



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From 1st September 2024 **To** 31st August 2025

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. Pop-In group for older people Initiation of Circuit Choir Support of Robes homeless project. Partners with local residents and Lambeth & Croydon Foodbank to run a weekly 'Warm Space' / Foodbank Hub 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.
Policy on social investment including program related investment	Para 1.38	Trustees rent office space to a prisoner befriending organisation at favourable rental as positive support for their work in prisons, considering the church is opposite Brixton Prison. The church also rented 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, some in conjunction with 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. Growth of Warm Space, along with Elm Park residents and Lambeth Foodbank, providing advice as well as food parcels, tea& coffee etc. Part of circuit hosting overnight stays of homeless people under Robes project. Community group for older people – 'Pop-In'. Continued support of youth work at Kings Acre / Clapham Youth Centre.

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	Funds held with CFB performed well, both deposit and investment. Investment funds held with CCLA performed poorly in comparison with previous years. Deposit (interest bearing) fund was fine.
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	Reserves at August 2025 - £159k, excluding Community Fund
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	Funding largely from contributions by members and rental from buildings.
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. High maintenance costs for old building – quinquennial inspection report highlighted over £200k of work needed. Level of dependence on rental income.
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 are de facto 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	Oscar Fricke			BHMC AGM..
19	Zant Adams			BHMC AGM

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

Director name		
None		


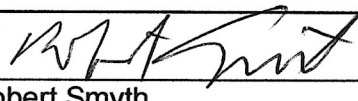
Name of trustees holding title to property belonging to the charity

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	4 th June 2026	

THE METHODIST CHURCH STANDARD FORM OF ACCOUNTS

Brixton Hill Methodist

Church

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

31 August 2025

Lambeth

Circuit

Circuit no.

35/6

Registered Charity - Charity Registration number

1173770

If not a registered charity **His 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				
a2	Offerings and Tax recovered	63,366	1,047	64,413	51,909
a3	Bank and CFB interest and Investment income	4,804		4,804	16,883
a4	Lettings	45,348		45,348	51,599
a5	Other receipts	469	474	943	2,777
a6	TOTAL RECEIPTS	113,987	1,521	115,508 (a7)	123,168

SECTION B					
b1	PAYMENTS				
b2	Circuit Assessment or Share	38,000		38,000	38,000
b3	Donations	244	600	844	260
b4	Repairs and Maintenance	19,429		19,429	19,027
b5	Utilities (Insurances, water charges, heating & lighting)	26,992		26,992	28,074
b6					2,230
b7	Other payments	4,760	901	5,661	3,847
b8	TOTAL PAYMENTS	89,425	1,501	90,926 (b9)	91,438

SECTION C					
c1	NET RECEIPTS/PAYMENTS FOR THE YEAR	(a6-b8)	24,562	20	24,582
c2	Total funds brought forward from last year		234,042	4,529	238,571 (c6)
c3	Sub total	(c1+c2)	258,604	4,549	263,153
c4	Transfers and adjustments				(c7)
c5	TOTAL FUNDS AT END OF YEAR	(c3+c4)	258,604	4,549	263,153 (c8)
					238,301 (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	457	273
d3	Offerings/Gifts - passed to external organisations	437	273
d4	BALANCE STILL TO BE PAID	20	0
	(d1+d2-d3)		

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 2025 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)	115,508 (a7)	90,926 (b9)	24,582	(c7)	238,571 (c6)	263,153 (c8)
e10 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	115,508	90,926	24,582		238,571 (x)	263,153 (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 2025	OPENING BALANCES	CLOSING BALANCES
f1 Cash in hand	98	54
f2 Bank Current Account	48,263	39,285
f3 Bank Deposit Account		
f4 Central Finance Board	51,627	83,545
f5 Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes	39,478	41,074
f6 Other funds	99,104	99,194
f7 SUB TOTAL - Church accounts	238,571 (c6)	263,153 (c8)
f8 Total funds held by Internal Organisations (the closing balance total from above) (e12)	(e11)	(e12)
f9 TOTAL CASH FUNDS HELD BY CHURCH	238,571 (x)	263,153 (y)

SECTION G**OTHER ASSETS and LIABILITIES**

	At 1 September 2024	At 31 August 2025
g1 Investments (include Endowments)		
g2 Land & Buildings (see notes re Insurance value)	9,294,466	
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 No. 35/6

Declarations and Scrutiny

I confirm that these Receipt and Payment based accounts for the year to 31 August 2025 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 29/10/2025

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 2025 were/will be* presented to the meeting of the Church trustees held on 29/10/25

Signature of the Chair of the meeting Rev. KC Markay

Name of the Chair of the meeting Revd Kristin Markay Date 29/10/25

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 2025 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 ChurchBrixton 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 

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 23/02/2026

* delete or circle as appropriate