

# 21ST CENTURY CHURCH

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## Details

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Other names	LLANELLI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TRUST, 21CC, LLANELLI CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, SARON CHAPEL
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-06-09
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

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## Activities

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**Objects:** A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO IN LLANELLI AND THE SURROUNDING AREA B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT C) TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT

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## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Arts/culture/heritage/science
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE LLANELLI AND SURROUNDING AREA
- Carmarthenshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£88,300	£94,300	-	-
2024-03-31	£161,718	£163,467	-	-
2023-03-31	£155,910	£148,050	-	-
2022-03-31	£113,500	£114,900	-	-
2021-03-31	£92,410	£100,518	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Ceri Curry Pound		2024-10-22
Clair Merrigan		2024-10-22
Emma Curry Pound		2024-10-22
Joshua Alun Davies		2025-03-09

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# Accounts

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# 21st Century Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2025

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**LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

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# 2024-2025 End of Year Report

The Trustees present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025.

## Objects

The primary objective of the Trust is to advance the Christian faith in Llanelli and the surrounding area.

It seeks to do this in two ways: first, by reaching out widely to those who do not yet attend church; and second, by leading and discipling existing members in following Jesus Christ. Every aspect of the church serves these aims through activities such as music, preaching, youth and kids' ministries, Bible studies, creative media, and alleviating poverty.

Everything we do seeks to serve the Great Commission (Matthew 28).

## Review of the Year

The 2024/25 period was a year of change as we restructured and reoriented, including my appointment as Pastor and changes in the Board of Trustees. These changes culminate in our journey toward becoming a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) with a rebrand, including a new name which was launched in late 2025. This season of transition has not been without challenge, yet we are pleased to report that we ended the financial year in a place of strength and full of hope for the future.

We have seen growth in teams, remarkable willingness to serve, and a steadfast commitment to follow Jesus and build His church. New people have joined us, faith has been found, and baptisms are planned for the summer. By restructuring for the future, we are positioning ourselves for growth in all areas, ensuring strong foundations for the years ahead.

## Ministry Highlights

### 11am Sunday Services

Sunday services continue to be a weekly highlight. With new people and families attending and getting involved, it has been encouraging to see steady progress. Our Creative Team faithfully leads worship each week, and our Preachers remain committed to proclaiming the breadth of Scripture in relevant and engaging ways.

Highlights this year included Easter and Christmas services (with stellar performances from the kids), Mother's Day and Father's Day with moments of honour and gifts for all, guest speakers, a free summer BBQ, and more.

These services are made possible by the many volunteers and teams who serve - from Hosting to Hospitality, Kids to Creative. We are grateful to be a church not built on the talents of a few, but on the sacrifice of many.

## **0-25s (Kids, YTH, YA)**

We appointed a new leader to oversee 0-25s as we changed our approach to reaching, discipling and supporting the younger and rising generations. This has been a hugely beneficial as we have thought strategically about provisions, volunteer capacity and continuity. We worked together to make plans for the coming year, including an application for funding for a new **Resilient Teens** project. This went on to transform a tired space into an exciting environment for children, youth, and young adults, which was launched in September 2025.

The team continues to run Kids and Youth Clubs weekly, welcoming children from diverse backgrounds into a fun, free and safe space as well as Sunday Kids Church and regular YA (Young Adults) socials.

## **Love Justice**

We continue to champion justice causes, hosting Compassion Sundays, sponsoring two children directly, and supporting charities such as Home for Good, A21, Open Doors, Samaritan's Purse, and Heirs.

As a Samaritan's Purse collection centre, we received around 300 shoeboxes from members and the wider community.

Heirs, birthed from this church, is now an independent charity. As it expands across Wales, we remain supporters, both through practical partnership (e.g., hiring church space) and as ambassadors for its mission.

## **Mid-week Meetings**

Our vision is to go wide in reach and deep in relationships. Connect Groups and Prayer Meetings remain central to this, providing space for study, discipleship, and community. It has been a particular joy to see new believers attending with openness and wonder.

## **Partnership**

As part of our restructuring, we reintroduced the **Partnership** model. This structure enables attendees to become more integral to the core of the church. Our Partners' meetings have created a space for questions, ideas, and information to flow throughout the church, and to eat together! This structure has proved vital for navigating change together.

## **Siloah Project**

Siloah has made strong progress this year. With National Lottery Heritage Fund Development Phase support, we appointed a new part-time staff member to manage expenditure and liaise with consultants.

Significant steps have been taken in funding applications, surveys, planning, and design. Siloah remains on track to open in 2029, with key milestones ahead in funding and design development.

## CIO Transition

Through Siloah funding, the legal fees for becoming a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation) were covered. Our solicitors are working with the new Trustee board to establish **Century Church CIO**, which has now been set up.

## Other Areas

Ongoing work has also included building maintenance, safeguarding, administration, health and safety, fire systems, and cleaning. We are grateful for the many who serve faithfully behind the scenes in these essential areas.

## Conclusion

This has been a year of significant change, but as our founding pastor often reminded us: *"Constant change is here to stay."*

Although change is not always easy, we are grateful for clear progress in the church, for the behind-the-scenes changes that have put us on a sure footing for the future, for strong teams, and a zeal for the house which consumes us. Above all, we give thanks for the faithfulness of God, who is with always with us.

## Looking Ahead

As we step into 2025/26, we do so with expectation and hope. We will:

- Launch the rebrand and new CIO framework with clarity and confidence.
- Open the Resilient Teens space and extend outreach.
- Reach more people through Sunday services, online and media endeavours, mid-week clubs and groups and events.
- Deepen discipleship through mid-week groups and Sunday worship.
- Advance Siloah into its next funding and design stages.

We press on, knowing that *"If the Lord had not been on our side" (Psalm 124:1)*, our labour would be in vain. But by His grace, we look ahead with hope, determination, and dedication to run the race marked out for us.

Thank you for your prayers, partnership, and support.

*For Thy Kingdom Come,*

**Heulwen Davies, BA (Hons), MTh**  
Pastor, 21st Century Church

## **Financial Review**

During the year, income decreased from £161,700 to £88,300, and expenditure decreased from £163,500 to £94,300. As a result, the cash held by the charity decreased by £6,000 to £11,400, £7,800 of which is restricted – see reserves policy below and funds notes 6 and 7.

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## **Reserves Policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should hold no less than £4,000 of unrestricted cash (around one month of expenditure) to ensure continuity should income or expenditure vary adversely.

The trustees are aware of the low level of general funds and are taking appropriate steps to address this, including reducing staffing and overhead costs and reviewing income generation to ensure longer-term financial sustainability. Subsequent to the year end, the financial position has shown encouraging improvement.

Trustees have thoroughly reviewed the financial landscape and are actively implementing strategies to manage the charity within its forecasted future funding. The church remains financially supported by regular giving and grants.

The trustees wish to thank all staff and volunteers for their faithful service during the year.

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## Governance

The trustees are responsible for the affairs of the church. Day-to-day management and implementation of policy are delegated to the Church Leadership Team.

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## Responsibilities of Trustees

In planning the activities, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Charity law requires Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year, recording receipts and payments. Trustees are also responsible for:

- Keeping proper accounting records.
  - Ensuring compliance with the Charities Act 2011.
  - Safeguarding assets.
  - Preventing fraud and other irregularities.
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## Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*C. Curry Pound*

[C. Curry Pound \(Jan 27, 2026 10:39:07 GMT\)](#)

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Ceri Curry-Pound

Date: Jan 27, 2026

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## INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

### TO THE TRUSTEES OF 21ST CENTURY CHURCH

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 21st Century Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 8 to 11 following.

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

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

#### **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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

J. Young  
J. Young (Jan 28, 2026 14:41:58 GMT)

Jaimée Young  
Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
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Date: Jan 28, 2026

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025 £	2024 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		46,603	-	1,973	48,575	83,407
Gift aid receipts		9,124	-	-	9,124	14,790
Other gifts and grants		8,432	-	12,095	20,527	51,141
Income from venue hire		350	-	-	350	500
Income from charitable activities		5,069	-	-	5,069	8,688
Income from conferences and events		3,683	-	-	3,683	3,191
Other		960	-	-	960	-
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>74,221</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,068</u>	<u>88,289</u>	<u>161,718</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	72,934	-	19,558	92,492	161,429
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	768	-	1,049	1,817	2,038
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>73,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>20,608</u>	<u>94,309</u>	<u>163,467</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before		519	-	(6,540)	(6,021)	(1,749)
Transfers between funds	6	3,780	-	(3,780)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>4,299</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,320)</u>	<u>(6,021)</u>	<u>(1,749)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		(683)	-	18,139	17,456	19,205
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>3,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,819</u>	<u>11,435</u>	<u>17,456</u>

The notes on pages 10 - 11 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

Notes	Unrestricted Funds			2025 £	2024 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	3,616	-	7,819	11,435	17,456
	<u>3,616</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,819</u>	<u>11,435</u>	<u>17,456</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	185	-	-	185	2,881
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	895
	<u>185</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>185</u>	<u>3,776</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year</b>					
Loan from Heirs	Note 7	3,000	-	-	3,000
Agency funds	Note 5	500	-	-	500
Mortgage (drawn 2014)		19,030	-	-	19,030
Mortgage (drawn 2015)		1,950	-	-	1,950
Pension due		-	-	-	538
PAYE due		-	-	-	2,008
Accounts preparation and examination		1,680	-	-	1,680
		<u>26,159</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,159</u>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Loan from Heirs	Note 7	3,250	-	-	-
Mortgage (drawn 2014)		76,033	-	-	91,244
Mortgage (drawn 2015)		7,491	-	-	8,973
		<u>86,774</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>100,217</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>112,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>120,952</u>

The first mortgage referred to above is secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and will mature in October 2030.

The second mortgage referred to above is also secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and will mature in September 2030.

**D Assets retained for charity's own use**

	Value 2025 £	Value 2024 £
<i>Saron Chapel</i>		
<i>2 Pentrepoeth, Llanelli</i>		
<i>Siloah Chapel</i>		
Siloah and Saron Chapels - fixtures, fittings and equipment	<u>192,103</u>	<u>191,166</u>
	<u>192,103</u>	<u>191,166</u>

*(Current values for properties have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available and disclosure is not mandatory.)*

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

C. Curry Pound  
C. Curry Pound (Jan 27, 2026 10:39:07 GMT)

Ceri Curry-Pound

Date: Jan 27, 2026

The notes on pages 10 - 11 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>			2025	2024
	General funds	Designated funds	Restricted Funds		
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	20,225	-	7,280	27,505	89,320
Conference and events	5,643	-	-	5,643	5,350
Insurance	4,334	-	-	4,334	6,232
Mortgage repayments	20,979	-	-	20,979	16,809
Building maintenance, repairs and cleaning	1,864	-	95	1,959	11,916
Siloah building project (including salaries)	-	-	3,481	3,481	3,476
Utilities, rates and phone	8,397	-	-	8,397	6,296
Food and Catering Costs	1,743	-	-	1,743	1,999
Ministry, training and other charitable activities	1,453	-	4,449	5,901	10,669
Music, PA and recording equipment	813	-	2,418	3,231	2,568
Youth and children's ministry	548	-	-	548	2,537
Other equipment, software and web maintenance	568	-	-	568	1,125
Governance and professional fees	5,596	-	-	5,596	1,003
Administration and support	772	-	1,836	2,608	2,130
	<u>72,934</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,558</u>	<u>92,492</u>	<u>161,429</u>
<b>3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others</b>					
Organisations:					
Heirs [charity no. 1210535]	-	-	1,049	1,049	-
Organisations < £1k	768	-	-	768	1,138
Individuals:					
Bible college support	-	-	-	-	900
	<u>768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,049</u>	<u>1,817</u>	<u>2,038</u>
<b>4 Transactions with related parties</b>					
No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.					

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025**

**5 Acting as agent**

The Heirs ministry was registered as a separate charity on 17th October 2024. A £500 grant was received in December 2024 for this ministry. The grant has been received as agent for Heirs and will be paid to them in the new financial year, so it has been excluded from the 21CC income and is shown as a creditor in the statement of assets and liabilities.

**6 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	(683)	74,221	(73,702)	3,780	3,616
Restricted funds					
Siloah funds	63	-	(70)	6	-
Siloah Chapel project	-	12,000	(5,899)	(6)	6,095
Social outreach projects [Heirs]	1,217	-	(1,217)	-	-
Heirs ministry grant 2022	8	-	(8)	-	-
Heirs ministry grant 2023	7,052	-	(7,272)	220	-
Heirs other grants and donations	9,799	1,973	(6,047)	(4,000)	1,724
Other	-	95	(95)	-	-
	<u>18,139</u>	<u>14,068</u>	<u>(20,608)</u>	<u>(3,780)</u>	<u>7,819</u>
Total funds	<u>17,456</u>	<u>88,289</u>	<u>(94,309)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,435</u>

The Siloah fund relates to donations for the purpose of expenditure relating to the Siloah Chapel.

The Siloah Chapel fund is for a renovation project of the Chapel project and expenditure this year consists of scaffolding, employment costs to manage the project and a laptop.

The Social outreach projects funds include donations towards the Caru Cartref ministry and the Heirs ministry.

The 2022 and 2023 Heirs ministry grants related to funds donated to pay for 12 months of employment costs for this ministry. These were used up in the year.

Heirs 'other' relates to other grants and donations given to support the Heirs ministry. There were two transfers totalling £4,000 from these funds to general funds: the first relates to a loan of £2,000 to the general funds - see note 7 - the other transfer of £2,000 is part of a £5,000 grant, received in June 2023 to support core costs relating to the Heirs ministry, which has reimbursed associated salary costs paid from general funds in a previous year.

**7 Heirs**

The Heirs ministry was registered as a separate charity, number 1210535, on 17th October 2024. 21CC had been managing the funds for this ministry with a view of transferring the funds after it became a separate legal entity. The funds were treated as restricted funds and control of the bank account was passed to the Heirs trustees on 17th October 2024.

In the previous year, a temporary loan of £4,500 had been made from the restricted Heirs fund to the 21CC general funds in lieu of management costs owed to the church for utilities, storage and other costs associated with administering the Heirs ministry. A further loan of £2,000 was made during the year. An agreement has been made with the Heirs trustees for this loan to be offset against monthly management costs of £250 until the loan is cleared. This arrangement started in March 2025 and the loan is expected to be cleared by May 2027.

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**Objects of the charity**

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian faith in Llanelli and the surrounding area.

It seeks to do this in two general ways. Firstly, it seeks to reach out wide to non-Church attenders and secondly, it seeks to lead and disciple existing members in following Jesus Christ.

Every aspect of Church serves these aims in what it does, whether through music, preaching, youth, kids, over 50s, Bible studies, creative media or relieving poverty. Everything we do seeks to serve the Great Commission (Matthew 28).

**Review of the charity's main activities and achievements**

The church is financially supported by those who attend through financial tithes and gifts, and the trustees wish to thank all staff and volunteers who have worked so faithfully during the year.

The areas of ministry and service during the year included:

- 11am Sunday Church Service
- 6pm Sunday Church Service
- Kids Church on a Sunday
- Kids Club – midweek club for primary school children
- YTH (was Revolution) – youth work for secondary children
- Mighty Tots – Friday morning playgroup for the community
- Heirs – a ministry to provide emergency back packs for children going into emergency foster care
- Over 50s social group
- Pastoral care and Love Justice team – to support church and other friends when required
- Worship and production team
- Connect Groups – midweek church family groups
- Creative Media team for website and marketing
- Maintenance / Health and Safety team for premises oversight
- Administration team including fire, health & safety and safeguarding support
- Hospitality, welcoming and cleaning teams
- Overseers Team – spiritual health
- Trustees – legal oversight

Organisations supported, include

- Compassion – child sponsorship
- Open Doors – support to the persecuted church
- A21 Campaign – support to end human trafficking
- Operation Christmas Child – 21CC acted as a collection centre for Samaritans Purse where over 300 shoe boxes of gifts for children around the world were received from church members and the community

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

### **Financial review**

During the year income increased by £5,800, to £161,700, and expenditure increased by £15,400, to £163,500. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £1,700, to £17,400, of which all is restricted - see reserves policy and funds notes 5 and 6.

### **Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £5,000 (which equates to about 2 weeks of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely.

The trustees are aware of the deficit of general funds and have taken steps to reduce expenditure including staff costs. A temporary loan from the restricted Heirs fund has been made to the church - see notes 5 and 6 to the accounts.

The trustees have thoroughly reviewed the financial and future financial environment of the church and are actively implementing strategies and changes to manage the charity within its forecasted future funding landscape.

### **Governance**

The trustees are responsible for the legal affairs of the church. They delegate the leadership of the church the implementation of policy and all aspects of day-to-day management to the Pastors, who are supported in ministry and the spiritual health of the church by the Church Overseers.

### **Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

### **Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

*Clair Merrigan*

Clair Merrigan (Jan 30, 2025 19:24 GMT)

Clair Merrigan

Date: Jan 30, 2025

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 21st Century Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2024 on pages 5 to 8 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

J Young  
J Young (Jan 31, 2025 09:09 GMT)

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
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Date: Jan 31, 2025

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General Funds	Designated Funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>					
Donations	76,157	-	7,250	83,407	97,265
Gift aid receipts	14,565	-	225	14,790	15,340
Other gifts and grants	19,295	-	31,846	51,141	31,181
Income from venue hire	500	-	-	500	-
Income from charitable activities	8,688	-	-	8,688	5,864
Income from conferences and events	3,191	-	-	3,191	6,261
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>122,397</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,321</b>	<b>161,718</b>	<b>155,910</b>
<b>Payments</b>					
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	126,526	-	34,903	161,429
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	1,778	-	260	2,038
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>128,304</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>35,163</b>	<b>163,467</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(5,907)	-	4,158	(1,749)
Transfers between funds	5	4,669	(3,947)	(722)	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,238)</b>	<b>(3,947)</b>	<b>3,436</b>	<b>(1,749)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		556	3,947	14,703	19,205
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>(683)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,139</b>	<b>19,205</b>

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	(683)	-	18,139	17,456	18,950
Petty cash	-	-	-	-	255
	<b>(683)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>18,139</b>	<b>17,456</b>	<b>19,205</b>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	2,881	-	-	2,881	3,450
Other debtors	895	-	-	895	-
	<b>3,776</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,776</b>	<b>3,450</b>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	15,216	-	-	15,216	11,682
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	1,593	-	-	1,593	1,292
Pension due	538	-	-	538	246
PAYE due	2,008	-	-	2,008	-
Accounts preparation and examination	1,380	-	-	1,380	1,290
	20,735	-	-	20,735	14,509
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	91,244	-	-	91,244	102,634
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	8,973	-	-	8,973	10,027
	100,217	-	-	100,217	112,662
<b>Total</b>	<b>120,952</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>120,952</b>	<b>127,171</b>

<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>	Value	Value
	2024	2023
	£	£
<i>Saron Chapel</i> <i>2 Pentrepoeth, Llanelli</i> <i>Siloah Chapel</i>		
Siloah and Saron Chapels - fixtures, fittings and equipment	191,166	161,251
	<b>191,166</b>	<b>161,251</b>

The first mortgage referred to in Section C above is secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and is repayable over 15 years at an interest rate of 3.75% per annum.

The second mortgage referred to in Section C above is also secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and is repayable over 14 years at an interest rate of 4.75% per annum.

*(Current values for properties have not been quoted because reliable valuations are not available and disclosure is not mandatory.)*

The trustees have used insurance values for contents and equipment as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Clair Merrigan date Jan 30, 2025  
Clair Merrigan (Jan 30, 2025 19:24 GMT)  
 Clair Merrigan

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	74,938	-	14,382	89,320	68,268
Conference and events	5,150	-	200	5,350	7,407
Insurance	2,224	-	4,007	6,232	5,278
Mortgage repayments	16,809	-	-	16,809	12,974
Building maintenance, repairs and cleaning	4,916	-	7,000	11,916	7,609
Building project [Siloah]	-	-	3,476	3,476	8,342
Utilities, rates and phone	6,296	-	-	6,296	8,518
Food and Catering Costs	1,999	-	-	1,999	3,119
Ministry, training and other charitable activities	5,958	-	4,711	10,669	4,712
Music, PA and recording equipment	2,568	-	-	2,568	4,831
Youth and children's ministry	2,537	-	-	2,537	2,558
Other equipment, software and web maintenance	1,125	-	-	1,125	838
Governance and professional fees	1,003	-	-	1,003	2,784
Administration and support	1,004	-	1,126	2,130	1,005
	<u>126,526</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,903</u>	<u>161,429</u>	<u>138,245</u>

**3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others**

Organisations:					
Mission outreach and support	-	-	-	-	1,279
Organisations < £1k	878	-	260	1,138	-
Individuals					
Bible college support	900	-	-	900	8,525
	<u>1,778</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>2,038</u>	<u>9,804</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**

5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	556	122,397	(128,304)	4,669	(683)
Designated funds					
Legacy	3,947	-	-	(3,947)	-
	<u>4,502</u>	<u>122,397</u>	<u>(128,304)</u>	<u>722</u>	<u>(683)</u>
Restricted funds					
Saron Chapel	160	-	(160)	-	-
Siloah funds	234	3,375	(7,324)	3,778	63
Social outreach projects [Heirs]	932	-	(626)	910	1,217
Heirs ministry grant 2022	7,470	-	(6,552)	(910)	8
Heirs ministry grant 2023	-	9,236	(2,184)	-	7,052
Heirs other grants and donations	-	19,710	(5,411)	(4,500)	9,799
No.2 grant	-	7,000	(7,000)	-	-
Employment support	5,646	-	(5,646)	-	-
Other appeals	260	-	(260)	-	-
	<u>14,703</u>	<u>39,321</u>	<u>(35,163)</u>	<u>(722)</u>	<u>18,139</u>
Total funds	<u>19,205</u>	<u>161,718</u>	<u>(163,467)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,456</u>

The Saron Chapel fund relates to any expenditure regarding the building or any supplies needed for maintenance or security, or funds donated specifically to Saron Chapel (Saron Chapel is the building where 21CC holds its main Sunday services).

The Siloah fund relates to donations for the purpose of expenditure relating to the Siloah Chapel.

The Social outreach projects funds include donations towards the Caru Cartref ministry and the Heirs ministry.

The Heirs ministry grants relate to funds donated to pay for 12 months of employment costs for this ministry. £910 was spent last year from the 2022 grant instead of from the Social outreach fund, this has now been corrected. The remaining £8 can be used for other Heirs projects.

Heirs 'other' relates to other grants and donations given to support the Heirs ministry. The transfer of £4,500 relates to a temporary loan of restricted funds to the general fund (refer to note 6 below).

The No.2 grants were given for the purpose of building maintenance and was spent in full in the year.

The Employment support funds relate to a donation towards the employment costs of the charity.

**6 Heirs**

After the year end, the Heirs ministry was registered as a separate charity, number 1210535. 21CC has been managing the funds for this ministry with a view of transferring the funds after it became a separate legal entity and will transfer the funds once bank accounts have been set up for this new charity. The funds are treated as restricted funds.

During the year, a temporary loan of £4,500 was made from the restricted Heirs fund to the 21CC general funds in lieu of management costs owed to the church for utilities, storage and other costs associated with administering the Heirs ministry, which have been provisionally agreed since the year end.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1047101

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# Accounts

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# 21st Century Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2023

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Saron Chapel Pentrepoeth Road Llanelli SA15 4HG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 14 February 1995
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1047101
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Peri Sophos (resigned December 2023) Ceri Curry-Pound (resigned December 2023) Karly Haverly (appointed December 2023) Ian Roberts (appointed July 2022) Kevin Thomas (appointed December 2023) Matthew Visick-Evans
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023, including a full Trustees' report at the end.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £42,360, to £155,910, and expenditure increased by £33,150, to £148,050. As a result the cash held by the charity increased by £7,860, to £19,200, of which £4,500 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £5,000 (which equates to about 2 weeks of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £4,500 and the charity is aiming to complying with the reserves policy over the coming year.

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are identified by leadership and put forward to the existing trustees for consideration prior to a majority vote.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

M. Visick-Evans

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Matthew Visick-Evans

Date: 21 January 2024

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 21st Century Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2023 on pages 4 to 7 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
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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.

J. Young

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
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Date: 26 January 2024

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
		General Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £		
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Donations		77,618	-	19,646	97,265	70,423
Gift aid receipts		13,340	-	2,000	15,340	13,595
Other gifts and grants		19,027	-	12,154	31,181	22,185
Income from charitable activities		5,864	-	-	5,864	3,330
Income from conferences and events		6,261	-	-	6,261	3,820
Other		-	-	-	-	196
<b>Total receipts</b>		<u>122,110</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>33,800</u>	<u>155,910</u>	<u>113,549</u>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	118,149	-	19,361	137,510	111,737
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	1,408	-	9,132	10,540	3,161
<b>Total payments</b>		<u>119,557</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,492</u>	<u>148,049</u>	<u>114,898</u>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		2,553	-	5,308	7,861	(1,349)
Transfers between funds	5	(3,884)	-	3,884	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<u>(1,330)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,191</u>	<u>7,861</u>	<u>(1,349)</u>
Cash funds as at last year end		1,886	3,947	5,511	11,344	12,693
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<u>556</u>	<u>3,947</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>19,205</u>	<u>11,344</u>

The notes on pages 6-7 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	300	3,947	14,703	18,950	11,303
Petty cash	255	-	-	255	41
	<u>555</u>	<u>3,947</u>	<u>14,703</u>	<u>19,205</u>	<u>11,344</u>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	3,450	-	-	3,450	3,121
Other debtors	-	-	-	-	84
	<u>3,450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,450</u>	<u>3,205</u>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	11,682	-	-	11,682	17,983
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	1,292	-	-	1,292	1,966
Pension due	246	-	-	246	-
Accounts preparation and examination	1,290	-	-	1,290	1,960
	<u>14,509</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,509</u>	<u>21,909</u>
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	102,634	-	-	102,634	103,091
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	10,027	-	-	10,027	10,035
	<u>112,662</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>112,662</u>	<u>113,127</u>
<b>Total</b>	<u>127,171</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>127,171</u>	<u>135,036</u>

	Value 2023 £	Value 2022 £
	<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>	
<i>Saron Chapel</i>		
<i>2 Pentrepoeth, Llanelli</i>		
<i>Siloah Chapel</i>		
Siloah and Saron Chapels - fixtures, fittings and equipment	<u>161,251</u>	<u>148,208</u>
	<u>161,251</u>	<u>148,208</u>

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The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by M. Visick-Evans date 21 January 2024  
Matthew Visick-Evans

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

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	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2023	Total 2022
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	61,730	-	6,538	68,268	63,229
Conference and events	7,407	-	-	7,407	3,664
Insurance	5,278	-	-	5,278	4,605
Mortgage repayments	12,974	-	-	12,974	12,095
Building maintenance, repairs and cleaning	4,039	-	3,571	7,609	8,118
Building project [Siloah]	-	-	8,342	8,342	2,643
Utilities, rates and phone	8,518	-	-	8,518	5,298
Food and Catering Costs	3,119	-	-	3,119	1,463
Training, ministry costs and other charitable activities	3,066	-	910	3,976	2,133
Music, PA and recording equipment	4,831	-	-	4,831	3,846
Other equipment, software and web maintenance	838	-	-	838	937
Governance and professional fees	2,784	-	-	2,784	1,251
Office and support costs	340	-	-	340	627
Youth and children's ministry	2,558	-	-	2,558	1,460
Other costs	666	-	-	666	369
	<u>118,149</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,361</u>	<u>137,510</u>	<u>111,737</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:					
Mission outreach and support	672	-	607	1,279	672
Other gifts	-	-	-	-	381
Individuals	736	-	-	736	420
Bible college support	-	-	8,525	8,525	1,688
	<u>1,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9,132</u>	<u>10,540</u>	<u>3,161</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

5 Movement of funds	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	1,886	122,110	(119,557)	(3,884)	556
Designated funds					
Legacy	3,947	-	-	-	3,947
	<u>5,833</u>	<u>122,110</u>	<u>(119,557)</u>	<u>(3,884)</u>	<u>4,502</u>
Restricted funds					
Saron Chapel	160	-	-	-	160
Bible college support	-	8,150	(8,525)	375	-
Siloah funds	4,741	1,435	(8,342)	2,400	234
Ukraine appeal	195	282	(507)	30	-
Social outreach projects [Heirs]	415	1,427	(910)	-	932
Heirs ministry grant	-	9,654	(2,184)	-	7,470
Employment support	-	10,000	(4,354)	-	5,646
Connected Communities grant	-	2,500	(3,571)	1,071	-
Other appeals	-	352	(100)	8	260
	<u>5,511</u>	<u>33,800</u>	<u>(28,492)</u>	<u>3,884</u>	<u>14,703</u>
Total funds	<u>11,344</u>	<u>155,910</u>	<u>(148,049)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,205</u>

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The Siloah fund relates to donations for the purpose of expenditure relating to the Siloah Chapel. (The transfer from the Siloah funds relates to reimbursement of expenditure paid from general funds.)

The Ukraine Appeal relates to funds given to support charities working to support people affected by the war in Ukraine.

The Social outreach projects funds include donations towards the Caru Cartref ministry and the Heirs ministry.

The Heirs ministry grant relates to funds donated to pay for 12 months of employment costs for this ministry.

The Employment support funds relate to a donation towards the employment costs of the charity.

The Connected Communities grant relates to funds provided for a garden project.

## **21st CENTURY CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023**

The Trustees present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023.

#### **OBJECTS**

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian faith in Llanelli and the surrounding area.

It seeks to do this in two general ways. Firstly, it seeks to reach out wide to non Church-goers, and secondly it seeks to lead and disciple existing members in following Jesus Christ.

Every aspect of Church serves these aims in what it does, whether through music, preaching, youth, kids, over 50's, Bible studies, creative media or relieving poverty. Everything we do seeks to serve the Great Commission (Matthew 28).

#### **GOVERNMENT**

The trustees are responsible for the affairs of the church. They delegate to the Leadership of the Church the implementation of policy and all aspects of day to day management.

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022/23**

2022/23 was a year of finally being able to operate free of all covid restrictions, and build forward once again into a new season.

Across all areas we've seen growth and momentum building, with an atmosphere of excitement as we head into the future.

We've also kept going with Church Online, and even raised funds to invest in better cameras and production equipment, in order to continue to reach the wider world online.

As in previous years, we are continuing to recover financially, after the hit we took during the pandemic, but we are continuing to make progress.

The following reflects some of the progress, we have achieved this year:

#### **Our 11am service**

This is our family orientated service, combining Kids Church, as well as a Sunday morning service, with worship and word aimed at adults, and communion once a month.

For 2022/23, we've been able to have a clear run at the 11am, with some key highlight services, such as two record breaking baptism services with 21 baptised over a few weeks, a baby dedication, Easter, Christmas etc, as well as a consistent level of overall growth.

It's also been encouraging to regularly see guests, and new faces at the 11am service.

Church Online has also continued to stream the 11am services, and then have them available on demand, and we continue to see consistent views on Youtube and Facebook.

### **Our 6pm service**

After the relaunch last year, the 6pm has continued to go from strength to strength. In many ways, this is our 'training ground' service, with a huge emphasis on giving more of our young people a go in the running of the service, and owning it, with a high energy, youthful atmosphere and focus.

We have seen the 6pm consistently reach a young demographic, from children, youth and young adults, as well many others who love to join in as well.

This service is not currently streamed, allowing for a no pressure environment to train young people, but from time to time, a message from the 6pm will be posted on Youtube, which also sees online engagement and views each time.

I am grateful that after a hiatus, the 6pm was resurrected, and is now back for good in 2022/23.

### **Kids Church**

Kids Church have had a great year, with real consistency on Sunday's during the 11am, with children loving being part of 'Kids Church', my own children included!

We've also seen our midweek Kids Club, which only returned last year, see a lot of growth, with many children attending and bringing friends, providing a space for games, community and a positive Christian message, and we have seen huge growth here since being back, with new children attending.

We once again ran a successful Kids 'Light Party' at Halloween time, with fancy dress, a bouncy castle, games and a Christian message, which was a big success, with many kids attending from Church and from the community.

And finally, at the start of 2023, we launched a brand new initiative, 'Mighty Tots', a parent and child baby group on Friday mornings, which we are pleased to report, has been a great success so far.

### **Revolution (Youth ministry)**

Our Youth ministry is at the heart of our mission at 21CC, and like Kids Church, had a difficult time of the pandemic, and we've had a long road of rebuilding here.

However, this year we've begun to see real progress in this area, with 2023 in particular seeing growth once again.

In 2023, we also brought back mid week youth groups (RDG's), have continued to emphasise the 6pm as a go-to service, and really prioritised Youth Nights on Friday's, which has been an investment that is paying off.

### **Preaching and Platform team**

Our two core preachers are the Senior Pastor and our Assistant Pastor, and we have worked to continue producing Biblical, hopeful, and encouraging messages, of a high quality, on a regular basis.

We've also sought to keep in mind, we are no longer just speaking to the 'room', but to those watching online, from potentially anywhere in the world.

But we've also sought to build more strength in depth, in particular through the 6pm, as we provided a space to train our young communicators and preachers in a less pressured scenario, with nothing being streamed. This has provided a greater variety in our preaching, and is building our strength in this key area.

We've also ran Rev events in Youth, where our young preachers have had a space to step up, and where we were able continued to try and invite guest speakers in.

### **Love Justice**

Love Justice is the social justice ministry of the Church and we have continued to strategically focus on partnering with 3 international organisations, as well as our own local initiative to serve our local community.

The Love Justice programme is broken down into the following ministry initiatives: -

#### **Compassion**

Our usual pattern is to host a Compassion Sunday, to highlight the cause of sponsoring children who live in poverty, and this year we were able to host a Compassion Sunday with a representative from Compassion presenting, and new children sponsored as a result.

#### **Open Doors**

Open Doors highlights the plight of the persecuted Church, and we would usually have a Sunday highlighting this, but as with Compassion, this was put on hold during the pandemic. However, Open Doors Sunday will be returning in 2023, with a representative from Open Doors due to be with us in October.

### **A21 Campaign**

The A21 Campaign seeks to abolish human trafficking, but like our other partner charities, support was on hold when it came to hosting a big Sunday service, which is still under review.

### **Operation Christmas Child**

We once again ran another Operation Christmas Child campaign, our second year as a hub Church, and we saw our biggest one yet, with hundreds of boxes being sent out from our hub, from our local Church and others in the area.

### **Heirs**

Following on from the launch of Heirs last year, we've continued to build on this, with Heirs existing to see every young person thrive in Wales. It seeks to give backpacks full of supplies for children and young people entering the care system, working with social services, the police and schools to add value to the important work that is happening. It also works with 21CC Kids, Revolution and YA (Young Adults) to connect these vulnerable children into a wider support system.

## **MAINTENANCE / HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Fire, Health and Safety**

Health and safety issues are constantly monitored in keeping with legal obligations, and we are continually looking to upgrade and stay on top of these areas.

Emergency lighting, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have all been checked by independent fire specialists who we employ via an ongoing contract.

In line with our environmental commitment we have also continued to replace our general and stage lighting with LED's, with the added benefit of reducing energy consumption.

Many other minor items of maintenance have been addressed.

### **Over 50's**

Over 2022/23 the over 50's ministry returned to in person meetings, and continued to meet regularly throughout the year.

### **Siloah Chapel**

Behind the scenes, the Siloah Chapel project has continued with a new team in place, as we seek to renovate the building.

We did meet in the building for prayer, and opened up to the community in the Seaside Christmas fair, and want to see more of this in the future.

### **Worship Team**

The worship team comes under the 11am and 6pm service, providing live music for public worship, and a space to develop team members creatively.

This year the team have worked hard to make live worship the norm once again for the 11am service, and have managed to build back up.

For the 6pm, we have found the most effective use of volunteers and resources has been to switch to video worship for the majority of services, barring the odd special service, which we found has been surprisingly effective, and has worked really well.

### **Connect Groups**

Our Connect Groups are hosted in the homes of our congregation, providing a space for Bible Study, friendship, and hospitality in a smaller setting.

After the Pandemic, these groups returned to meeting in person, and have flourished.

Our two new groups have also continued, one a specifically Young Adults Connect, for 18-25 year olds. This is the least reached demographic in global Christianity, and we are so excited to see progress and growth in this area, as this group has grown.

The second group also represents a big step forward for the Church, as we launched our first ever connect group, and first ever regular meeting of any kind in Swansea. Swansea is just over our county border, and we have recently found more and more Swansea people in Church with us. This has been an organic process from there, with a Swansea based family hosting in Loughor. We continue to be so excited for this group, seeing it as just the start of our efforts to impact this county and city, that is right on our doorstep.

### **Creative Media**

Our Creative Media team have worked hard on continuing to make the Sunday services an excellent experience for all attending, as well as making Church work well online as we stream.

They also produced the first full length Heart for the House video presentation since before the Pandemic, which was a real encouragement to so many.

## **Conclusion**

2022/23 has been a great year, and it has been a huge relief to have had a full year to run free from restrictions, and rebuild our momentum for the years ahead.

We are grateful to have seen a year of growth, records broken, new ministries launched, new people added, with Church Online also continuing to reach beyond our congregation.

2022/23 has been our most fruitful year yet as a Church, and so I remain expectant and excited for the season ahead, and continuing our mission into 2023/24.

Thank you for taking the time to read some of our story over the last year.

Every blessing / Pob bendith,

Steffan Jones,  
Senior Pastor, 21st Century Church

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

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# Accounts

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# 21st Century Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2022

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Saron Chapel Pentrepoeth Road Llanelli SA15 4HG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 14 February 1995
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1047101
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Peri Sophos Ceri Curry-Pound Matthew Visick-Evans Ian Roberts (appointed July 2022)
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

The Trustees have pleasure in submitting the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 3 to 10.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

**Financial review**

During the year income increased by £21,100, to £113,500, and expenditure increased by £14,400, to £114,900. As a result the cash held by the charity decreased by £1,300, to £11,300, of which £5,800 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

**Reserves policy**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £5,000 (which equates to about 3 weeks of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £5,800 and the charity is complying with the reserves policy.

**Governance**

Responsibility for setting policy and for making operating decisions rest with the trustees who meet regularly to monitor the activities of the charity. New trustees are identified by leadership and put forward to the existing trustees for consideration prior to a majority vote.

**Responsibilities of trustees**

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

**Approval**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Peri Sophos

Date: 31 January 2023

## **21st CENTURY CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

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#### **OBJECTS**

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian faith in Llanelli and the surrounding area.

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#### **GOVERNMENT**

The trustees are responsible for the affairs of the church. They delegate to the Leadership of the Church the implementation of policy and all aspects of day to day management.

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2021/22**

2021/22 was a year of continuing to live with the reality and pressures of ever changing covid regulations and restrictions, before finally exiting restrictions and transitioning to the 'new normal' in early 2022.

As in 2020/21, the Church continued to grow in a hybrid manner, with Church online and zoom meetings running alongside in person gatherings. And as restrictions eased, and people returned to in person gatherings, we have intentionally kept the online aspect of Church running, as we continue to reach many more people, from all over the world through Church online.

Like in 2020/21, due to re-occurring lockdowns and restrictions, we continued to take a financial hit, with the loss of income from the in-person collection in services.

But I am pleased to say that through a second year of a pandemic, the Church has continued to see progress and growth, and we entered 2022 with fresh momentum for the year ahead, and in a stronger overall position than when we entered into the pandemic in early 2020.

The following reflects some of the progress, amidst continued covid setbacks, we have achieved this year:

### **Our 11am service**

This is our family orientated service, combining Kids Church, as well as a Sunday morning service, with worship and word aimed at adults, and communion once a month.

During 2021/22, restrictions kept changing, often at a dizzying rate, which affected the consistency of the service. Even when we were open, the continuing masking and distancing measures put many people off returning.

With that said, as the year progressed and we entered 2022, attendance built back up, and we did see growth. And as 2022 has unfolded, that has continued, with the 11am achieving it's all time record attendances.

Church Online has continued, and did see some drop-off as some switched to in person attendance instead, yet we have continued to see consistent views on Youtube and Facebook. They're not the easiest to judge, but we estimate we continue to have more people watching online than in person.

### **Our 6pm service**

Our 6pm service has always had a high energy youthful atmosphere and focus. But with social distancing measures, restrictions, and the huge effort being placed on Church online, the service had been on hold throughout 2020/21. However, I am pleased to say the service was relaunched in December 2021, and has continued going strong through 2022.

We have seen the 6pm consistently reach a young demographic, from children, youth and young adults, as well many others who love to join in as well.

For the re-launch, an emphasis has been made afresh to see young people being given opportunities to partake in, and lead the service, and we have also put a renewed emphasis on community after the service itself, with free food for young adults, and monthly themed nights e.g. Indian food night. These have been a consistent success.

This service is not currently streamed, allowing for a no pressure environment to train young people, but from time to time, a message from the 6pm will be posted on Youtube, which also sees online engagement and views each time.

I am grateful that after a hiatus, the 6pm was resurrected, and is back with strength in 2022.

### **Kids Church**

Kids Church in many ways had the toughest job in the pandemic period, as engaging children through screens was very difficult.

But thankfully, in 2021/22 Kids Church returned in a covid safe environment, with a particular highlight being the return of an in-person Nativity at Christmas. Through the year, we have seen more children return to Kids Church, which has been a real positive.

We also re-launched our midweek Kids Club, providing a space for games, community and a positive Christian message, and we have seen huge growth here since being back, with new children attending.

We ran a Kids 'Light Party' at Halloween time, with fancy dress, a bouncy castle, games and a Christian message, which was a big success, with many kids attending from Church and from the community. Attendance was larger than the inaugural year and represents similar growth we are seeing in our Kids numbers.

The majority of work was also completed on our new Kids facility in No 2 Pentrepoeth Road (the building next door to Church), with Kids Church regularly running in there through the year, as restrictions allowed.

The financial implications of two years of covid and the ensuing global financial crisis meant the Church, like most organisations, had to re-evaluate its budgets in line with the Vision and Mission of the Church. The result of this review was to re-align the paid roles that the church has and underpin with new job descriptions. Consequently a decision was also made to make the role of paid 'Kids Pastor' redundant as of 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. This was a decision reached following a full staff review and through on-going collaboration with all staff members following ACAS best practice. The Church leadership will continually review this area as this was a decision that was needed due to finance, and was not a reflection of the performance of our Kids Pastor.

As a result of this redundancy, the Kids Pastor role was downsized, to be run at a volunteer level, in a similar way to our youth ministry as 'Kids Leader'.

### **Revolution (Youth ministry)**

Our Youth ministry is at the heart of our mission at 21CC, and like Kids Church, had a difficult time of the pandemic. With youth being naturally drawn to in-person gathering, and having spent all week on their screens in school, Revolution Online had a tough challenge. But despite the circumstances, Youth did go online, with Youth services being recorded and streamed, and Youth hangouts taking place on Zoom.

Since then we have done our best to bring Youth back to its best suited environment, which is in person. Our Friday Revolution nights made a return in 2021/22, with the team working hard to navigate ever changing rules and restrictions, and staying open as consistently as possible.

This has also linked in with making our 6pm service a natural follow on from Youth, with the post service hangout being geared towards youth.

In coming back from the hiatus, the team are now in a rebuilding mode, having lost our pre-pandemic momentum, but building on a strong core. We are looking forward to seeing our youth ministry grow and develop afresh from here.

### **Preaching and Platform team**

Our two core preachers are the Senior Pastor and our Assistant Pastor, and we have worked closely with the media team in adapting to communicating to a camera, as well as to a live congregation throughout the pandemic. As key workers we were able to enter the Church building to keep filming and producing Biblical, hopeful, encouraging messages, that we felt were very much needed in a time of real fear and suffering.

As we returned to services in person, we faced the challenges of social distancing, and limits on numbers, and so switched to having 2 morning services on a Sunday, with one a repeat of the other, and streaming the 11am live onto Facebook and Youtube. This posed a challenge to our communication in terms of stamina and repetition, but also learning to adapt to speaking to an online congregation at the same time as a live one. But it was a challenge we endeavoured to meet, until we were able to admit more numbers into the building, and switch back to one morning service. The cameras however, have stayed on, with many continuing to watch through Church Online, from all over the world.

With the return of the 6pm we also regained the ability to provide a space to train our young communicators and preachers in a less pressured scenario, with nothing being streamed. This has provided a greater variety in our preaching, and is building our strength in this key area.

We've also ran Rev events in Youth, where our young preachers have had a space to step up, and where we were able continued to try and invite guest speakers in.

### **Love Justice**

Love Justice is the social justice ministry of the Church and we have continued to strategically focus on partnering with 3 international organisations, as well as our own local initiative to serve our local community. This has been another year of restriction for the team, which hasn't been easy, and in many ways a year of transition. But amidst the restrictions we were still able to practically help those in need.

The Love Justice programme is broken down into the following ministry initiatives: -

#### **Compassion**

Our usual pattern is to host a Compassion Sunday, to highlight the cause of sponsoring children who live in poverty, but with the pandemic restrictions, a Compassion Sunday event was put on hold, but sponsorships continued, with a full Compassion Sunday returning in 2022.

#### **Open Doors**

Open Doors highlights the plight of the persecuted Church, and we would usually have a Sunday highlighting this, but as with Compassion, this was put on hold, but will return in 2022. However, Open Doors did run some zoom events, which our team participated in.

#### **A21 Campaign**

The A21 Campaign seeks to abolish human trafficking, but like our other partner charities, support was on hold when it came to hosting a big Sunday service.

### **Caru'r Cartref/Love Llanelli**

This has been a year of transition, as historically we have partnered with the 'Wallich', which houses local homeless people, in offering hampers and support. However, the local Wallich is now being wound up, and so we are considering where to best place our efforts to help and support a local need. But Covid-19 did slow the process from their end, giving us some opportunities to continue with support over this year.

Since then however, we have found a new direction to head to in this area in Church, with the launch of Heirs, on the 6<sup>th</sup> March. Heirs exists to see every young person thrive in Wales. It seeks to give backpacks full of supplies for children and young people entering the care system, working with social services, the police and schools to add value to the important work that is happening. It also works with 21CC Kids, Revolution and YA (Young Adults) to connect these vulnerable children into a wider support system. We're also becoming 'Home for Good' champions, that we might see a home for every child who needs one. This is a new ministry with a big vision and we're expectant for what is to come.

We also ran another campaign to support Operation Christmas child, and became a hub Church for the area, which was well supported from the Church, and other Churches in the area, with around 400 boxes delivered to us.

## **MAINTENANCE / HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Fire, Health and Safety**

Health and safety issues are constantly monitored in keeping with legal obligations, and we are continually looking to upgrade and stay on top of these areas.

Emergency lighting, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have all been checked by independent fire specialists who we employ via an ongoing contract.

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Many other minor items of maintenance have been addressed.

### **Church Manse/House – No 2 Pentrepoeth Road**

This project continued, and we are glad to say was completed in the summer of 2021.

## **Over 50's**

Not to be outdone by our youth and kids ministries, our over 50's ministry also went online throughout the pandemic, and continued to meet on zoom, providing a space for community, socialising and relationship, and in 2021/22, took the first steps toward meeting again in person.

We have seen the Over 50's take big steps forward throughout 2022, with fresh energy and momentum throughout this last year.

## **Siloah Chapel**

Siloah Chapel has been a long-term project for the Church, as it is in need of much renovation before re-opening fully. Covid-19 put a pause on much of our efforts here during this period, but we did make a start with an on-site prayer meeting open to the public.

We also saw a new team put together in 2021 to take the project forward, with much progress happening behind the scene.

This team has continued to meet in 2021/22, with the building itself being opened to the public twice in 2022, and more momentum being built.

## **Worship Team**

The worship team usually come under the 11am and 6pm service, providing live music for public worship, and a space to develop team members creatively.

But with live music banned due to covid restrictions, instead the worship team partnered with our media team and started producing video worship to stream online. Team members would often film and record from their own homes, which would be mixed and edited together by other volunteers, enabling worship to be part of Church Online.

We are pleased to say that during this year we were able to phase that out, and return to bringing live worship on a Sunday, with a full team in place, and the ability to use video worship if needed.

For the launch of the 6pm, we took a more experimental approach, as due to the effects of the pandemic, and many of our team having young children, we were struggling to have a full team bring live worship on Sunday nights. And so we switched to using video worship, and found that it has really worked. The congregation, especially the youth and young adults, have responded really well to it, and so for now we are planning to continue with this model, with the odd special service having a live team.

## **Connect Groups**

Our Connect Groups are hosted in the homes of our congregation, providing a space for Bible Study, friendship, and hospitality in a smaller setting.

Over the pandemic, these groups switched to zoom, and saw growth, being a lifeline to many, enabling conversation and community to take place.

We also added a weekly prayer meeting during lockdown, which proved popular, and again crossed borders, with one of our regular zoom attendees joining in from India, having found Church online, and this continued throughout the year.

However, with restrictions eased, we began to switch the groups back to in person gatherings, and back on to a fortnightly rotation. This has been successful, and the groups have continued to flourish.

Due to this growth, we launched two new groups, one a specifically Young Adults Connect, for 18-25 year old's. This is the least reached demographic in global Christianity, and we are so excited to see progress and growth in this area, as this group has grown.

The second group also represents a big step forward for the Church, as we launched our first ever connect group, and first ever regular meeting of any kind in Swansea. Swansea is just over our county border, and we have recently found more and more Swansea people in Church with us. This has been an organic process from there, with a Swansea based family hosting in Loughor. We are so excited for this group, seeing it as just the start of our efforts to impact this county and city, that is right on our doorstep.

### **Creative Media**

Our Creative Media team deserve a special mention for working incredibly hard as volunteers, in enabling Church to not only survive during the pandemic, but to thrive.

This year they have worked on transitioning to live-streaming every 11am service, and the team have done an incredible job. Every week our services are live on Facebook and Youtube, and then are immediately available on demand on both those platforms.

The pandemic has made clear that our Creative Media Ministry is vital to the future, enabling us to impact people online, from all over the world, as well as in the flesh, in local gatherings in the South Wales area.

### **Conclusion**

This year has been in many ways an extension of the last one, and a transition out of it. We have faced a challenge like never before in Covid-19, but I am grateful we have navigated these stormy waters, and as 2022 has shown, on the whole we have come out this season stronger as a Church than when we went in.

We have seen the Church grow and advance this year, and were able to take initiatives such as Church Online, born out of a pandemic, into the future as a permanent addition.

2022 proved to be a record breaker, and our most fruitful year yet as a Church, and so I remain expectant and excited for the season ahead, and continuing our mission into 2023.

Thank you for taking the time to read some of our story over the last year.

Every blessing / Pob bendith,

Steffan Jones,  
Senior Pastor, 21st Century Church

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 21st Century Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022 on pages 12 to 15 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
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Date: 31 January 2023

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Regular collections		62,191	-	8,232	70,423	61,418
Other gifts and grants		9,239	-	12,945	22,185	19,464
Gift aid receipts		13,595	-	-	13,595	11,212
Income from charitable activities		3,330	-	-	3,330	62
Income from conferences and events		3,820	-	-	3,820	175
Other		196	-	-	196	79
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>92,372</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>21,177</b>	<b>113,549</b>	<b>92,410</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	93,147	4,006	14,584	111,737	99,343
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	1,473	-	1,688	3,161	1,175
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>94,620</b>	<b>4,006</b>	<b>16,272</b>	<b>114,898</b>	<b>100,518</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(2,248)	(4,006)	4,905	(1,349)	(8,107)
Transfers between funds	5	650	-	(650)	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(1,599)</b>	<b>(4,006)</b>	<b>4,256</b>	<b>(1,349)</b>	<b>(8,107)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		3,485	7,953	1,256	12,693	20,801
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>1,886</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>12,693</b>

The notes on pages 14-15 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

	Unrestricted Funds			Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
	General funds £	Designated funds £	Restricted funds £		
<b>A Cash funds</b>					
Cash at bank with immediate access	1,845	3,947	5,511	11,303	12,685
Petty cash	41	-	-	41	9
	<b>1,886</b>	<b>3,947</b>	<b>5,511</b>	<b>11,344</b>	<b>12,693</b>
<b>B Other monetary assets</b>					
Gift aid due to charity	3,121	-	-	3,121	4,896
Other debtors	84	-	-	84	-
	<b>3,205</b>	-	-	<b>3,205</b>	<b>4,896</b>
<b>C Liabilities</b>					
<b>Falling due within one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	17,983	-	-	17,983	17,983
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	1,966	-	-	1,966	1,966
PAYE/NI due	-	-	-	-	258
Accounts preparation and examination	1,960	-	-	1,960	1,200
	21,909	-	-	21,909	21,407
<b>Falling due after one year:</b>					
Mortgage (drawn 2014)	103,091	-	-	103,091	108,983
Mortgage (drawn 2015)	10,035	-	-	10,035	10,951
	113,127	-	-	113,127	119,934
<b>Total</b>	<b>135,036</b>	-	-	<b>135,036</b>	<b>141,341</b>
<b>D Assets retained for charity's own use</b>					
				Value 2022 £	Value 2021 £
Saron Chapel				947,055	911,506
2 Pentrepoeth, Llanelli				150,898	150,898
Siloah Chapel				811,589	795,675
Siloah and Saron Chapels - fixtures, fittings and equipment				148,208	147,585
				<b>2,057,750</b>	<b>2,005,664</b>

The first mortgage referred to in Section C above is secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and is repayable over 15 years at an interest rate of 3.75% per annum.

The second mortgage referred to in Section C above is also secured on Saron Chapel and 2 Pentrepoeth and is repayable over 14 years at an interest rate of 4.75% per annum.

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by date  
 Peri Sophos 31 January 2023

The notes on pages 14-15 form part of these accounts.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**1 Accounting policies**

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2022	Total 2021
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	53,283	-	9,945	63,229	47,058
Conference and events	3,664	-	-	3,664	346
Insurance	4,605	-	-	4,605	5,345
Mortgage repayments	12,095	-	-	12,095	19,949
Building maintenance, repairs and cleaning	4,111	4,006	-	8,118	7,151
Building project [Siloah]	243	-	2,400	2,643	1,196
Utilities and rates	4,310	-	-	4,310	4,419
Food and Catering Costs	1,463	-	-	1,463	557
Training, ministry costs and other charitable activities	1,893	-	240	2,133	1,123
Music, PA and recording equipment	1,937	-	1,909	3,846	7,017
Other equipment, software and web maintenance	937	-	-	937	1,210
Telephones	988	-	-	988	825
Governance	380	-	-	380	1,200
Professional fees	871	-	-	871	861
Office and support costs	627	-	-	627	392
Youth and children's ministry	1,370	-	90	1,460	646
Other costs	369	-	-	369	47
	<u>93,147</u>	<u>4,006</u>	<u>14,584</u>	<u>111,737</u>	<u>99,343</u>

**3 Grants and gifts paid to others**

Organisations:					
Mission outreach and support	672	-	-	672	710
Other gifts	381	-	1,688	2,069	465
Individuals	420	-	-	420	-
	<u>1,473</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,688</u>	<u>3,161</u>	<u>1,175</u>

**4 Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022**

**5 Movement of funds**

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	3,485	92,372	(94,620)	650	1,886
Designated funds					
Legacy	7,953	-	(4,006)	-	3,947
	<u>11,438</u>	<u>92,372</u>	<u>(98,626)</u>	<u>650</u>	<u>5,833</u>
Restricted funds					
Saron Chapel	160	-	-	-	160
Bible college support	-	1,688	(1,688)	-	-
Siloah funds	1,001	5,849	(2,400)	292	4,741
Ukraine appeal	-	195	-	-	195
Social outreach projects	95	500	(180)	-	415
Kickstart Scheme	-	12,945	(12,004)	(941)	-
	<u>1,256</u>	<u>21,177</u>	<u>(16,272)</u>	<u>(650)</u>	<u>5,511</u>
Total funds	<u><u>12,693</u></u>	<u><u>113,549</u></u>	<u><u>(114,898)</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>11,344</u></u>

The Saron Chapel fund relates to any expenditure regarding the building or any supplies needed for maintenance or security, or funds donated specifically to Saron Chapel (Saron Chapel is the building where 21CC holds its main Sunday services).

The Siloah fund relates to donations for the purpose of expenditure relating to the Siloah Chapel. (The transfer from the Siloah funds relates to reimbursement of expenditure paid from general funds.)

The Ukraine Appeal relates to funds given to support charities working to support people affected by the war in Ukraine.

The Social outreach projects funds include donations towards the Caru Cartref ministry and the new Heirs project.

The Kickstart Scheme relates to a grant designed to create jobs for young people at risk of long-term unemployment. The transfer from this fund relates to time spent training and other associated costs paid out of general funds.

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1047101

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# Accounts

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# 21st Century Church

Report and Accounts

Year ended 31 March 2021

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**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	Saron Chapel Pentrepoeth Road Llanelli SA15 4HG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated 14 February 1995
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1047101
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Peri Sophos Ceri Curry-Pound Matthew Visick-Evans
BANKERS	Lloyds Bank plc
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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## **21st CENTURY CHURCH**

### **TRUSTEES' REPORT**

#### **YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

The Trustees present the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021.

#### **OBJECTS**

The primary objective of the Trust is the advancement of the Christian faith in Llanelli and the surrounding area.

It seeks to do this in two general ways. Firstly, it seeks to reach out wide to non-Churchgoers, and secondly it seeks to lead and disciple existing members in following Jesus Christ.

Every aspect of Church serves these aims in what it does, whether through music, preaching, youth, kids, over 50's, Bible studies, creative media, podcasts or relieving poverty. Everything we do seeks to serve the Great Commission (Matthew 28).

#### **GOVERNMENT**

The trustees are responsible for the affairs of the church. They delegate to the Leadership of the Church the implementation of policy and all aspects of day-to-day management.

#### **REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2020/21**

2020/21 has been a year like no other, with Covid-19 hitting the globe, and lockdown being imposed upon the U.K. This has been an unprecedented year, with much difficulty, and huge restrictions being placed on the life of the Church, and its ability to carry on as normal. Due to lockdown, we also took a real financial hit, with the loss of income from the in-person collection in services. This has caused a real strain on the Church finances.

However, I am pleased to say that through the time of pandemic, coming off a previous year of record growth, the Church itself has continued to see progress and growth, and we have expanded into brand new areas.

The following reflects some of the progress, amidst the covid setbacks, we have achieved this year:

#### **Our 11am service**

This is our family orientated service, combining Kids Church, as well as a Sunday morning service, with worship and word aimed at adults, and communion once a month. But with stay-at-home orders in place, for the first time in our existence we were unable to meet. However, from the first Sunday in lockdown, our media team took a huge step forward, as we filmed and streamed a Church service from the building to the screens of the congregation on YouTube and Facebook. As lockdown extended, the worship team also began to record worship to be streamed, and 'Church online' came into existence. Throughout lockdown it became remarkable to see growth in this streamed service, as others who did not belong to the congregation began to watch and join in, from near and far. Although YouTube and Facebook views are not the easiest to judge, our

conservative estimates were of an online congregation that was often at least 50-100% higher than usual.

Church members also gave financially to support this facility, with new cameras and equipment being purchased to invest in Church Online. In late Autumn we returned to the building for the 11am, but with the decision to keep the gain of Church Online, and so the cameras kept rolling and streaming, and will now continue to do so as a permanent addition to the mission of the Church to reach those that no-one is reaching.

### **Our 6pm service**

Our 6pm service has always had a high energy, youthful atmosphere and focus. So, with social distancing measures, restrictions, and the huge effort being placed on Church online, the service has been on hold throughout this financial year.

But I am pleased to say at time of writing, the 6pm has since re-launched, and is already doing very well amongst young adults in particular.

### **Kids Church**

Kids Church in many ways had the toughest job in the pandemic period, as engaging children through screens has been difficult. Nevertheless, our Kids worker continued to work through this period, and with the media team, produced a weekly online Kids service, followed by an interactive zoom.

With the re-opening of Church, Kids Church also returned in a covid safe environment, and a highlight of the online Christmas services was the streaming of the Kids Nativity service.

Kids Club had to be put on hold due to lockdown measures, but, at time of writing, all Kids activity has returned, and is beginning to thrive once again.

Work also continued on a new Kids facility in No 2 Pentrepoeth Road (the building next door to Church), which was majority completed in the summer of 2021.

### **Revolution (Youth ministry)**

Our Youth ministry is at the heart of our mission at 21CC, and like Kids Church, had a difficult time of the pandemic. With youth being naturally drawn to in-person gathering and having spent all week on their screens in school, Revolution Online had a tough challenge. But despite the circumstances, Youth did go online, with Youth services being recorded and streamed, and Youth hangouts taking place on Zoom. This did manage to steady the ship, and hold a steady core, and with the gradual easing of restrictions, Youth has moved back to in-person gatherings, and is now seeing growth again, as we re-build for a post-pandemic world.

### **Preaching and Platform team**

Our two core preachers are the Senior Pastor (myself) and our Assistant Pastor, and we have worked closely with the media team in adapting to communicating to a camera, as well as to a live congregation throughout the pandemic. As key workers we were able to enter the Church building to keep filming and producing Biblical, hopeful, encouraging messages, that we felt were very much needed in a time of real fear and suffering.

Even as our physical congregation were unable to gather to hear the message, it's an undeniable reality, that thanks to Church Online, we've never preached to as many people in the history of our Church. Through Church Online we have been enabled to take the message of the Gospel all across the world.

We were also able to take advantage of the nature of Church Online by hosting interviews and guest preachers from near and afar through the use of zoom and technology. This has ranged from an interview with Songs of Praise presenter Jay Lusted in North Wales, to a Sunday message from Pastor Luke Crowley of Hillsong Los Angeles, to a lengthy interview with the Rev Eseia Grandis, an Argentinian, who ministers exclusively in the Welsh language. As Eseia cannot speak English, we were able to stream a subtitled video with him, which saw huge reach, and thousands of views.

Our young, developing communicators also continued to preach in Youth and Kids Online, and with the return of the 6pm, we will continue once again to train and raise more communicators.

### **Love Justice**

Love Justice is the social justice ministry of the Church and we have continued to strategically focus on partnering with 3 international organisations, as well as our own local initiative to serve our local community. This has been a year of restriction for the team, which hasn't been easy, and in many ways a year of transition. But amidst the restrictions we were still able to practically help those in need.

The Love Justice programme is broken down into the following ministry initiatives: -

### **Compassion**

Our usual pattern is to host a Compassion Sunday, to highlight the cause of sponsoring children who live in poverty, but with the pandemic restrictions this was put on hold and will be returning in 2022.

### **Open Doors**

Open Doors highlights the plight of the persecuted Church, and we would usually have a Sunday highlighting this, but as with Compassion, this was put on hold, but will return in 2022. However, Open Doors did run some zoom events, which our team participated in.

### **A21 Campaign**

The A21 Campaign seeks to abolish human trafficking, but like our other partner charities, support was on hold when it came to hosting a big Sunday service. But through zoom we did host a meeting to join in with their Global Summit on the 17<sup>th</sup> October, which Church members attended.

## **Caru'r Cartref/Love Llanelli**

This has been a year of transition, as historically we have partnered with the 'Wallich', which houses local homeless people, in offering hampers and support. However, the local Wallich is now being wound up, and so we are considering where to best place our efforts to help and support a local need. But Covid-19 did slow the process from their end, giving us some opportunities to continue with support over this year. In the early days of lockdown, we were able to deliver toiletries and cakes to them, whilst still giving hampers and support at Christmas time as usual.

In May we also reached out to a local care home, Affalon, and delivered a gift of toiletries, home made cakes, cards from Kids Church and flowers to the staff and residents of the home.

We also ran a campaign to support Operation Christmas child, which was well supported from the Church, and other Churches in the area, with 127 boxes delivered to us. This has continued and grown on a bigger scale in 2021.

Love Justice also went on zoom, with monthly meetings to discuss how we can best support our international ministry partners, and how to best reach out to our local area.

We also partnered with other local Churches in the area. In July we partnered with another local Church in hosting a Friday night Soup Kitchen for the duration of the month, and we have also been regular contributors to the Myrtle House Llanelli Foodbank.

## **MAINTENANCE / HEALTH AND SAFETY**

### **Fire, Health and Safety**

Health and safety issues are constantly monitored in keeping with legal obligations, and we are continually looking to upgrade and stay on top of these areas.

Emergency lighting, fire alarms and fire extinguishers have all been checked by independent fire specialists who we employ via an ongoing contract.

In line with our environmental commitment, we have also continued to replace our general and stage lighting with LED's, with the added benefit of reducing energy consumption.

Many other minor items of maintenance have been addressed.

### **Church Manse/House – No 2 Pentrepoeth Road**

This project continued, and we are glad to say was completed in the summer of 2021.

### **Heart for the House**

This year we came into HFTH in a time of lockdown, and financial pressure as a Church. But the team once again put forward a powerful presentation highlighting the work of Church Online in particular, and we managed to raise £9434 (without gift aid), which was a huge help and blessing to the Church. With that money we were able to invest into a sustainable digital storage solution that was required for Church Online, and to help refill some of our financial reserves.

## **Over 50's**

Not to be outdone by our youth and kids' ministries, our over 50's ministry also went online throughout the pandemic, and actually stepped up the pace, by meeting once a week on zoom, providing a space for community, socialising and relationship.

Through the power of zoom the reach was also able to be extended, with one regular attendee from Germany. The team did a great job throughout the pandemic, and with the shift back to in-person meetings, have continued to take the ministry forward.

## **Siloah Chapel**

Siloah Chapel has been a long-term project for the Church, as it is in need of much renovation before re-opening fully. Covid-19 put a pause on much of our efforts here during this period, but we did make a start with an on-site prayer meeting open to the public.

We also saw a new team put together in 2021 to take the project forward, with progress beginning to be seen at time of writing.

## **Worship Team**

The worship team usually come under the 11am and 6pm service, providing live music for public worship, and a space to develop team members creatively.

But with live music banned due to covid restrictions, instead the worship team partnered with our media team and started producing video worship to stream online. Team members would often film and record from their own homes, which would be mixed and edited together by other volunteers, enabling worship to be part of Church Online.

Apart from that, we also released many of the songs as stand-alone videos on Facebook and YouTube, which saw a huge response in many cases. In particular, the team's version of 'O Holy Night' stands currently at 45,500 views, with overwhelming positive feedback in the difficult days of the Winter lockdown.

[21st Century Church - O Holy Night by 21CC Worship | Facebook](#)

## **Connect Groups**

Our Connect Groups are hosted in the homes of our congregation, providing a space for Bible Study, friendship, and hospitality in a smaller setting. We saw huge growth here in 2019, and this growth continued this year. Due to restrictions, our Connect Groups went online via zoom, and picked up the pace, with most meeting weekly rather than bi-weekly, and seeing more people joining in. In a time when community was put at a halt, our online connect groups were a lifeline to many, enabling conversation and community to take place.

We also added a weekly prayer meeting during lockdown, which proved popular, and again crossed borders, with one of our regular zoom attendees joining in from India, having found Church online.

Through zoom we also hosted another Marriage Course with 2 couples attending, with one couple being based in Cardiff.

Due to this growth in demand we also began to plan and train leaders for two new connects, one being a specific Young Adults connect, and the other being a new Swansea based connect, both of which have now come to fruition in 2021.

### **Creative Media**

Our Creative Media team deserve a special mention for working incredibly hard as volunteers, in enabling Church to not only survive during the pandemic, but to thrive.

From filming messages, to editing and mixing Church Online and live music, to navigating streaming on Facebook and YouTube, to now transitioning to live-streaming every 11am service, the team have done an incredible job.

In this difficult time, they have enabled the Mission Statement to go ahead, as not only have we grown in our aim to reach those that no-one is reaching with the Gospel of Jesus, but we have reached more people than we ever have before.

As we look forward to the next season, I look forward to the media team developing and growing in communicating and taking the message further than ever.

### **Conclusion**

This year we have faced a challenge like never before in Covid-19. It has been in many ways a hard year, and a sad one, as we have been forced to shut down so much of what we do as a Church.

But I am grateful that in so many ways, we have seen the Church grow and advance this year. We have gained whole new ways of doing Church online, we have reached so many new people, and helped so many people during a difficult season.

As we move forward, I will be glad to see the return of what we lost in lockdown, but grateful we get to keep what we gained.

I remain expectant and excited for the year ahead.

Thank you for taking the time to read some of our story over the last year.

Every blessing / Pob bendith,

Steffan Jones,  
Senior Pastor, 21st Century Church

The Trustees have complied with the duty to have due regard to the public benefit guidance published by the Charity Commission.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

During the year income decreased by £21,000, to £92,400, and expenditure decreased by £41,600, to £100,500. As a result, the cash held by the charity decreased by £8,100, to £12,700, of which £11,400 is unrestricted and can be used for any charitable purpose.

## **RESERVES POLICY**

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £5,000 (which equates to under one month of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £11,400 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

## **TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITIES**

Under the Charities Act 2011, the trustees are required to prepare a statement of accounts for each accounting year.

They are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the church and to ensure that such accounts and records comply with the Charities Act 2011.

They also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the church and to take reasonable steps to detect fraud or other irregularities and to provide reasonable assurances that:

1. The church is operating efficiently and effectively
2. Its assets are safeguarded against unauthorised use or disposition
3. Financial information used within the church or for publication is reliable
4. The church complies with relevant laws and regulations

## **APPROVAL**

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Peri Sophos, Chair of Trustees

Date: 23 December 2021

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT**  
**TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of 21st Century Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 10 to 13 following.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the charity's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 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 2011 Act.

**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 giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. 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.

Jaimée Young

Stewardship  
1 Lamb's Passage  
LONDON  
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 11 January 2022

**21ST CENTURY CHURCH**  
**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<b>Income receipts</b>						
Regular collections		56,479	-	4,939	61,418	61,943
Other gifts and grants		19,526	-	-	19,526	27,698
Gift aid receipts		11,212	-	-	11,212	13,581
Income from conferences and events		175	-	-	175	10,229
Other		79	-	-	79	14
<b>Total receipts</b>		<b>87,471</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,939</b>	<b>92,410</b>	<b>113,465</b>
<b>Payments</b>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	88,199	4,476	6,667	99,343	140,756
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	1,175	-	-	1,175	1,373
<b>Total payments</b>		<b>89,374</b>	<b>4,476</b>	<b>6,667</b>	<b>100,518</b>	<b>142,129</b>
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		(1,903)	(4,476)	(1,728)	(8,107)	(28,664)
Transfers between funds	5	(2,037)	-	2,037	-	-
<b>Net movement in funds</b>		<b>(3,940)</b>	<b>(4,476)</b>	<b>309</b>	<b>(8,107)</b>	<b>(28,664)</b>
Cash funds as at last year end		7,425	12,429	947	20,801	49,465
<b>Cash funds at this year end</b>	A	<b>3,485</b>	<b>7,953</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>12,693</b>	<b>20,801</b>

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**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

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General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2021	Total 2020
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
<b>2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly</b>					
Employment costs	47,058	-	-	47,058	51,915
Conference and events	346	-	-	346	16,328
Insurance	5,345	-	-	5,345	2,402
Mortgage repayments	19,949	-	-	19,949	19,949
Building maintenance, repairs and cleaning	2,675	4,476	-	7,151	24,708
Building project [Siloah]	1,196	-	-	1,196	169
Utilities and rates	4,419	-	-	4,419	6,274
Food and Catering Costs	557	-	-	557	3,946
Training, ministry costs and other charitable activities	1,123	-	-	1,123	3,578
Music, PA and recording equipment	350	-	6,667	7,017	2,693
Other equipment, software and web maintenance	1,210	-	-	1,210	1,211
Telephones	825	-	-	825	1,433
Governance	1,200	-	-	1,200	890
Professional fees	861	-	-	861	856
Office and support costs	392	-	-	392	1,743
Youth and children's ministry	646	-	-	646	1,992
Other costs	47	-	-	47	670
	<u>88,199</u>	<u>4,476</u>	<u>6,667</u>	<u>99,343</u>	<u>140,756</u>
<b>3 Grants and gifts paid to others</b>					
Organisations:					
Mission outreach and support	710	-	-	710	835
Other gifts	465	-	-	465	538
	<u>1,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,175</u>	<u>1,373</u>

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**4 Transactions with related parties**

No payments were made to trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

**5 Movement of funds**

	Balance at 31Mar2020	Receipts	Payments	Transfers	Balance at 31Mar2021
	£	£	£	£	£
General funds	7,425	87,471	(89,374)	(2,037)	3,485
Designated funds					
Legacy	12,429	-	(4,476)	-	7,953
	<u>19,854</u>	<u>87,471</u>	<u>(93,850)</u>	<u>(2,037)</u>	<u>11,438</u>
Restricted funds					
Saron Chapel	-	160	-	-	160
Siloah funds	947	1,104	-	(1,050)	1,001
Media equipment	-	3,580	(6,667)	3,087	-
Caru Cartref Ministry	-	95	-	-	95
	<u>947</u>	<u>4,939</u>	<u>(6,667)</u>	<u>2,037</u>	<u>1,256</u>
Total funds	<u>20,801</u>	<u>92,410</u>	<u>(100,518)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,693</u>

The Saron Chapel fund relates to any expenditure regarding the building or any supplies needed for maintenance or security, or funds donated specifically to Saron Chapel (Saron Chapel is the building where 21CC holds its main Sunday services).

The Siloah fund relates to donations for the purpose of expenditure relating to the Siloah Chapel. (The transfer from the Siloah funds relates to reimbursement of expenditure paid from general funds.)

The Media equipment fund was for donations given for the purchase of equipment.

The Caru Cartref Ministry fund relates to 21CC social outreach initiatives.