



**CHARITY COMMISSION**  
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

## Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 September 2019** To **31 August 2020**

**Charity name:** Brixton Hill Methodist Church

**Charity registration number:** 1173770

## Objectives and Activities

	SORP reference	
Summary of the purposes of the charity as set out in its governing document	Para 1.17	a. The Christian faith in accordance with the doctrinal standards and the discipline of the Methodist Church; b. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any Connexional, district, circuit, local or other organisation of the Methodist Church; c. Any charitable purpose for the time being of any society or institution subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church; d. Any purpose for the time being of any charity being a charity subsidiary or ancillary to the Methodist Church.
Summary of the main activities in relation to those purposes for the public benefit, in particular, the activities, projects or services identified in the accounts.	Para 1.17 and 1.19	Equipping church members from highly diverse backgrounds through church services, pastoral visiting, eating together & bible studies. Development of youth in church, Girls Brigade, the 60:40 youth project & support of Clapham Youth Centre. Community groups for older people – Pop-In & Creative Card Making. Support of Robes homeless project. Support of the New Bridge Foundation prisoner support charity.
Statement confirming whether the trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit	Para 1.18	Trustees are aware of the requirement that a charity be for the public benefit.

## Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

	SORP reference	
Policy on grant making	Para 1.38	Grants will be decided by Trustees on a case by case basis, considering financial condition of the Charity. The Community Fund, inherited from Kings Acre, earns investment returns that are available, by decision of the Trustees to community projects.

		Currently partial support of the 60:40 youth project and Girls Brigade..
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Trustees rent office space to NewBridge Foundation at favourable rental as positive support for their work in prisons, considering the church is opposite Brixton Prison. The church also rents space to a nursery; as well as providing income to support the church, it is seen as a community asset. Kings Acre buildings are used for youth activities despite minimal income. Trustees plan to take on responsibility for Clapham Youth Centre .
Contribution made by volunteers	Para 1.38	The Charity is highly dependent on volunteers, trustees and others.
Other		

## Achievements and Performance

	SORP reference	
Summary of the main achievements of the charity, identifying the difference the charity's work has made to the circumstances of its beneficiaries and any wider benefits to society as a whole.	Para 1.20	Equipping church members from highly diverse backgrounds through church services, pastoral visiting, eating together & bible studies. Development of youth in church, Girls Brigade, the 60:40 youth project & support of Clapham Youth Centre. Community groups for older people – Pop-In & Creative Card Making. These have had to be suspended in the Covid crisis. But older people and those self-isolating were supported. Support of Robes homeless project (direct action by church volunteers has been limited by the Covid crisis. Support of the New Bridge Foundation prisoner support charity (social investment – reduced rental). Learning new technology for streaming services & meetings during lockdown. We were able to do significant plastering & painting in communal areas while nursery was closed..

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	Building up the joint youth club with Ascension Trust and Lambeth Circuit. Working with architects planning redevelopment of the buildings for increased engagement of the membership and expansion of community involvement..
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Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	
Other		

## Financial Review

Review of the charity's financial position at the end of the period	Para 1.21	The charity is in a reasonable financial position but does not have sufficient funds for a much-needed redevelopment. Significant loss of income while church was closed by Covid.
Statement explaining the policy for holding reserves stating why they are held	Para 1.22	The church's total liquid funds are close to its turnover. We plan to continue developing the building, but leave around 6-months turnover as reserve. The Community fund value is such that it is helping to fund projects from its investment return, but the trustees are willing to run down its value on a suitable local project.
Amount of reserves held	Para 1.22	Total general funds August 2020 - £85,641, Community fund £84,694. (previous year £113,328 & £78,670)
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Main funds incurred a deficit ~20% of turnover as a result of high maintenance – replacement of fallen ceiling & refurb of foyer area.
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	Loss of membership and revenue as a result of the Coronavirus emergency.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

The charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising)	Para 1.47	Rental income ~ £53k Contributions by members ~ £32k (down from £38k in previous year)
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Retain sufficient accessible funds for refurbishment of premises. At the same time the church considers that it can afford to provide some social investment (reduced rent) to NewBridge Foundation. It will consider use of Kings Acre premises work taking account both of the need to raise income and social investment for youth work.
A description of the principal risks facing the charity	Para 1.46	High costs of maintaining old premises. Lack of active volunteers during the week. Increased financial demands from Lambeth Circuit against fairly static income. Dependence on rental from a nursery. Reduction in membership & finance during the Coronavirus emergency.
Other		

## Structure, Governance and Management

Description of charity's trusts:		
Type of governing document (trust deed, royal charter)	Para 1.25	DEED OF UNION (1932) AND METHODIST CHURCH ACT (1976)
How is the charity constituted? (e.g unincorporated association, CIO)	Para 1.25	TRUST
Trustee selection methods including details of any constitutional provisions e.g. election to post or name of any person or body entitled to appoint one or more trustees	Para 1.25	The church annual meeting (open, but only church members vote) elects the church council who automatically become trustees along with the circuit minister assigned to the church.

### Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees	Para 1.51	
The charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works	Para 1.51	The charity conforms with the 'Constitution Practice & Discipline of the Methodist Church of Great Britain' (CPD)
Relationship with any related parties	Para 1.51	
Other		

## Reference and Administrative details

Charity name	Brixton Hill Methodist Church
Other name the charity uses	BHMC
Registered charity number	1173770
Charity's principal address	Elm Park Off Brixton Hill London SW2 2TX

### Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Kristin Markay	Minister		Lambeth Methodist Circuit
2	Avril Roy-Macaulay			BHMC AGM
3	Lucie Ogunnaike			BHMC AGM
4	Yvonne Less			BHMC AGM
5	Lynda-Anne Garwood-Warren			BHMC AGM
6	Abigail Tagoe			BHMC AGM
7	Enley Taylor			BHMC AGM
8	Sandra Taylor			BHMC AGM
9	Roberta Burke			BHMC AGM
10	Promela Singh			BHMC AGM
11	Janet Oppong			BHMC AGM
12	Trevor Gardner			BHMC AGM
13	Adenike Musa			BHMC AGM
14	Sherwayne Grumble			BHMC AGM
15	Claude Campbell			BHMC AGM
16	Kathy Rennalls			BHMC AGM
17	Robert Smyth			BHMC AGM
18	Geertje Bouwes			BHMC AGM
19	Abigail Crabbe			BHMC AGM
20	Euel Johnson			BHMC AGM
21	Femi Popoola			BHMC AGM
22	Araba Lartey			BHMC AGM..
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### Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

### Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

## Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

Description of the assets held in this capacity	None
Name and objects of the charity on whose behalf the assets are held and how this falls within the custodian charity's objects	
Details of arrangements for safe custody and segregation of such assets from the charity's own assets	

### Additional information (optional)

#### Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
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#### Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

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## Exemptions from disclosure

Reason for non-disclosure of key personnel details

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## Other optional information

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## THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

<b>BRIXTON HILL</b>	<b>Church</b>
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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED**

**31 August 2020**

<b>Circuit</b>	<b>Circuit no</b>	
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**Registered Charity - Charity Registration number**

1173770

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

EW87895

(The HMRC number is equivalent to a registered charity number in terms of evidence of charitable status and may be used to give to donors or grant funders wishing to see evidence of the organisation's charitable status. Methodist charities in England and Wales that are not registered charities are excepted from registration under Statutory Instrument 2014 No.242)

**Minister:**

<b>Revd Kristen Markay</b>
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**Church Stewards:**

<b>Adenike Musa</b>	<b>Avril Roy Macaulay</b>
<b>Kofi Kyei</b>	<b>Sherwayne Grumble</b>
<b>Claude Campbell</b>	

**Treasurer:**

Robert Smyth

<b>Robert Smyth</b>
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SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		£	£	£	£
a1	<b>RECEIPTS</b>	<b>Note</b>			
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	41,831	551	42,381	38,687
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	8,035		8,035	1,706
a4	Lettings	53,420		53,420	54,740
a5	Other receipts	1,908		1,908	179
a6	<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>105,193</b>	<b>551</b>	<b>105,744 (a7)</b>	<b>95,312</b>

SECTION B					
b1	<b>PAYMENTS</b>				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	48,000		48,000	36,000
b3	Donations	3,629	1,340	4,970	4,000
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	33,120		33,120	9,265
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	20,418		20,418	21,370
b6		17,260		17,260	38,058
b7	Other payments	4,428		4,428	4,958
b8	<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>126,855</b>	<b>1,340</b>	<b>128,196 (b9)</b>	<b>113,650</b>

SECTION C							
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	(21,662)	(790)	(22,452)		(18,339)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		190,621	4,794	195,415	(c6)	213,753
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	168,958	4,005	172,963		195,415
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	168,958	4,005	172,963	(c8)	195,415 (c6)

SECTION D					
<b>FOR INFORMATION ONLY: MONEY RECEIVED AND PASSED ON TO EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS</b>					
d	(these amounts are not to be included in total receipts/payments figures)		£		£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year		0		
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations		438		609
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations		438		609
d4	<b>BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID</b>	<b>(d1+d2-d3)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>

**SUMMARY OF CHURCH ACCOUNTS AND INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTING TO THE CHURCH COUNCIL****SECTION E****Please follow the Guidance Notes to complete this page**

Summary of the Church accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 and Internal Organisations reporting to the Church Council/Church Meeting. Note that the funds of an Internal Organisation would normally be Restricted funds unless it could be clearly shown that they could be used for any Methodist purpose. This section must be completed to arrive at the gross income and expenditure totals of the Church. If gross income exceeds the Accruals threshold, then the Accruals method of accounting AND A DIFFERENT FORM must be used to report the accounts (see Methodist website). Please refer to the guidance notes regarding transfers between the District and connected District Organisations.

INTERNAL ORGANISATIONS	Receipts	Payments	Net Receipts/ Payments	Adjustments	Opening balances	Closing balances
e1						
e2						
e3						
e4						
e5						
e6						
e7						
e8 Sub total of Internal Organisations funds					(e11)	(e12)
e9 Church accounts (totals brought forward from page 2 - totals column)	105,744 (a7)	128,196 (b9)	(22,452)	(c7)	195,415 (c6)	172,963 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	105,744	128,196	(22,452)		195,415 (x)	172,963 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward	TOTAL RECEIPTS	TOTAL PAYMENTS				

**SECTION F****STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2020**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	89	53
f2 Bank Current Account	77,874	47,342
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	36,267	38,353
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	2,514	2,522
f6 Other funds	78,670	84,694
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	195,415 (c6)	172,963 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	195,415 (x)	172,963 (y)

**SECTION G****OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2019	At 31 August 2020
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)		
g3 Other Assets		
g4 Loan(s) - show amount outstanding at year end		
g5 Other Liabilities		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Name of Church ... BRIXTON HILL METHODIST CHURCH..... No 35/6 .....

## Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2020 have been prepared from the records of the Church and that they include all funds under the control of the Church trustees.

Signature of treasurer ..... *Robert Smyth* ..... Date *27/06/21*

Name and address of treasurer ..... Robert Smyth

3 Sandhurst Court, Acre Lane ..... Post Code SW2 5TX

### Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2020 were/will be\* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on ... *07/10/20 & 27/06/21*

Signature of the Chair of the meeting ..... *Andrew Dart* .....

Name of the Chair of the meeting *Rev. ANDREW DART.* ..... Date ..... 7th October 2020  
*27/06/21*

## Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

### Brixton Hill Methodist Church

Charity Number .. 1173770

### Responsibilities and basis of report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Brixton Hill Methodist Church for the year ended 31 August 2020 set out on pages ... to .... As the Church's trustees, you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Church's accounts carried out under section 145 of the Act and, in carrying out my examination, I have followed all the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

\* delete or circle as appropriate

Name of Church - Brixton Hill Methodist ..... No ...37/6/.....

### Independent Examiner's Statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination (other than that disclosed below\*) which give me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act; or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

I have/have not\* obtained independent verification of all investments with the Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes or held in other trusts, bank balances and funds at the Central Finance Board of the Methodist Church which are individually in excess of £10,000 (ten thousand pounds) at the balance sheet date.

Signature of independent examiner ..... S.A. Lewcock .....

Name of independent examiner ..... SIMON ANDREW LEWCOCK .....

Relevant professional qualification of independent examiner ..... ACCA .....

Name of firm (where appropriate) .....

Address WINDSOR LODGE, MILLFIELD ROAD, HOUNSLOW,  
MIDDLESEX ..... Post Code TW4 5PN

Date ..... 16/06/2021 .....

\* delete or circle as appropriate

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