

BROCKLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

A company limited by guarantee
and not having share capital

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

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Status Brockley Community Church is a company limited by guarantee

Directors Andrew Thomas – Chair (resigned as chair 28 1 10)
 Jill Abrahart
 Alex Alder
 Gordon Cowie
 Joe Hellowell
 Sue LeBas

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Treasurer Gordon Cowie

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

The directors present their report and the financial statements for the year ended 31st December 2009.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

The principal activity of the company is to be a Christian Church and to provide Christian worship, teaching, prayer and group activities for its members, and outreach and events for the local community.

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

Charitable objectives

Brockley Community Church is governed by its Memorandum and Articles of Association. The objects of the charity are:

- 1 To promote and advance the Christian Faith throughout the world generally including by the worship of God, the instruction and edification of Christians, the care and Christian instruction of young people and children and the evangelisation of non-Christians
2. To relieve poverty, hardship, sickness and distress among all peoples of the world.
- 3 To promote education and training.
4. To support such other charities and charitable purposes as the trustees shall decide.

Description of the organisation

Brockley Community Church is run by a Board of Directors who act as trustees of the charity and meet bi-monthly. Trustees are elected by church members for a period of three years. The trustees are responsible for the overall running of the charity and delegate certain responsibilities to a leadership team, led by the Church Leader Dr Andrew Parnham. The leadership team are responsible for the spiritual direction of the church, vision setting, the day to day running of the church and supporting and equipping church members.

RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

We are informally members of Transform Network, an association of congregations arising from relationships formed in Ichthus, members of I-Net, a missions organisation and of the Brockley ministers fraternal. We are also members of the Evangelical Alliance, Global Connections, Fusion and Voluntary Action Lewisham.

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RISK MANAGEMENT

The trustees have continued to give consideration to the major risks faced by the company and continued with the process of introducing & reviewing policies, systems and procedures to mitigate those risks. In addition the trustees have ensured that they have appropriate public liability, employer's liability and property insurance.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

A high proportion of the church's income continues to come from the regular giving of its members through standing orders, "Give as You Earn", gifts via Stewardship, and Sunday morning offerings. The church has continued to emphasise the use of the gift aid system and giving by standing order, whilst recognising the different situations of its members. The majority of the giving was gift aided and the charity was able to recover over £10,000 in income tax paid. The budget for general giving for the year was £76,000. General giving was below this, at £70,341, but never the less was at a similar level to 2008, expenditure was slightly less than income, and reserves were maintained. The trustees have a Reserves Policy of having a general fund reserve of one month's (regular giving) income and the reserve has remained above this.

The trustees are grateful to all who have given to the church throughout the year

DIRECTORS

The directors set out below have held office during the whole of the year and to the date of the report unless otherwise stated:

Jill Abraham
Gordon Cowie
Sue LeBas

Alex Alder
Joe Hellawell
Andrew Thomas

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES

The trustees are required by law to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the income and expenditure of the charity for that year. In preparing those financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- make judgements and estimates that are prudent;
- state whether the policies adopted are in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and with applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities

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REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

REVIEW OF THE YEAR - Andy Parnham, Church Leader

“So you’re John’s son, Simon? From now on you’re going to be Peter – the Rock!!” (John 1:42)

One way of summing up 2009 would be with the phrase “*Goodbyes and hellos*” – we said goodbye to some very dearly loved and long-standing members of BCC, including Ray & Jenny Hall, Victoria, Alison Gill, and later in the year, Tim & Ruth. Well, the Bible does say it’s better to give than receive! But there are other ways of looking at the year – for example, “*Encountering, Living with, and Going with Jesus*”, which were the titles of our Sunday morning teaching programme throughout much of the year. It certainly felt like we were doing those things through 2009!

The year began with a farewell to Miranda Mora, who had done a great job as our church administrator for most of 2008. She was replaced by Liz Wood, for Miranda’s 6 month maternity leave. In fact, Miranda was not to return, and there was more to develop later in the year, when in the summer, Liz’s husband, Andy developed what turned out to be a rapidly growing tumour. He went to be with Jesus in the autumn

Later in January, we commissioned Alison Gill as ***our missionary to Burundi***. She had spent many years preparing for this moment, so it was moving to pray her off. Being Alison, she has kept us well in touch over the following months. It’s not been easy for her as a single woman in Burundi, but she has already made an impact there. George and Alison Burch also bade us farewell, as they teamed up again with Ichthus.

Our Sunday morning teaching through the early months of 2009 was entitled “***A whole new life***”. Stuart and Marilyn Checkley and friends led us through material that normally forms part of the “Transformed Lives” course (aiming to help people find healing through Jesus in their personal lives and develop healthy habits in discipleship) The Checkleys were our guests at our weekend away in February at Letton Hall, Norfolk. We had been there a couple of years before, and although it poured with rain almost constantly that time, the welcome and facilities enticed us back again! We weren’t disappointed, and everyone found the time uplifting and helpful. We’re there again later this year (Nov 2010).

Several of us fasted from something during ***Lent***, and Beate laid on a month of “Watch and Pray” – focusing on the lead-up to Easter, with experts from “The Passion of Christ”. ***Easter*** itself saw us back at St Peter’s church with an array of activities for people in our Brockley community – an Art Exhibition Café, art workshop, treasure hunt and wailing wall. The “***Contemplative walk around Brockley cemetery***” based on the Stations of the Cross, was especially striking. One local man turned up at our Sunday morning service recently because he had followed the walk and had been prompted as a result to re-examine his dormant faith!

Baptising Sarah Horne and Ben Swan was definitely a highlight in May, at Brockley Baptist Church. It was very moving to see a large group of teenagers grouped around Ben as they laid hands on him and prayed. Equally emotional was our farewell to Victoria Kajang, as she moved back to her home Nigeria, after some 25 years or so living in London. She had been a real backbone in the church, especially through her prayer life and support of many people – including me!

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The summer brought “*Inspire*” and “*Make Brockley Happy*”, when some of us went out on to the streets and park, to do some silly and not-so-silly things with people in the community. This included going on a “Treasure Hunt”, which involved asking God for clues to the needs of people we then went out to meet on the streets. One very significant result was an encounter with a man who was looking for God, and asked us when we met him, “Do you have a church near here? Can I come along?” We’ve been in contact with him ever since *Soul Survivor* made its customary impact on both youth and adults, and a growing number of BCC members are now making their way to the New Wine camp in Somerset.

I visited our home groups during the summer, to get a sense of where people thought we’d got to as a church, by looking back on the past years, and asking what our pathway had been, and then to ask where we might be going in the years to come. It was an inspiring and challenging time for me – I produced a summary report on people’s comments, which is available to all.

For most of the year, our Sunday morning programme led us into *encountering Jesus in the Gospels*. Indeed, the first part of this series was called “*Encountering Jesus*”, as we followed people whose contact with Jesus turned their lives upside down. This led on to “*Living with Jesus*” – what was life like with the person whose enemies called “a glutton and drunkard”? Finally, in the autumn, we focused on “*Going with Jesus*”, feeling challenged by Jesus’ life and teaching.

We were shocked and saddened by *Andy Wood’s* death in October. But I must say that I have never been to a funeral like it! Many of Andy’s ex-taxi driving mates were there, and it was amazing to see the impact on them of the family’s faith in God in such a traumatic situation. I came away impressed with all who took part, and with the way God can break into people’s lives in the midst of tragedy.

Nick Carmichael joined us in September as our “youth work student” – starting Oasis College’s three-year degree course, with us as his church placement. He very quickly adapted to a very new situation, and became part of our church family with impressive speed! In October, he and Pete le Bas took some of the youth to Arras, France, where the Mears family got them doing some unusual and fun things. Nick has been a great addition to both church and youth team – especially as Tim went off to Mexico at precisely the time Nick arrived. Tim, Ruth and Zeke spent 6 months there, as part of a Discipleship Training School run by Youth With A Mission (YWAM). They arrived back recently as thoroughly changed people! The whole church got involved in the months leading up to their departure, giving financial, prayer and relational support to them – I was proud of us all!

The year ended with our (now traditional) *Christmas Eve Service* at St Peter’s church. I’m always amazed by the number of local (and not-so-local) people who come along. It’s always an enjoyable and inspiring time, as people packed the church on a very cold December evening.

What else happened?

- **Our intern (Anna)** worked hard in developing initiatives and links in the community, including Healthy Brockley activities, a new Brockley Time Bank, *Inspire* and *Make Brockley Happy*, and several in-church activities. We nearly had a second year of the internship, but the person we’d expected to join us in September changed her mind at the last moment!

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- **Prayer:** we tried a number of different approaches through the year, including half-nights of prayer, “prayer & fasting” and “prayer & feasting” on Friday evenings, “30 minutes on Thursdays” (3 times on a Thursday), “Prayer & donuts” on Sunday mornings (intergenerational prayer led by Jane and family – something I try never to miss! If you wonder why, just come along at 10am!), and several prayer couples and triplets.

- **Homegroup leaders’ meals:** Jo T came up with the idea to invite our stalwart HG leaders to a bimonthly Monday evening meal – a time to eat and be merry, as well as to honour those who give pastorally to others in the church. We were inspired by the example of Jesus in the Gospels, as he spent time feasting with his friends and others. The evenings have become a tradition very quickly!

- **Healthy Brockley:** we produced a newsletter early in the year, and the HB team was much in evidence in organizing the Easter events. Andy T stepped back later in the year, and consequently there’s been something of a hiatus in our events and activities since then. But the “Come Rain Come Shine” walks continued through the year, as did some of the courses that I run – for example, *The Money Secret*, parenting, and the *How of Happiness* wellbeing course.

- **Missions:** we sent out a number of key people from the church, across the world: Alison Gill, Victoria and Tim and Ruth, to Burundi, Nigeria and Mexico respectively. We are privileged to count such people amongst our number, and I believe God is as delighted as we are to see them ‘go into all the world and make disciples’! iNet continues to do a good (though often little noticed) job at supporting and resourcing the many missionaries across the world, connected to the twelve “iNet churches”. The iNet festival and conference is always a high point for many.

- **Brockley churches fraternal:** this grouping of local churches is steadily growing. Today it comprises over ten churches. The leaders get together every 6 weeks and give valuable support to each other; the churches too hold joint services and activities during the year.

- **People:** it’s been a tough year for Spencer family, with Lauren having major back surgery (which has been a success) and other family pressures. Esme was very ill following surgery, but made a dramatic recovery! Phil Sewell turned 60 during the year!

- **Hospitality:** one of the sources of satisfaction for me is to see the way that BCC people open their homes to others, both on a Sunday and at other times.

- **Goldsmiths College Christian Union:** I have been involved with the Goldsmiths CU over the past few years, and took their weekend away twice in 2009! Joe Letts has also got involved during the year.

- **BCC website:** in April we launched our new look website – do take a look.

A lot has happened over those twelve months. God has proved himself faithful again, and we look forward to more of his life and faithfulness throughout 2010.

APPROVAL

This report was approved by the trustees on 9th April 2010



Gordon Cowie
Chair of Trustees

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

	Note	Unrestricted £	Restricted £	2009 Total £	2008 Total £
Incoming Resources					
<u>Incoming resources from generated funds</u>					
Voluntary income					
Gifts and offerings	2	70,341	3,524	73,865	73,957
Grants				0	649
Interest		4		4	120
<u>Incoming resources from charitable activities</u>					
Church "houseparty" fees		5,134		5,134	2,585
Other fees and sales/takings at events		75	105	180	265
Total		75,554	3,629	79,183	77,576
Resources Expended					
<u>Charitable Activities</u>					
Costs of activities					
Salaries	3	33,980		33,980	40,918
Self employed payments		1,034		1,034	
Volunteer costs - Experience/ Youth Student & Intern		3,133	80	3,213	2,513
Training & outside courses		190		190	1,233
Rent		5,175		5,175	6,050
"Healthy Brockley" Events & Courses		1,064	570	1,634	1,651
Other Special Events		313		313	704
Church "houseparty"		5,165	1,561	6,726	2,955
Equipment and technology		665		665	1,173
Insurance		663		663	644
Subscriptions and membership charges		563		563	548
Youth & Children activities & materials		2,363		2,363	1,966
Publicity		0		0	661
Preaching & speaking gifts		300		300	490
Overseas missions costs		111		111	344
Administrative & other expenses		3,911	100	4,011	3,553
		58,630	2,311	60,941	65,403
Grants payable					
I Net Trust Ltd		7,357		7,357	7,974
XLP		3,120		3,120	3,120
Transform Network		2,880		2,880	2,880
Direct contributions to overseas missionaries		2,222	673	2,895	2,436
Other			1,212	1,212	636
		15,579	1,885	17,464	17,046
Total		74,209	4,196	78,405	82,449
Incoming Resources minus Resources expended					
		1,345	-567	778	-4,873
Total funds brought forward at 1st January 2009					
		8,681	2,714	11,395	16,268
Total funds carried forward at 31 December 2009					
		10,026	2,147	12,173	11,395

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BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2009

		2009 £	2008 £
	Note		
Fixed Assets		0	0
Current Assets			
Debtors	5	12,529	3,087
Cash at bank		1,899	11,365
		14,428	14,452
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	6	2,255	3,057
Net Assets (Assets less current liabilities)		<u>12,173</u>	<u>11,395</u>
Reserves			
Restricted Funds	7	2,147	2,714
Unrestricted Funds		10,026	8,681
		<u>12,173</u>	<u>11,395</u>

Audit Exemption

For the year ended 31/12/2009 the company was entitled to exemption from audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies

Directors' responsibilities

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476,

The directors acknowledge their responsibilities for complying with the requirements of the Act with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime

Approved by the board on 9 April 2010

Signed on its behalf by



Gordon Cowie
Director

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2009

1 ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention and in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 and follow the recommendations in Accounting and Reporting by Charities Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) 2005

a) Incoming resources

Gifts, grants and sales are accounted for on a received basis. Tax recoverable from the Inland Revenue under the Gift Aid scheme is recognised on an accruals basis when receivable.

b) Capitalisation and Depreciation

Items of equipment are only capitalised where purchase price exceeds £1,000. As the charity has no fixed assets there is no policy on depreciation.

c) Expenditure

Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis, inclusive of VAT, which cannot be recovered.

d) Charitable Activities

This comprises all expenditure directly related to the objects of the charitable company.

e) Pensions

The charitable company offers its employees a pension with Legal & General Assurance Society, administered by Kingsworld Walder Ltd. The scheme is a defined contributions scheme. The charitable company matches employees' contribution up to 5% of their gross salary. Expenditure is charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which it relates.

f) Funds accounting

Funds held by the charitable company are:

Unrestricted general funds - these are funds which can be used in accordance with the charitable objects at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds - these are funds which can only be used for particular purposes within the objects of the charitable company. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes. The nature and purpose of each fund is explained further in the notes to the financial statements.

2 GIFT AID

Included within "Gifts and offerings" is £11,652 income tax recoverable under the Gift Aid scheme.

3 STAFF COSTS

a) Three people were employed by the company during the year, at the start of year one full time and one part time, by the end of the year one full time.

b) Employment Costs

	2009
	£
Gross Pay	30,298
Social Security costs (Employer's National Insurance)	2,382
Pension costs (Employer's contribution)	1,300
	33,980

c) The directors received no remuneration or reimbursed personal expenses during the year.

d) No employee earned more than £50,000 during the year.

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4 TAXATION

As a registered charity (no 1103389) the income of the company is exempt from tax under S505 of the Income and Corporation Taxes Act 1988

5 DEBTORS

	2009
	£
Income tax recoverable (Gift Aid)	11,652
Other debtors	877
	<u>12,529</u>

6 CREDITORS

	2009
	£
Pension contributions payable	308
HMRC paye payments payable	693
Other creditors	1,254
	<u>2,255</u>

7 RESTRICTED FUNDS

	At 1.01.09	Incoming Resources	Resources expended	At 31.12.09
	£	£	£	£
Healthy Brockley Fund	2,000	0	555	1,445
Pastoral fund	471	641	1,112	0
Houseparty 2009 Fund	0	1,561	1,561	0
Other restricted funds	243	1,427	968	702
	<u>2,714</u>	<u>3,629</u>	<u>4,196</u>	<u>2,147</u>

Healthy Brockley Fund

This fund represents a grant made by London Borough of Lewisham for specific Healthy Brockley costs

Pastoral fund

This fund represents donations made to contribute to a specific pastoral need

Houseparty 2009 Fund

This fund represents gifts given to pay for the non direct costs of the church "houseparty" weekend

Independent Examiner's report to the Trustees of Brockley Community Church

Simon Pellew OBE, MSc, MBA

I report on the Accounts of Brockley Community Church for the year ended 31st December 2009, which are set out on pages 9 to 12.

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the Examiner

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the Act), as amended by s 28 of the Charities Act 2006) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended),
- to follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the Act, as amended), and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

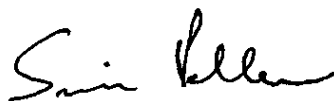
My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention

- 1 which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in, any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that.
 - proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act), and
 - accounts are prepared which agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act, or
- 2 to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

Signed:



Date: 12 Sep 10

Simon Pellew
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