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**HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
TRUST**

**ACCOUNTS**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

**HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST**

**YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

**OFFICERS, PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS AND REGISTERED OFFICE**

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**MANAGING TRUSTEES:**

Mrs. M. Cliff  
Mr. E. Cliff  
Mr. D. Cliff  
Mr. A. Wraight

**HOLDING TRUSTEES:**

Mrs. M. Cliff  
Mr. E. Cliff  
Mr. D. Cliff  
Mr. J. H. Sansom

**ADMINISTRATOR:**

Mr. D. Cliff

**REGISTERED OFFICE:**

Hurstwood Church,  
Hurstwood Village,  
Worsthorne,  
Burnley,  
Lancashire,  
BB10 3LG

**ACCOUNTANTS**

Ashworth Moulds,  
11, Nicholas Street,  
Burnley,  
Lancashire,  
BB11 2AL

**REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:** 1008882

**HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST**

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## **HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024**

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The Managing Trustees (the "Trustees") present their report and accounts for the year ended 31st March, 2024.

#### **REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

Hurstwood Christian Church Trust is a registered charity (No. 1008882). Its principal address is Hurstwood Church, Hurstwood Village, Worsthorpe, Burnley, Lancashire BB10 3LG.

The present Trustees, and any past Trustees who served during the period, are given on the foregoing statement of officers, professional advisors and registered office, together with the name of the administrator and external advisors.

The title to the property is held under a freehold in the name of the Holding Trustees of Hurstwood Christian Church Trust. The names of the Holding Trustees are also given on the foregoing statement of officers, professional advisors and registered office.

#### **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

The charity is constituted as a trust and governed by its Trust Deed dated 19th February, 1992.

The Board of Trustees is responsible for the overall governance of the charity. The total number of Trustees shall be not less than three but may not exceed seven. New Trustees are elected by the existing Trustees and must assent to the doctrinal basis of the trust. The Trustees meet regularly to manage the affairs of the charity.

Since the end of September 2021 the church has relied on lay preachers, many of whom belong to the church. There is also one voluntary part-time administrator who manages the day to day administration of the charity.

#### **OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES**

The objectives of the charity are the furtherance of the Christian Religion throughout the Hurstwood area and elsewhere, and the provision of general assistance where required.

The church maintains weekly Sunday morning services and the charity has provided Sunday School for children and young people and a weekly youth meeting. The charity also organises church away days and conferences for men and ladies, runs holiday clubs for primary school children and organises family games nights. In addition, there are prayer meetings, bible studies, a mums' and toddlers' group, Christmas meals and the provision of a weekly tearoom.

The church activities are open for all to attend.

In planning the activities for the year the Trustees kept in mind the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit at their meetings and are satisfied that the charity's objects, and the activities it carries out in pursuit of those objects, as set out above, are for the public benefit.

## **HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST**

### **TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024 (CONTINUED)**

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#### **ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE**

The focus of the charity's activities throughout 2023 and 2024 has remained the provision of a Sunday Service, Sunday School and Youth Club meetings in its own premises. These enable the children and young people attending to learn more about the Bible and the Christian way of life and provide an opportunity for fellowship and social interaction with their peers. The church welcomes all children and young people regardless of personal background, gender or personal circumstances.

The charity also provides various other services including the following:-

- regular play groups for pre-school children and their carers to provide an opportunity to learn and play together.
- a tearoom to provide refreshments and a meeting place for social interaction.
- a place for meetings of various groups.

In the year ended 31st March, 2024 the church, despite the difficulties faced by people due to the cost of living, has seen pleasing attendance and participation at each activity.

#### **RESERVES POLICY**

All the funds are of an unrestricted nature and are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity.

Liquid funds have risen over the last few years as there has not been a paid pastor. Moving forward, the church has decided to employ a leader and an assistant on a 12 month contract. This may lead to a decrease in the level of reserves held. The church's policy is to keep reserves at a level which will provide a sufficient buffer for the church to continue with its current activities in the event of a short term unexpected fall in income or unexpected additional expenditure.

## HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

### TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024 (CONTINUED)

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#### FINANCIAL REVIEW

The charity's policy is to hold adequate funds in order to meet its on-going obligations, any unforeseen expenditure that may occur and to help with the cashflow of future operations. As at 31st March, 2024 the charity held funds of £138,312 (2023: £115,839), all of which are unrestricted.

#### APPROVAL

This Report was approved by the Board of Trustees on

29th January, 2025

and signed on their behalf:

Daniel Cliff

## **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**

**HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST**  
**CHARITY NUMBER 1008882**

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I report to the Trustees on my examination of the accounts of Hurstwood Christian Church Trust ("the Trust") for the year ended 31st March, 2024 set out on pages 5 to 7.

### **Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the charity trustees of the Trust, 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 Trust's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination, I have followed the applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

This report is made solely to the charity's Trustees, as a body, in accordance with section 145 of the Act and regulations made under section 154 of the Act. My work has been undertaken so that I might state to the charity's Trustees those matters I am required to state to them in an Independent Examiner's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, I do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the charity and the charity's Trustees as a body, for my work or for this report.

### **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 which gives me cause to believe that, in any material respect:

- 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 order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**M. Holmes F.C.A.**  
**for Ashworth Moulds**  
**11, Nicholas Street, Burnley, Lancashire BB11 2AL**

**29th January, 2025**

# HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

	Grand Total Year Ended 31.03.24	Total Unrestricted	Grand Total Year Ended 31.03.23
<b>INCOME RECEIPTS</b>			
Gross Gift Aid donations	39,157	39,157	36,355
Voluntary donations from individuals (including GASDS)	18,016	18,016	42,376
Legacy Income	-	-	12,500
Sundry income	440	440	-
	<u>57,613</u>	<u>57,613</u>	<u>91,231</u>
Loan repayments	1,900	1,900	3,650
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<u>£ 59,513</u>	<u>59,513</u>	<u>94,881</u>
<b>PAYMENTS</b>			
Preacher expenses	300	300	340
Food	5,378	5,378	5,592
Group activities costs	4,701	4,701	6,009
Donations	6,617	6,617	3,192
Courses and conferences	145	145	820
Rent and rates	266	266	146
Insurance	2,590	2,590	2,470
Premises expenses	11,468	11,468	12,230
Church holiday deposit	-	-	1,550
Church resources	136	136	1,047
Licences and subscriptions	1,020	1,020	965
Independent examiner's fees	-	-	2,460
Legal and professional	275	275	552
Incidentals	1,169	1,169	2,731
	<u>34,065</u>	<u>34,065</u>	<u>40,104</u>
Loan advances	2,975	2,975	12,380
Building costs	-	-	5,100
Purchase of assets	-	-	1,082
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<u>£ (37,040)</u>	<u>(37,040)</u>	<u>(58,666)</u>
<b>NET RECEIPTS FOR THE YEAR</b>	<u>22,473</u>	<u>22,473</u>	<u>36,215</u>
Cash and Bank Balances b/fwd	<u>115,839</u>	<u>115,839</u>	<u>79,624</u>
<b>Cash and Bank Balances c/fwd</b>	<u>£ 138,312</u>	<u>138,312</u>	<u>115,839</u>

All of the funds in the year ended 31st March, 2024 were unrestricted monies.



# HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AS AT 31ST MARCH, 2024

	Notes	As at 31.03.24			As at 31.3.23
		Unrestricted	Restricted	Total	Total
<b>MONETARY ASSETS</b>					
<b>Bank and Cash Balances</b>					
Bank Current Account		£ 138,312	£ -	£ 138,312	£ 115,839
<b>NON-MONETARY ASSETS</b>					
Functional Use by the Charity	2	£ 214,773	£ -	£ 214,773	£ 214,773
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Prepayments		601	-	601	557
Gift Aid Reclaim		8,938	-	8,938	8,294
Loans		18,881	-	18,881	17,896
		£ 28,420	£ -	£ 28,420	£ 26,747
<b>LIABILITIES</b>					
Accruals		5,220	-	5,220	2,400
Other Creditor		-	-	-	14
		£ 5,220	£ -	£ 5,220	£ 2,414

The accounts on pages 5 to 7 were approved on

29th January, 2025

For and on behalf of the Trustees

Daniel Cliff

# HURSTWOOD CHRISTIAN CHURCH TRUST

YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 2024

## NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

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### 1 BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis.

### 2 NON-MONETARY ASSETS

	Unrestricted	Restricted	As at 31.03.24 Total	As at 31.03.23 Total
Functional use by the charity - at cost:				
- Equipment	32,089	-	32,089	32,089
- Alterations to leasehold	177,344	-	177,344	177,344
- Freehold	5,340	-	5,340	5,340
£	214,773	-	214,773	£ 214,773