



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From **1 September 2020** To **31 August 2021**

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, youth project & support of Clapham Youth Centre. Community group for older people – Pop-In 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.

Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Trustees rent office space to The New Bridge 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 work with the circuit to mesh with the work of 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, the 60:40 youth project & support of Clapham Youth Centre. Community groups for older people – 'Pop-In'.. Older people were supported by pastoral visitors during Covid restrictions 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. Learning new technology for streaming services & meetings during lockdown.

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.
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 2021 - £95,935, Community fund £97,450 (previous year £85,641 & £84,694.
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	Main funds had a reasonable boost ~15% of turnover as a maintenance activity was restricted by lockdowns and high demand or contractors. .
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 ~ £40k (up 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	Abigail Tagoe			BHMC AGM
5	Enley Taylor			BHMC AGM
6	Sandra Taylor			BHMC AGM
7	Roberta Burke			BHMC AGM
8	Promela Singh			BHMC AGM
9	Janet Oppong			BHMC AGM
10	Trevor Gardner			BHMC AGM
11	Adenike Musa			BHMC AGM
12	Sherwayne Grumble			BHMC AGM
13	Claude Campbell			BHMC AGM
14	Kathy Rennalls			BHMC AGM
15	Robert Smyth			BHMC AGM
16	Geertje Bouwes			BHMC AGM
17	Abigail Crabbe			BHMC AGM
28	Euel Johnson			BHMC AGM
19	Femi Popoola			BHMC AGM
20	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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**CHURCH
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS
ACCOUNTS**

**THE METHODIST CHURCH
STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS**

Brixton Hill Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2021

Lambeth	Circuit	Circuit no	35/06
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Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173770

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

(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:

Revd Kristin Markay

Church Stewards:

Avril Roy-Macaulay	Adenike Musa
Kofi Kyei	Sherwayne Grumble
Claude Campbell	

Treasurer:

Robert Smyth

SECTION A			Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year
		Note	£	£	£	£
a1	RECEIPTS					
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		44,450	835	45,285	42,381
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		22,922		22,922	8,035
a4	Lettings		50,506		50,506	53,420
a5	Other receipts		2,243		2,243	1,908
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		120,122	835	120,957 (a7)	105,744

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		42,000		42,000	48,000
b3	Donations		2,650	100	2,750	4,970
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		6,500		6,500	33,120
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		20,112		20,112	20,418
b6	Fees		15,316		15,316	17,260
b7	Other payments		1,676		1,676	4,428
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		88,255	100	88,355 (b9)	128,196

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	31,867	735	32,602	(22,452)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		168,958	4,005	172,963 (c6)	195,415
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	200,825	4,740	205,565	172,963
c4	Transfers and adjustments					(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	200,825	4,740	205,565 (c8)	172,963 (c6)

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

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 2021 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)					
	120,957 (a7)	88,355 (b9)	32,602	(c7)	172,963 (c6)	205,565 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH					
	120,957	88,355	32,602		172,963 (x)	205,565 (y)
Continue on a separate sheet if necessary and bring the totals forward						
TOTAL RECEIPTS		TOTAL PAYMENTS				

SECTION F**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES****CHURCH - CASH FUNDS HELD at 31 August 2021**

	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	53	73
f2	47,342	51,355
f3		
f4	38,353	56,677
f5	2,522	
f6	84,694	97,460
f7	172,963 (c6)	205,565 (c8)
f8	(e11)	(e12)
f9	172,963 (x)	205,565 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2020	At 31 August 2021
g1		
g2		
g3		
g4		
g5		

f4 Include only Funds held at the Central Finance Board

f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2021 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  Date...18/10/21

Name and address of treasurer Robert Smyth

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

Presentation to the Church trustees

I confirm that the annual report and accounts for the year ended 31 August 2021 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ...Revd Kristin Markay Date ...19/10/21.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

..... Brixton Hill Methodist Church

Charity Number1173770

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 2021 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 Church No ...35/6

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, 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 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 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 *FELLOW OF THE ASSOCIATION OF CHARTERED CERTIFIED ACCOUNTANTS (FCCA)*

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address *WINDSOR LODGE, MILLFIELD ROAD, WHITTON,*

..... *HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX* Post Code *TW14 5PN*

Date *24/11/2021*

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