



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2022 **To** 31st August 2023

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 – Clapham Youth Hub and Clapham Youth Centre. Community group for older people – Pop-In Initiation of Circuit Choir Support of Robes homeless project. Partnered with local residents to set up a weekly 'Warm Space' in the foyer.
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 (Clapham Youth Hub) & support of Clapham Youth Centre. Community group for older people – 'Pop-In'. Part of circuit hosting overnight stays of homeless people under Robes project. Initiation of Warm Space, along with Elm Park residents, combined with foodbank hub.

Additional information (optional)

You may choose to include further statements where relevant about:

Achievements against objectives set	Para 1.41	
Performance of fundraising activities against objectives set	Para 1.41	Consolidation of improvement of the financial position of the church while moving from envelopes towards regular transfers
Investment performance against objectives	Para 1.41	Some improvement in investment performance.
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. Good surplus this year, because little was spent on property.
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 need to build up our reserves for redevelopment. The Community fund has significant value, used to fund projects from its investment return; 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 2023 - £111,149 (£87,155 in 2022), Community fund £89,805 (£94,332).
Reasons for holding zero reserves	Para 1.22	
Details of fund materially in deficit	Para 1.24	
Explanation of any uncertainties about the charity continuing as a going concern	Para 1.23	

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	Contributions by members ~ £55.4k (up from £52.8k in previous year) Rental income ~ £40.4k, down from £48.5k in 2022, as nursery was under financial pressure
Investment policy and objectives including any social investment policy adopted	Para 1.46	Retain sufficient accessible funds for refurbishment of premises. 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	Increased fuel costs, and risk of loss of income from the nursery as it continues to be under pressure. High maintenance costs for old building – quinquennial inspection report highlighted over £200k of work needed.
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	Enley Taylor			BHMC AGM
5	Sandra Taylor			BHMC AGM
6	Roberta Burke			BHMC AGM
7	Janet Oppong			BHMC AGM
8	Trevor Gardner			BHMC AGM
9	Adenike Musa			BHMC AGM
10	Sherwayne Grumble			BHMC AGM
11	Claude Campbell			BHMC AGM
12	Kathy Rennalls			BHMC AGM
13	Robert Smyth			BHMC AGM
14	Geertje Bouwes			BHMC AGM
15	Abigail Crabbe			BHMC AGM
16	Euel Johnson			BHMC AGM
17	Femi Popoola			BHMC AGM
18	Araba Lartey			BHMC AGM..
19	Zant Adams			BHMC AGM

Corporate trustees – names of the directors at the date the report was approved

Director name		
None		

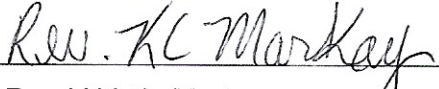
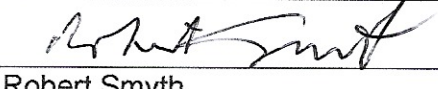
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

Trustee name	Dates acted if not for whole year	
None		

Declarations

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.

Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)		
Full name(s)	Revd Kristin Markay	Robert Smyth
Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc)	Chair	Treasurer

Date 29th March 2024

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Brixton Hill Methodist	Church
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2023

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	Zant Adams
Oscar Fricke	Esther Anim

Treasurer:

Robert Smyth

SECTION A		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Totals this year	Totals last year	
		£	£	£	£	
a1	RECEIPTS	Note				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered		63,113	680	63,794	66,156
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income		3,312		3,312	(4,315)
a4	Lettings		44,149		44,149	52,808
a5	Other receipts		553	800	1,353	1,988
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS		111,128	1,480	112,608 (a7)	116,638

SECTION B						
b1	PAYMENTS					
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share		42,000		42,000	42,000
b3	Donations		5,747	1,600	7,347	2,410
b4	Repairs and Maintenance		11,415		11,415	54,107
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)		31,083		31,083	24,615
b6						4,980
b7	Other payments		3,591	524	4,114	4,170
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS		93,835	2,124	95,959 (b9)	132,282

SECTION C						
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	17,293	(643)	16,650	(15,645)
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		186,603	3,318	189,921 (c6)	205,565
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	203,896	2,674	206,570	189,921
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)	
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	203,896	2,674	206,570 (c8)	189,921 (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 above)			£	£
d1	Balance brought forward from last year			0	0
d2	Offerings/Gifts - received for external organisations			577	422
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations			307	422
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	(d1+d2-d3)		270	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 2023 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)	112,608 (a7)	95,959 (b9)	16,650	(c7)	189,921 (c6)	206,570 (c8)
e10	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	112,608	95,959	16,650		189,921 (x)	206,570 (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 2023**

		OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1	Cash in hand	66	23
f2	Bank Current Account	61,647	69,185
f3	Bank Deposit Account		
f4	Central Finance Board	33,896	46,565
f5	Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes		
f6	Other funds	94,311	90,798
f7	SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	189,921 (c6)	206,570 (c8)
f8	Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9	TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	189,921 (x)	206,570 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

		At 1 September 2022	At 31 August 2023
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

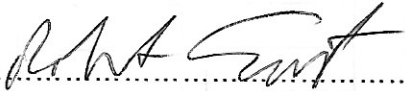
f5 Include only Funds held at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes

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 2023 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..... 21/10/2023

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 2023 were presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 24/10/23.

Signature of the Chair of the meeting 

Name of the Chair of the meeting ... Revd Kristin Markay Date 24/10/23.....

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of the

...Brixton Hill MethodistChurch

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 2023 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.

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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 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.

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 FCCA

Name of firm (where appropriate)

Address WINDSOR LODGE, MILLFIELD ROAD, HOUNSLOW,

..... MIDDLESEX Post Code TW4 5PN

Date 17/01/2024

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