hardship or failing to pay despite the best efforts of the church.

8. CREDITORS due within one year

	2021 £	2020 £
Circuit Assessment	19,000	30,000
Sundry creditors & Accruals	1,020	960
Deferred Income	-	1,917
	<u>20,020</u>	<u>32,877</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 2021

	unrestricted funds general £	designated £	restricted funds £	total £
Tangible fixed asset investments	64,677			64,677
Tangible fixed assets	71,489		-	71,489
Current assets	324,984	22,534	39,166	386,685
Current liabilities	(20,020)	-	-	(20,020)
Long term liabilities	-	-	-	-
	<u>441,130</u>	<u>22,534</u>	<u>39,166</u>	<u>502,831</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	412,311	488,914	(470,221)	10,127	441,131
Designated funds:					
Minibus Fund	22,534	-	-	-	22,534
Total designated funds	22,534	-	-	-	22,534
<i>Total unrestricted funds</i>	434,845	488,914	(470,221)	10,127	463,665
RESTRICTED FUNDS					
Hollyman & Lidyad	3,120	10	-	-	3,130
Venture FX	36,291	25,748	(43,281)	-	18,758
Special Collections	-	-	-	-	-
CVJRS	-	58,561	(58,561)	-	-
Impact on Urban Health	-	15,000			15,000
W.G. Wells gift for the poor	-	390		1,888	2,278
<i>Total restricted funds</i>	39,411	99,709	(101,842)	1,888	39,166
TOTAL	<u>474,255</u>	<u>588,624</u>	<u>(572,063)</u>	<u>12,015</u>	<u>502,831</u>

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.

Impact on Urban Health

This fund contains the grant income provided by the St Barts and St Thomas trust provided to the charity for strategic development work in light of the effect of Covid-19.

W.G.Wells gift for the Poor

This fund contains the endowment income from the WG Wells trust. The endowment funds are administered by the Southwark and Deptford circuit but the income is given to the South London mission to allocate for hardship payments.

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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 2021 FY, the amount paid by BCHMC was £128,000 (2020: £72,500). 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

	2021	2020
	£	£
Salaries and Stipends	185,696	195,536
Employers NIC	17,024	17,119
Pension contributions	8,080	8,142
Staff expenses and recruitment	571	802
Total	<u>211,370</u>	<u>221,600</u>

No employee earned £60,000 or more.

Staff Numbers - average head count	2021	2020
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 (2020: £70,939).

15. TRUSTEE EXPENSES & RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

A total of 5 trustees claimed 'out-of-pocket' expenses totalling £5481.50 in the course of duties performed as employees or volunteers on behalf of the church or in reimbursement for items procured for the church. (2019-2020: 5 trustees claimed 'out-of-pocket' expenses totalling £3787.44)

16. TRUSTEE DONATIONS

The aggregate value of donations made by Church Council members for this financial year was £6,254.47 from 16 trustees (2019-2020: £4,523.50 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 (£11,701) and Pension (£6020)

	2021	2020
W Webber	28,033	28,111
H C Shaw	24,802	24,818
P Baffoe	42,271	42,287
W Baffoe	42,637	42,653
R Thomas	2,523	2,523
L Kargbo	2,061	2,061
C Venn	2,061	2,061
	<u>144,389</u>	<u>144,516</u>

