

IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1050613

Details

Other names	IVY CHURCH
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1995-11-13
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

Contact

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHURCH ARE FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC:A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT;B) TO RELIEVE SICKNESS AND FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND TO PROMOTE AND PRESERVE GOOD HEALTH BY THE PROVISION OF FUNDS, GOODS OR SERVICES OF ANY KIND INCLUDING THROUGH THE PROVISION OF COUNSELLING AND SUPPORT IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT; ANDC) TO ADVANCE EDUCATION IN SUCH WAYS AND IN SUCH PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE CHURCH COUNCIL FROM TIME TO TIME MAY THINK FIT.

Activities: Worship, prayer, preaching, teaching, fellowship, evangelism, small groups, drop in facilities, community action, study groups, missions support, pastoral care, children and youth activities, sunday school, global issues, churches together.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, People With Disabilities, People Of A Particular Ethnic Or Racial Origin, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE BRISTOL
- Bristol City

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£67,829	£100,390	-	-
2023-12-31	£62,654	£68,268	-	-
2022-12-31	£77,124	£75,551	-	-
2021-12-31	£81,904	£74,618	-	-
2020-12-31	£79,049	£76,792	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Sean Ashmeade	Chair	2023-05-25
Anne James		2024-05-15
Raphael Olawuyi		2024-05-15
VERNON John HOLMES		2012-04-27

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Ivy Church Mission:

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Serving our neighbours, near and far.”

Dear Ivy Church Member,

Ivy Church Annual General Meeting for Church Members 27th May 2025 7.30PM

Welcome to AGM review covering the year 2024

We are here to express our gratitude to the Lord for his faithfulness through another year (2024). We also want to say thank you to Ivy Church members for your commitment to ‘the cause,’ by meeting together, giving of your time in service, and of your financial and prayerful support, so that Ivy Church can endeavour to truly make a difference in our community. It is notable that there are a number of members with significant health challenges, who nevertheless continue to serve the Lord and the community of faith and beyond in an exemplary manner. Church members are seeking to serve one another in real fellowship [*“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honouring each other... serve the Lord enthusiastically....Be patient in trouble, and keep on praying.” Rom 12.9-12 NLT*]

Agenda

1. welcome
2. apologies
3. prayer
4. purpose
5. minutes of last years agm
6. trustee appointments
7. reports
8. accounts

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(c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The Church Council (CC) is responsible for all areas of the church, to ensure we fulfil our objects. The CC is moving towards various ways of championing different aspects of Ivy Church, each individual taking responsibility for one or more areas, thus: Financial management; Property; Worship; Admin; Safeguarding; Governance (policies); Prayer; Outreach; Missions Support; Children & Young People. Regular training is undertaken by the trustees.

Worship

Sunday Services are a place of welcome, witness, worship and the Word. Regulars, visitors guests and and new members are always welcome! Monthly All-age services have resumed and is followed by a wonderful fellowship meal, which presents an opportunity to invite guests, and is a great blessing to the community. The main focus of teaching in 2024 has been on Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Sunday services are supplemented by midweek LiFE groups in homes, where personal and public needs can be shared, prayed for, and mutual support received, as well as in-depth bible discussion. Monthly prayer via 'Zoom' provides opportunity to intercede for our neighbours, near and far. Baptisms are always exciting and we hope to see more this coming year!

Courses

We have engaged with Study courses, which are open to all in the community; these being 'Romans' and 'Just 10.' Fellowship, exploration, discussion, and cake (!) are all appreciated.

Children & Young people.

The year continued as previously with a weekly Sunday programme for children and regular zoom meetings, together with some extra events.

A great deal of hard work has gone into the recruitment process to find future leadership for our children and young people. We were so pleased to include in the interview process, a wonderful team of young people Round one proved unsuccessful and, with a new approach, we have (in

2025) been pleased to move towards the appointment of 3 part-time workers. We anticipate significant forward direction in supporting the current work and developing outreach into the community. Our partnership with the Müller foundation is most helpful. The work of our team of volunteers has been hugely valuable and we hope this will continue. And the support of our Safeguarding coordinator has been essential.

Our relationship with St Werburgh's Primary School has continued and we have enjoyed pastor-visits to the school and the exciting Christmas and Easter events, when the schoolchildren and their families come to Ivy Church.

IvyTots

This is a highlight in the week, providing a place of warm welcome and fun, our wonderful volunteer team giving loving attention and sustenance to families (mostly) near and (some, even) from afar.

Wider Engagement

Ashley Churches Together Serving (AcTs) has been a vehicle for expressions of unity in worship and witness, with joint services, the Good Friday walk of witness with the Cross, and carols around the neighbourhood. We are also involved in Churches Together in Greater Bristol, Leaders' prayers, Assemblies of God GB at various levels - Hub, Zone, Area and National Leaders' conference.

Local Mission

We have had regular contact with InHope, homeless charity in Bristol. Individuals have volunteered and financial and practical support has been given to this worthy cause.

Missions Support

The Ivy Church Missions Support Team have faithfully dispensed funds to support our Global Missions Partners, with a worldwide spread of interest and have been able to meet urgent, as well as regular needs. 12.5% of church giving continues to go towards this. (3% of undesignated church giving also goes to Assemblies of God, which is a mission-promoting organisation). Practical giving has gone via Blythswood Care to needs in eastern Europe. Guest speakers have come from 'Compassion,' Peru, and InHope. Missions trips have been undertaken by individuals and we were able to attend the Emmanuel International 40th anniversary conference.

Property

- Alcove Rd: This property has had a considerable amount of work (and expense) and is being rented at 'commercial rates.' Over time is hoped that money spent on the property will be recouped and the property can be either a source of income, or a useable asset for a future incumbent.

- **Ivy Church Building:** This is relatively high cost in maintenance, repairs and running costs, but is valuable as a visible presence in the community and as a consistently available setting for worship and outreach.

We have also been pleased to rent space in the building for use by other church groups, including Baptismal services, and to make the building available to other users, including Bristol City Council. This does involve considerable time and effort by Ivy Church (paid and volunteer) staff.

- Land at the side of Ivy Church, owned by Children's Scrapstore, is (potentially) scheduled for development. Our comments have been registered with BCC planning department.

We have continued to make progress with Information Technology. Our Sunday gatherings have been accessed by some who are unable to attend in person. Services are recorded and the sermons are made available via the website. We have also sought to use social media, and we are grateful for the ongoing commitment to the development and maintenance of our online presence. Other tools enable us to transact efficient management and business, as well as messages of encouragement and prayer requests, assurances of prayer support and notes of praise.

We look forward to the future of Ivy Church's ministry and mission with confidence and enthusiasm. We have a small, but strong-in-faith group of workers and we have the assurance that God is with us, and ***"If God is for us, who (or what) can be against us?" [Rom 8.31.]***

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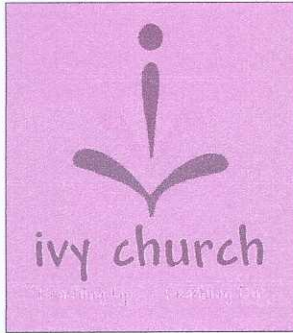
Assemblies of God (GB) and Churches Together.

**Ivy Pentecostal Church Accounts
Year ending 31st December 2024**

	Total 2024	Total 2023	Totals 2022	Totals 2021	Totals 2020	Totals 2019	Totals 2018	Totals 2017	Totals 2016	Totals 2015	Totals 2014
				£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Opening Balances	128226	133840	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743
Income											
Undesignated Giving	46432.44	51066	54726	56053	56726	59190	55009	61244	59039	58393	57099
Designated Giving	1100	0	50	3820	325	3053	5450	7713	1352	2754	21185
Gift Aid Reclaim	9738.22	166	11300	11654	11684	11516	11719	13364	10358	11391	13129
Rent	8677.50	10867	10180	10080	9700	9500	8960	10015	11365	9380	8807
Interest (Savings)	1820.45	468	127	297	418	588	749	521	316	434	449
Misc	60	87	741	196	196	62	0	104	200	330	2592
Total Income	67828.61	62654	77124	81904	79049	83909	81887	92961	82900	82682	102261
Expenditure											
Church Admin	40001.71	38635	37540	40920	43156	44767	45742	40126	36930	36891	54982
Church Property	21125.27	14282	22827	8472	7971	8168	11953	51444	11003	11870	8597
Church Purposes	13515.14	14890	14243	24308	22808	17175	20486	14579	15106	22267	18519
Manse Property	24747.50	461	941	918	2857	5203	7336	509	2192	433	7341
Designated Giving	1000										
Total Expenditure	100389.62	68268	75551	74618	76792	75313	85517	106658	65231	71461	89439
Closing Balances	95664.99	128226	133840	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565

Year ending 31st December 2024					
Income				Expenditure	TOTAL
	£	£		£	£
Undesignated		46432		Church Admin	
Designated		1100		Leadership Salaries (Nett)	29895.49
				Pensions	3095.82
				NI, Tax	6035.17
				Pastor Phone, Internet and Sim	605.23
				Conference	370
				Total	40002
				Church Property	
Gift Aid Reclaim		9738		Maintenance	10435.93
Rent				Insurance	2244.14
Manse	4800			Gas & Electricity	4707.15
Church	3877.50			Water rates	475.97
Total	8677.5	8678		Church Phone&Internet	705.89
Interest		1820		Cleaning	2556.19
Misc (Refunds)				Total	21125
Evangelical Alliance	60			Church Purposes	
Total		60		Ministry Fees	335
				Missionary Account	8710
Total Income		67829		Safeguarding	177.72
				Evangelical Alliance	90
				Gift	30.58
				Resources	1305.93
				Fees-Audit/payroll	480
				AOG National	1483.82
				Web Domain	328.28
				Copyright/Licences	376.92
				Youth	51.57
				Bank Charges	145.32
				Total	13515
				Designated giving	1000
				Church Manse	
				Maintenance	23770.77
				Utilities & Council	590.89
				Insurance	385.84
				Total	24748
				Total Expenditure	100390
<i>Total Income includes Income to Current Account plus Savings Account interest</i>					
Totals are rounded for presentation					

Income	Jan-24	Feb-24	Mar-24	Apr-24	May-24	Jun-24	Jul-24	Aug-24	Sep-24	Oct-24	Nov-24	Dec-24	Totals	Opening Balance Dec 2023
£	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 711.00	£ 8,710.00	£ 2,387.87
Extra Donation-Kinkead		£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00		£ 1,000.00	
Additional Regular Giving			£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 45.00	£ 450.00	
One Off General Gifts					£ 1,000.00								£ 1,100.00	
Total Income 2024					£ 1,000.00								£ 11,260.00	
Expenditure (Regular Giving)														
Denis & Charmaine Squire	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 390.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 70.00	£ 870.00	
AOG World Missions: Geoff & Sue Smith	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 500.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 500.00	
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 500.00	
Creative Solutions: Peter & Jenny Kay	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 510.00	
Tom & Olive Kisaki (Japan)	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 510.00	
India Hope	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 510.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 380.00	
Internation Bible College: Johnny & Eliana Whyte	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 60.00	
AOG World Missions: Claire Kinkead	£ 560.00				£ 175.00			£ 175.00		£ 700.00	£ 175.00	£ 175.00	£ 1,960.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)													£ 6,690.00	
Additional Support														
Compassion			£ 250.00		£ 200.00		£ 400.00							
Denis & Charmaine Squire					£ 200.00		£ 400.00							£ 250.00
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing								£ 400.00						£ 600.00
Creative Solutions: Peter & Jenny Kay					£ 200.00					£ 300.00				£ 400.00
World of Worth														£ 500.00
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft														£ 300.00
India Hope														£ 300.00
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic														£ 800.00
Clare Kinkead														£ 400.00
Tom & Olive Kisaki (Japan)														£ 300.00
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny														£ 300.00
G + S Smith														£ 300.00
Total Additional Support														£ 4,750.00
Summary														
Opening balance			£ 2,387.87											
Total Income			£ 11,260.00											
Total Expenditure			£ 11,440.00											
Closing Balance 31 Dec 24			£ 2,207.87											



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- **Passionate about Jesus Christ & Making Him Known;**
- **Serving our Neighbours, near and far**

Ivy Pentecostal Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2024

1. Church Building known as 'Ivy Church' at Ashley Hill, Bristol BS6 5JD
2. Church Manse at 33 Alcove Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3DS
3. Bank Accounts:
 - a. Current a/c Lloyds bank, Downend branch, Bristol with a balance of £9,124 on 31 Dec 2024
 - b. Gospel Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £37,853 on 31 Dec 2024
 - c. No Notice Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £48,688 on 31 Dec 2024
 - d. A trust a/c for missionaries at Lloyds Bank, Horfield branch, Bristol with balance of £2,207 on 31 Dec 24
4. Mortgages: There are no mortgages on Ivy Church Property
5. Loans: We have no loans
6. Creditors: We have no creditors

Ivy Pentecostal Church (Registered Charity Number 1050613)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (number 1050613) for the year ended 31 December 2024 which are set out on pages 1 -

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report:

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

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act);

and

- accounts prepared agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.



PHIL BATER MAAT

(Association of Accounting Technicians)

20th April 2025

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AGM to receive reports and accounts for the year 2023

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AGM 22.05.2024... 7.30pm

Dear Ivy Church Member,

This year's Annual Church Meeting for Church Members will be held on 22nd May at 7.30pm at Ivy Church. It's an opportunity to review the year 2023 and to present the accounts for that year. Questions to the Church Council (Ivy Church Trustees) are most welcome in advance.

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These 'objects,' "Advancing the faith, promoting education and good health in our locality," are about sharing the Christian message with our neighbours, and serving practically wherever possible. Further afield it's mainly about supporting and providing the means for our partners to do the same. Our report isn't intended to merely show a list of activities and events, but some of the ways in which we aim to provide opportunities to be of benefit to our community and beyond.

Ivy Church Council has sought to find ways for the church to do each of these things consistently and enthusiastically amongst our neighbours, near and far. The objects are fulfilled in various parts of the world many through our global partners, missionaries regularly supported, as shown in the Missions Support report.

The Year 2023

The year began with a launch of encouragement for every member to be "Directors of Church Growth." This has been encouraged throughout the year. and efforts have been made by individuals to contact members of the community with invitations and encouragement.

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We have worked together locally with Ashley Churches Together Serving (ACTs) at Christmas and Easter, with 'The Noise' practical projects, and with Churches Together in Greater Bristol. We have also engaged with Assemblies of God GB in our Hub, Zone, Area and National groupings.

We have benefited from 'The Bible Course' and 'Romans' obtained through Bible Society; opportunities to study and learn with great fellowship with coffee and cake! We look forward to more of these courses to come. Various options are being considered. We would also like to see wider access of our small groups ('Life-groups') for sharing and praying together.

Community events have included barbecue in the church grounds, thanksgiving meal for our departed church family members, picnics in the park, and open air carol-singing. We even supported one of our team in a sponsored Mendips walk (+ fish 'n chips) in aid of Creative Solutions (Kenya).

Ivy Church has been pleased to host an Eritrean congregation over several months, culminating in a glorious baptismal service - Africa style!

We have also been happy to accommodate weekly "Music for young Children," and two splendid Christmas concerts with Children and families of St Werburgh's Primary School.

We have endeavoured to support one another through times of bereavement, losing some valued and beloved members and friends. We have also sought to stand in prayer with a considerable number who have various physical and mental challenges.

Sundays have gradually improved in attendance and we have welcomed guests to the Christian festivals and special events. Other Sundays have included 'Compassion' speaker, Safeguarding Sunday, Bible Sunday (Bible Society), and greetings from missionary partners via video link, as well as in-person reports.

It was a joy to share in a wedding, together with our friends from Woodlands Church and an 'event' on the Downs with even a MAF plane on display.

Our IvyTots group continues to flourish, serving our community and providing a centre for building family and community in a warm and caring atmosphere. Our stalwart team of Children and young people's workers, have continued to provide excellent teaching and care for boys and girls, in-house on Sundays and via Zoom on midweek evenings.

Regular Church Council Meetings have continued to review and update our policies, eg. First Aid, Fire and Safeguarding, one of our team attending and reporting on Safeguarding training. It has been noted that there is a wealth of training available from 'Thirty-one Eight' and it is intended for members of the CC to attend. Church Council (= Trustees) have undertaken internal training in responsibilities of charity trusteeship.

The Church Council have taken careful note of our financial situation and sought to manage assets appropriately. A number of supporters have been 'promoted to Glory,' meaning less available funding for our purposes and for distribution; but we have been very appreciative of the faithful giving of church members.

On the Property front we have done:

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1. Exterior works - decorations to windows & front doors and repairs to gutters complete. Landscape: garden maintenance has been undertaken
2. Decoration to foyer, stairs, landing & upper room.
3. The Church House is expected to become available in 2024 and refurbishment will be necessary; In particular, Bathroom & Kitchen carpets and decoration. Also, garden wall repairs and possible resurfacing of driveway.
Funds are reserved for this.
4. Further funds have been reserved in case of possible opportunity to purchase land beside Ivy Church building.

We aim to give opportunity for more community events and for guests to be invited to these and to Sunday services, so that we can continue to serve our neighbours. We are more than a charity; we are an expression of the Kingdom of God and our priority is to provide opportunities for people of all ages and backgrounds to enjoy a relationship with God through Jesus, and to join in fellowship and worship at Ivy Church.

IVY CHURCH MISSIONS REPORT 2023

We are thankful that we have been able to continue to regularly support our Missionary Partners throughout the year, which we can only do with your regular giving.

Over the year we had visits from Claire Kinkead, Geoff and Sue Smith, Sara and Sasha Vitakic and a representative from World of Worth. Excitingly, Chris went to Kenya with Peter Kay to see first hand the work of Creative Solutions and the impact of how the money given is spent. It felt like we were on a missionary journey with him as a church, as Chris was excellent in keeping in contact and sending loads of photos and videos.

Please continue to pray for our Missionary Partners as they strive to share God's love with those He has called them to, so that many more people may find Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. We are in regular contact with them and if you have a particular interest in any, or all of them, we can arrange for their newsletters to be available to you.

May the Lord continue to bless you and all our Missionary Partners!

Jeff Rawlins, Chris Ashmeade and Pam Panton.

Missions Team, March 2024.

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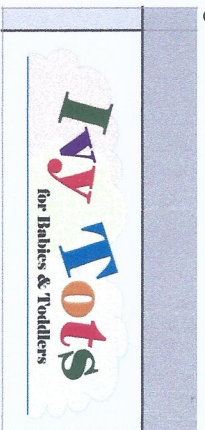
IVY Youth Report 2023-2024

During 2023 we continued to run 2 youth groups to accommodate the age needs of children within Ivy Church. The younger group Golden Swords was for children aged 6-10 years and the older group Prism for children aged 10+. In Golden Swords we focused on getting to know our bibles and a little more about individual characters. In terms of numbers we really only had 2 regular children attending with others dipping in and out very infrequently. To encourage the opportunity for our 2 regular children to mix with other younger people we opted that once a month they would join Woodlands Fellowship for their T Club. As these 2 regular young people are now at a age where they could join the older group we decided to stop running this group just before Easter and now just have the older group Prism.

In Prism we focus on fellowship and fun alongside more in depth studies of bible characters and principles. We continue to meet mainly weekly on line as this is what our church young people have requested. We did manage to meet face to face for a social prior to Christmas where we watched The film The Jesus Revolution at Chris and Sophia's house and enjoyed pizzas together. Our plan moving forwards are to have more face to face meeting/socials throughout the year and also meet up with Fishponds AOG youth group for a joint meeting to encourage fellowship with other christian young people. Special thanks to Anne, Monday, Joshua and Chris for their regular support with Prism and special thanks to Philippa who regular supported Golden Swords whilst it was running.

IvyKidz (Sunday School)

We continue to run Ivykidz each Sunday Morning for children aged 3-12years. We also run a bible group for those aged 10+years once a month which is led by Anne and Mary. We have been following a curriculum focusing on different themes each month such as Living in the Light , Walking with the Waymaker and are currently looking at the armour of God. We have been encouraged not only by the knowledge of the children attending; but also the number of visitors we have had over the past year which has coincided with events such as church barbeque, Baptismal Service and Christmas; thus lending opportunities to share the gospel with children who may never have been to church previously. Special thanks once again to Anne, Mary, Abby, Grace, Jane and Janet who generously give up their time monthly to ensure we can continue to provide this service.



Ivy Tots has now been running for over two years. We are grateful to the Lord for His goodnesses and faithfulness to us.

We are blessed to have Pam back with us and want to say a huge thank you to Vernon for stepping into the breach. I also want to thank Sonny, Pam and Pastor for their weekly faithfulness to Tots, without such faithfulness Ivy Tots would cease. Vernon and Mary help out when needed, thank you both for giving of your time to Tots and the Lord.

Each week we commit Tots to the Lord in prayer asking Him to bring families into the fellowship, please continue to pray to this end. We look forward to the day when families begin to join us on Sundays.

Most weeks 20/22 children attend and this is our optimum number for children. There have been times when we have needed to close our doors due to capacity. Most weeks a new family joins and we're glad that not all have attended on the same day. I have to admit, it's exciting to see the queue down the road, as everyone knows it's first come first served.

I am very grateful to Deni for the lovely posters she continues to create which are on the Church railings. Many people have joined due to seeing these.

We are now recommended by social workers and known in the area as a great place to take toddlers; all good – Praise the Lord.

I also want to give a huge thank you to Eugene who continues to do a massive amount of work to make Tots happen. As we have grown, we have needed more and more of the building, which means a lot of work for Eugene. Chairs are stacked on the platform as space is needed for Tots and all the buggies, sometimes 20. Without the effort put in by Eugene, it would be very hard going for the team; thank you Eugene.

Please continue to pray for this work as we seek to reach out into the community with God's love ~ Shirley

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Ivy Church Accounts for 2023. AGM report

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- Thank you to all those who have continued to give regularly, in church, online or by standing order. This has been remarkable and has been fundamental to maintaining our financial strength.
- Ivy Church (it's people!) are very generous.
- Our total cash assets are very healthy at £128226*. Having reserves that are higher than planned alleviates concerns with regards to reduced income and allows time to invest for the future.
- Costs for gas, electricity, water higher, as new contracts saw a sharp rise in utility tariffs.
- Building updates included: Rear building redecoration, including ceiling tiles replacement, now pending lighting update and flooring update.
- Overall spending for the year dropped by 14%
- Gift Aid income* - Not claimed in 2023 (2 lots will be claimed in 2024, final HMRC activation code for Treasurer to act on behalf of Ivy Church received 11/4/24)
- There was a deficit at the end of the year of £5614
- Predicted spend for 2024 include an update to the church house, parts of which are overdue.

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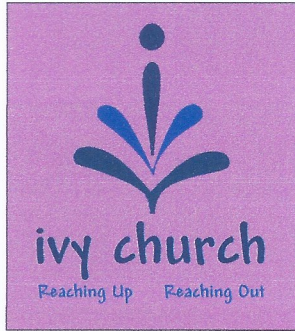
Ivy Church Treasurer

Ivy Pentecostal Church Accounts

Year ending 31st December 2023

	Total 2023	Totals 2022	Totals 2021	Totals 2020	Totals 2019	Totals 2018	Totals 2017	Totals 2016	Totals 2015
Opening Balances	133840	132267	£ 124981	£ 122724	£ 114128	£ 117758	£ 131455	£ 113786	£ 102565
Income									
Undesignated Giving	51066	54726	56053	56726	59190	55009	61244	59039	58393
Designated Giving	0	50	3820	325	3053	5450	7713	1352	2754
Gift Aid Reclaim	166	11300	11654	11684	11516	11719	13364	10358	11391
Rent	10867	10180	10080	9700	9500	8960	10015	11365	9380
Interest	468	127	297	418	588	749	521	316	434
Misc	87	741		196	62	0	104	200	330
Total Income	62654	77124	81904	79049	83909	81887	92961	82900	82682
Expenditure									
Church Admin	38635	37540	40920	43156	44767	45742	40126	36930	36891
Church Property	14282	22827	8472	7971	8168	11953	51444	11003	11870
Church Purposes	14890	14243	24308	22808	17175	20486	14579	15106	22267
Church Mortgage	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Account closed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manse Property	461	941	918	2857	5203	7336	509	2192	433
Total Expenditure	68268	75551	74618	76792	75313	85517	106658	65231	71461
From Savings									
To Savings									
Closing Balances	128226	133840	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786

Year ending 31st December 2023						
Income		Expenditure				
	£	£		£	£	TOTAL
Undesignated		51066	Church Admin			
Designated		0	Leadership Salaries (Nett)		£27804.83	
			Pensions		£2973.06	
			NI, Tax		£6740.02	
			Pastor Phone, Internet and Sim		£704.95	
			Conference		£412.36	
			Total		£38635.22	38635
			Church Property			
Gift Aid Reclaim		166	Maintenance		£4858.28	
Rent			Insurance		£2094.35	
Manse	9600		Gas & Electricity		£4535.85	
Church	1267					
Total	10867	10867				
Interest		468	Water rates		£322.14	
Misc (Refunds)			Church Phone&Internet		£581.66	
overpayment refund	27					
Evangelical Alliance	60		Cleaning		£1890.00	
Total		87	Total		£14282.28	14282
			Church Purposes			
Total Income		62654	Ministry Fees		£517.50	
			Missionary Account		£9600.00	
			Safeguarding		£264.30	
			Evangelical Alliance		£150.00	
			Gift		£60.00	
			Resources		£1529.92	
			Fees-Audit		£300.00	
			AOG National		£1701.84	
			Web Domain		£328.80	
			Copyright/Licences		£222.30	
			Youth		£70.00	
			Bank Charges		£145.32	
			Total		£14889.98	14890
			Church Manse			
			Maintenance & Safety		371	
			Insurance		90	
			Total		461	461
Income-Expenditure	-5614		Total Expenditure			68268



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Ivy Pentecostal Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2023

1. Church Building known as 'Ivy Church' at Ashley Hill, Bristol BS6 5JD
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3. Bank Accounts:
 - a. Current a/c Lloyds bank, Downend branch, Bristol with a balance of £43505 on 31 Dec 2023
 - b. Gospel Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £36614 on 31 Dec 2023
 - c. No Notice Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £48106 on 31 Dec 2023
 - d. A trust a/c for missionaries at Lloyds Bank, Horfield branch, Bristol with balance of £2,387 on 31 Dec 23
4. Mortgages: There are no mortgages on Ivy Church Property
5. Loans: We have no loans
6. Creditors: We have no creditors

Ivy Pentecostal Church (Registered Charity Number 1050613)

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (number 1050613) for the year ended 31 December 2023 which are set out on pages 1 -

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43 of the Act, as amended);
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Basis of independent examiner's report:

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

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act);

and

- accounts prepared agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.



PHIL BATER MAAT

(Association of Accounting Technicians)

13th March 2024

IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1050613

Accounts



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AGM to receive reports and accounts for the year 2022-23

Ivy Church Mission:

“Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.”



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AGM 17.05.2023... 7.30pm

Agenda

1. welcome
2. apologies
3. prayer
4. purpose
5. minutes of 2022
6. trustee appointments
7. reports
8. accounts

The objects of the Church:

(a) To advance the Christian Faith.. in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit and

(c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

This report is intended to show how:

1. We have been fulfilling our purposes, as summarised in the “Objects” and
2. That we are of great benefit to the public.

Introduction

The Mission Statement of Ivy Church attempts to capture the essence of the “Objects” above. Thus Ivy Church is “Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.” Our meetings and activities aim to express this. Enthusiastic and sincere worship, prayer, fellowship and bible-teaching moves us into action in sharing the love of God in practical ways. Ivy Church is a warm and welcoming community of people of all ages and a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and seeks to bring that warm and broad welcome to all people in our locality (and even further

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afield - especially by the use of technology). Our endeavours include support for a variety of causes in the wider world, supporting missions which provide health care, food, medical and other practical support, and facilitating training and education. It is the testimony of Ivy Church that, "This is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him." Jn 3.16,17 NLT.

The year 2022

2022 was a year of gradually pushing forward with our endeavours to reach beyond our four walls, endeavouring to advance the Christian faith, including country walks, picnics, litter-picking & improving our local environment. We participated in the Good Friday walk-of-witness, Pentecost on College Green and "God Loves you Tour" with evangelist Franklin Graham. We are able to launch "Ivy-Tots" and have been delighted to welcome many families from the community. Later in the year we held a 12 week 'Alpha Course' for those interested in investigating the Christian faith. A small number of members were able to serve our neighbours through volunteering in various ways at the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter.

This year has seen Ivy Church ^{reaching} reading out with various initiatives to benefit our community and to fulfil our purposes far and wide. We have seen outstanding success with the relaunch of IvyTots. This has seen many families welcomed, enjoying welcome hospitality, high quality activities in a safe and well serviced environment.

The Alpha Course was well attended by church members, as well as guests, from the locality, as well as (much) further afield. Special thanks must go to Heather & Liam for their catering excellence.

A sense of family and community was enhanced by a number of fellowship ventures: Walk, Cycle-rides, prayer picnic, curry, Picnic and games, Tea-party...

Practical work was done together, with a work-day on the Church grounds, and locally with litter-picking, rubbish clearance and some heavy-duty pruning in the neighbourhood - in association with "The Noise." We have seen the property improved with repairs to the church roof, and we expect to have new main access doors fitted soon. Our heating system has been upgraded with the use of remote 'Hive' technology. This, together with quality roof insulation and double-glazed doors is of benefit to the environment and to our church economy.

Support for needs in the neighbourhood was further enhanced by a generous offering of foodstuff for the local food-bank, in partnership with St Werburgh's Primary School. We were very happy to receive St Werburgh's Primary School for 2 Christmas Carol Concerts, well attended by families and friends. Special services, as usual were held for the seasons - Christmas, Easter, harvest, shoe-box appeal (for Eastern Europe)...

Thanks are due to all those who volunteer to serve our neighbours, near and far, using all our resources for the Glory of God and the benefit of the community.

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Our Sunday services have gathered momentum to some degree since the return to the church building after covid and various restrictions. Our membership is somewhat reduced, due to deaths and migrations. A number of families and individuals regularly join us via zoom-links and a growing number follow our sermons via Facebook and YouTube. Our Website attracts messages with prayer requests and other enquiries and we are pleased to respond as soon as possible. Zoom continues to be a helpful way of conducting business meetings and prayer groups, with a saving on travel costs and environmental impact. The same applies to our two meetings each week for young people of various age-groups, where a variety of helpful topics are discussed. A hybrid (zoom = in-person) arrangement works well for LiFe groups, which meet for mutual support, prayer and bible-study. 2023 holds promise for a monthly “Bible-Course,” using video and discussion for all ages to gain an overall grasp of the bible story.

It is anticipated that at least one member of the Ivy Church Council will attend “Safeguarding” training in the coming year, and each year following.

Ivy Church continues to be involved at leadership level with Ashley Churches Together Serving, Churches Together in Greater Bristol (Enabling Team), Local Leaders’ weekly early prayer, Assemblies of God Bristol area Hub leadership, and attendance at Area, Zone, and National Leadership conferences. Some of these are done by Zoom and others involve travel to Torquay or Harrogate.

Fellowship, support and pastoral care are helped by the use of WhatsApp. as well as the sharing of prayer needs for “our neighbours near and far.” These are no substitute for personal contact, but are a very useful addition. Ivy church has a well-presented website, facebook page and also an Ivy-Tots Facebook page.

Ivy Church Council have worked to put together policies on: Conflicts of Interest, First Aid, Data Protection, Health and Safety, Risk-Management, Fire, Volunteer Management, Complaints, Reserves, and even a policies policy. And there is more to do.

Special appreciation must go to our new treasurer and finance team, Youth, children’s and Tots teams, Musicians, Property maintenance, Missions Support, Welcome Team, I.T. technicians, website management, pastoral care, teaching, and serving in a host of ways. Some are able to give several hours a week, others less, but all is of value to bless and our community. Equally, the financial support to Ivy Church is necessary, and much appreciated and Ivy Church Council works to try to ensure that funds are well managed to fulfil the objects of Advancing the Christian faith, the relief of sickness and hardship and facilitation of good education.

IVY CHURCH MISSIONS REPORT 2022

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Thank you to all who have given so faithfully over the past year to enable us to continue to support our missionary partners and to meet some of the needs presented to us.

We have had visits from Simon and Victoria Ewing (Tanzania), Denis and Charmaine Squires (Peru), John and Liz Medcraft (Brazil), and Rod Whiting representing Open Doors. What a blessing they each were as they shared how God is moving in various areas of our world and challenging us as we partner with them.

We have also been able to send monies to:

- the Ukrainian Appeal
- contributed in sending three barrels and two boxes to Claire Kinkead (Jamaica) filled with much needed items for the work amongst all age groups.
- India Hope as they serve the people there.

Please continue to pray for all our missionary partners as they give themselves to share God's love to those He has called them to serve in these difficult times and that many more people may find Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Jeff Rawlins, Chris Ashmeade and Pam Panton

Missions Team, March 2023.

Ivy Missions 2022

Income	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Apr-22	May-22	Jun-22	Jul-22	Aug-22	Sep-22	Oct-22	Nov-22	Dec-22	Totals	Opening Balance Jan 2022
	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 9,600.00	£ 2,687.87
Extra Donation-Kinhead		£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00		£ 1,000.00	
Returned Standing orders							£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00				£ 60.00	
Total Income 2021 <i>(should read 2022)</i>													£ 10,660.00	
Expenditure (Regular Giving)														
Denis & Charmaine Squire	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 960.00	
AOG World Missions: Geoff & Sue Smith	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Going Asia Mission	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00				£ 180.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Internation Bible College: Johnny & Eliana Whyte	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 360.00	
Creative Solutions: Peter & Jenny Kay	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Tom & Olive Kisasi (Japan)	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
India Hope	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
AOG World Missions: Claire Kinhead		£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00		£ 2,240.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)													£ 8,300.00	
Additional Support														
Denis & Charmaine Squire									£ 500.00				£ 500.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing								£ 500.00					£ 500.00	
AOG World Missions Ukraine Appeal			£ 400.00										£ 400.00	
Claire Kinhead						£ 500.00							£ 500.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 150.00									£ 400.00			£ 550.00	
India Hope								£ 500.00		£ 200.00			£ 700.00	
Open Doors										£ 200.00			£ 200.00	
Total Additional Support													£ 3,350.00	
Summary														
	Opening balance		£ 2,687.87											
	Total Income		£ 10,660.00											
	Total Expenditure		£ 11,650.00											
	Closing Balance 31 Dec 2022		£ 1,697.87											

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- Building updates included: Final part of IT, Gates, Blinds, Roof above foyer, New Doors, update to tots room - additional thanks to those who gave their time decorating the lower back room (receipts22).
- Bank charges remain low from bank (included in Admin).
- Overall spending for the year rose by 1%
- There was a surplus at the end of the year of £933.
- Predicted spend for 2023 include and^{an} update to the church house, parts of which are overdue and update.

Vernon Holmes

Ivy Church Treasurer

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1st April 2023



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IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1050613

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			T o	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 21		Day 31	Month 12	Year 21

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Ivy Pentecostal Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1050613

Charity's principal address	Ashley Hill	
	Bristol	
	Postcode	BS6 5JD

Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1 Philip Watkins	Chair		
2 David Cooling	Treasurer		
3 Clare Mustafa		Jan to Sept	
4 Samuel Haruna			
5 Vernon Holmes			
6 Monday Haruna			
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Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
Assemblies of God Property Trust	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity guidance.	Assemblies of God (GB)	Gf/FI2 No.1-2 The Cottages, Deva Centre, Manchester, England, M3 7BE

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Philip John Mark Watkins, Minister

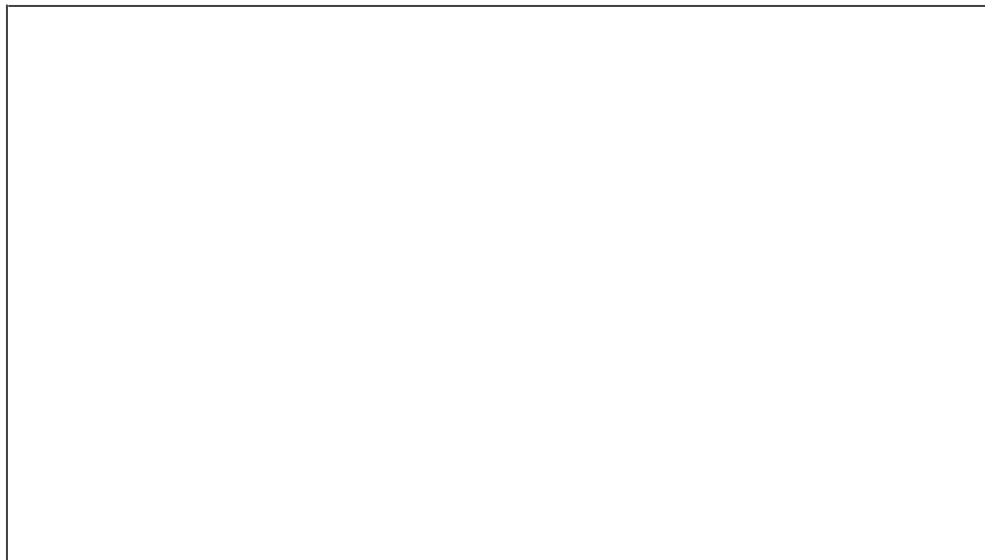
Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed and Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust
Trustee selection methods (eg. appointed by, elected by)	Elected by membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant, about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees; • the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works; • relationship with any related parties; • trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them. 	<p>Trustees receive on-going training and support through discussion in Regular Trustees' meetings, receiving guidance from Assemblies of God Property Trust.</p> <p>Ivy Church operates within the wider network of</p> <p>Assemblies Of God Great Britain Gf/FI2 No.1-2 The Cottages, Deva Centre, Manchester, England, M3 7BE</p>
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Section C

Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time has thought fit
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health
- To advance education

Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Ivy Church places a high value on being of great benefit to the community around the area of the church building and across the city of Bristol and beyond. This is done in a variety of ways. Ivy Church seeks to provide opportunities for members of the community to find strength and wisdom for life, and hope for eternity through the Gospel.

Activities include: Worship, prayer, preaching, teaching, fellowship, evangelism, small groups, community action, study groups, missions support, pastoral care, children's and youth activities, Sunday school, Carers and tots, global issues, Churches Together.

We have endeavoured to advance the Christian Faith by regular preaching and encouraging individual members to share their faith. We have worked in combination with other local churches to promote the Christian message in local outdoor venues.

The release and development of spiritual gifts is another positive sign and we want to provoke more of the same. Roles in church life are intended to be flexible so that we give opportunity for each individual to develop and use their talents for God in an appropriate way. Opportunity for regular worship is provided as a means of honouring God and experiencing his grace in our lives.

Prayer, in services, small groups and individually, with needs shared via WhatsApp is of specific benefit to those members of the community who come to pray and to the wider community for whom prayer is offered. All of our efforts are in vain unless God works with us and for us. We need to spend time in communion with Him, speaking, and listening.

We endeavour to relieve sickness and financial hardship in the world by drawing attention to crises and to regular appeals from our partners in various places.

We seek to advance education by financial support for those working in various parts of the world, by weekly teaching of children and young people as well as adult teaching in Sunday Meetings and smaller groups. Our teaching seeks to enable members of the community to relate the Christian faith to life situations. We have also worked in partnership with local schools.

Work done on Ivy Church Building enables the building to be accessible and safe for members of the community as well as being attractive and functional so that the Christian message might be presented to local people and visitors.

The trustees (Church Council) of Ivy Church have had due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit in decisions made in relation to all activities undertaken, as per https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/588234/PB1_The_public_benefit_requirement.pdf

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS:

Members of Ivy Church are not merely church attendees, but an energetic volunteer work force, committed to making a difference in their community. Activities include: Administration and Financial Management, I.T., Cleaning, Catering, Children and Youth Depts., Home/Telephone visits, L.i.F.E.-group Leadership, Singers/Musicians, Planners, Coordinators, Readers, Preachers, Welcome-Team, Stewards, Personal Evangelists, Buildings & Maintenance, Missions Support, carers and tots, Magazines, Social Concern, Prayer-Ministry Team, etc.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

See attached annual report to members

2021 has been a year of recovery following the previous year, which was dominated by the coronavirus pandemic.

Building on the lessons learnt during 2020 we continue live-streaming of our Sunday services, enabling access from locations near and far, whilst now holding the Sunday service within the church (within our community). Whilst holding our mid week meetings online, enabling engagement without travel (or indeed heating the main church).

Worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship and holy communion have continued in various formats and the contributions of church members have been inspiring. We are grateful to those volunteers who faithfully maintain the website, lead LiFE groups, contact the elderly, answer the church phone, send out messages, maintain the building, facilitate missions support, handle the finances, produce risk assessments and vital documents, monitor safeguarding, plan and prepare, lead musical worship, and are handling the growing demands of technology! It all adds up to a host of tasks that keep church happening.

Section E

Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves

To hold enough funds to secure the running of the charity without further income for up to 9 months
The church currently has general reserves of £64000. Allocated reserves are as follows:
1 £30000 for extra building works
2 £30000 to cover cost of employing staff.

Details of any funds materially in deficit

None

Further financial review details (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant about:

- the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising);
- how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity;
- investment policy and objectives including any ethical investment policy adopted.

Main source of income is direct giving by members

Section F

Other optional information

Section G

Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)

Full name(s) Philip John Mark Watkins | Vernon Holmes

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair | Trustee

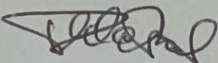
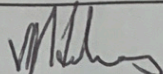
Date

SEE SIGNED DECLARATION BELOW

Section G

Declaration

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Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)  | 

Full name(s) Philip John Mark Watkins | Vernon Holmes

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair | Trustee

Date 30/10/22



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Pastor: Philip J.M. Watkins

BA (hons), ALCM, LLCM (TD), PGCE, MA

AGM to receive reports and accounts for the year 2021-22

Ivy Church Mission:

“Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.”



AGM 17.05.2022... 7.30pm

Agenda

1. welcome
2. apologies
3. prayer
4. purpose
5. minutes of 2021
6. trustee appointments
7. reports
8. accounts

The objects of the Church:

(a) To advance the Christian Faith.. in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

(b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit and

(c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

This report is intended to show how:

1. We have been fulfilling our purposes, as summarised in the “Objects” and
2. That we are of great benefit to the public.

Introduction

The Mission Statement of Ivy Church attempts to capture the essence of the “Objects” above. Thus Ivy Church is “Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known; Serving our neighbours, near and far.” Our meetings and activities aim to express this. Enthusiastic and sincere worship, prayer, fellowship and bible-teaching moves us into action in sharing the love of God in practical ways. Ivy Church is a warm and welcoming community of people of all ages and a variety of ethnic backgrounds, and seeks to bring that warm and broad welcome to all people in our locality (and even further afield - especially by the use of technology). Our endeavours include support for a variety of causes in the wider world, supporting missions which provide health care, food, medical and other practical support, and facilitating training and education. It is the testimony of Ivy Church that, “This is Ivy Church is a registered Charity, Number 1050613; a member of the Evangelical Alliance; Assemblies of God (UK) and Churches Together.

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how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.” Jn 3.16,17 NLT.

The year 2021

The year began in much the same mode as the previous one, being dominated by covid-19. Great care has been taken to maintain a safe environment for public worship and to maintain fellowship by means of cloud-based conferencing and Social media. Restrictions have gradually eased and we are finding our way forward in a time of the ‘new normal.’ We continue to ‘broadcast’ our services but thankfully we are able now to welcome everyone in person to our Sunday services. We have been sad to lose some valuable members, and to stand with those who have lost loved ones, but comforted in the assurance that they have been, ‘promoted to glory.’ We have been pleased to welcome a number of visitors through the year and some have decided to make Ivy Church their Spiritual home.

As ever, we have been immensely grateful to those who have faithfully served in so many ways. This year we are expressing particularly appreciation of our Treasurer and Elder in Ivy Church Council. He has served faithfully and expertly over many years and we owe him a huge debt of gratitude. Thank you Dave!

We are now gradually pushing forward with our endeavours to reach beyond our four walls, with a variety of activities, geared to advancing the Christian faith, including country walks, picnics, litter-picking & improving our local environment, Good Friday walk-of-witness, Pentecost on College Green, “God Loves you Tour” with evangelist Franklin Graham. We are about to launch “Ivy-Tots” and look forward to welcoming families from the community. Later in the year it is hoped to hold a 12 week ‘Alpha Course’ for those interested in investigating the Christian faith. A potential area for serving our neighbours is through volunteering in various ways at the Bristol Churches Winter Night Shelter.

We are grateful to God and thankful to all church embers who have been faithful in supporting with their presence, enthusiasm, participation, giving and prayer.

REPORTS:

LiFE Groups, sometimes called home groups, care groups, cell groups...

We continued to meet via zoom and in person when possible during 2021.

The social aspect of this being especially important during this time. Conversations, food consumed and prayers all add to our growth together and in faith.

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Philippa

Fishponds Life Group

During 2021 our house group has continued to meet online via zoom (7 of us), every other week. Over this past year we have completed our studies on Acts and moved on 2 books from “Life builder books”, initially looking at David, Developing a heart for God and then onto Listening to God.

We have enjoyed good fellowship and prayer whilst exploring the scriptures. We plan to continue to meet online, as this works for all of us.

Sunday School /Youth Report

Sunday School:

Over the last year we have focused on coming out of lockdown and families returning to church. We express our gratitude to Shirley for inspiring the young people weekly with stories and crafts to maintain their interest whilst numbers were still restricted at church. Since July 2021 we have been able to welcome families back into the building. The main changes are that we are currently only providing a regular Sunday school class for the younger age group with the older youth now taking an active role as helpers for Sunday school or helping with IT and tech and they have been a great blessing in these areas. The other major change came in the form of Spencer stepping down from both Sunday school and youth activities at the end of October 2021. However God always provides and we are blessed to have welcomed both Abi and Shami as additional members of our Sunday school teaching team. The highlight of the year has to be the carol service where the children got the chance to rehearse their nativity play and meet together at the church as well as bless us all with their performance on the actual day. Over this next year we aim to try and get the older youth more involved in worship with the aid of both Jane and Freddy. We want to be inclusive so will still be sharing activities on zoom with children who are unable to attend church.

Youth Group

We continue to run both Golden Swords for the 4-10 year olds on a Thursday evening and Prism for aged 10+ on a Friday evening via zoom. The groups are comprised of mainly church children. However we were able to have a cinema trip with the older youth over the October half term, which enabled those who wanted to an opportunity to invite their friends. Both groups focus on fun and fellowship. In Golden swords the children learn memory verses from the bible each week as well as themed activities. This last term we have been looking at the book of Genesis and delving into the lives of the characters that make up that book so over time the children will become more familiar with where to find different stories within the bible. The older youth have also been doing themed studies looking at the life of Joseph and different types of

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friendship throughout the bible. We are currently looking at Easter, debunking some of the myths and looking at Christ's journey from the garden of Gethsemane to his glorious resurrection. We are grateful to both Shami Mahari and Anne James for also coming on board to help lead the older group. We hope to be able to bring the children together for some more face-to-face activities later in the year

Sandra Holmes

Property

Buildings

The church house continues to be rented out to Jim and Louisa and has received only minor updates/repairs (downstairs wc, new kitchen hood and new thermostat).

The church has mainly received updates to its IT system, enabling zoom from the church building, this gives us the opportunity to meet together even if we are stuck at home, additionally it allows anyone anywhere to join us, all they need to do is request the link.

The building fabric continues to present challenges, in addition to routine maintenance (gas, elec and fire/alarm) the church rear west roof has been sealed to prevent leaks with an ongoing need to re-felt it for the longer term, quotes have been received although finding reliable roofers continues to be a challenge. If you would like to be part of the buildings team please contact a member of the church council.

<u>PROPERTY BUDGET for 2022:</u>	£	
Roof repairs:	4175.	
Windows (Main):	3600	
Internal stairwell:	1500	?
		9275
VAT @20%	1855	
		11130
 Replace main entrance doors:		
		2367
 Removal of Ivy, clear gutters		
		1000
		<u>14497</u>

Treasurer:



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We thank Dave Cooling for his diligent work maintaining the accounts to a high standard

Giving online is still best, Gift Aid remains important to us (Please ensure you let us know if you are no longer paying sufficient tax).

Vernon Holmes

Ivy Church Accounts for 2021. AGM report

- Giving decreased very slightly by 1.2%
- Thank you to all those who have continued to give regularly online or by standing order. This has been remarkable and has been fundamental to maintaining our financial strength.
- Ivy Church (it's people!) are very generous.
- Gift Aid income for the year was £11654
- Our total cash assets are very healthy at £132268. However, the pandemic still poses risks to our income as it changes folks' circumstances as well as other circumstances changing for other individuals.
- Costs for gas, electricity, water continued to be low but are likely to increase with increased use of the building as well as the sharp rise in utility tariffs.
- Bank charges also remain low with limited cash deposits as this is the main admin charge from bank.
- Installation of new IT equipment has cost just over £20000. This has enabled the church to operate as a "hybrid church"
- Overall spending for the year was down by just 2.8%
- There was again a surplus at the end of the year of £7286
- Please support Vernon in his role as Church Treasurer by your prayers and actions.

Dave Cooling

Retired Ivy Church Treasurer

Year ending 31st December 2021						
Income			Expenditure			
	£	£		£	£	£
Undesignated		56053	Church Admin			
Designated			Leadership Salaries		36578	
Noise			Expenses		877	
Sunday School			NI, Tax & Pensions		1973	
Prime Time	80		Bank Charges		136	
Buildings	3740		Phone		637	
Christmas Projects			Zoom		119	
Tearfund			Database		300	
Soul Survivor			Fees		300	
			Total			40920
Total		3820	Church Property			
Gift Aid Reclaim		11654	Maintenance		2286	
Rent			Security		224	
Manse	9180		Caretaking			
Church	900		Health & safety		848	
Total		10080	Property Trust			
Interest		297	Insurance		1781	
Misc			Gas		991	
Manse keys			Electricity		422	
Refunds			Cleaning		1837	
Individual			Water rates		83	
Total		0	Total			8472
			Church Purposes			
Total Income		81904	Ministry Fees		150	
			Missionary Account		9600	
			Outreach			
			Evangelical Alliance	60		
			BCWNS			
			Materials	189		
			Activities			
			Creative Solutions			
			Website	54		

			Total			303	
			Young People				
			Sunday School				
			Youth & B&Gs				
			Activities				
			Total			0	
			Payments				
			AOG Benevolent				
			AOG National	1708			
			Copyright	527			
			IT & PA	11044			
			Magazines + Books	26			
			Crisis Centre				
			Gifts	335			
			Safeguarding	129			
			Communion	102			
			Training	384			
			Total			14255	
			Total				24308
			Church Manse				
			Keys				
			Furnishings				
			Maintenance & Safety			575	
			Insurance			343	
			Total				918
Income-Expenditure	7286		Total Expenditure				74618

Ivy Pentecostal Church Accounts															
Year ending 31st December 2021															
	Kingdom Bank etc Accounts	Current Account	Totals 2021	Totals 2020	Totals 2019	Totals 2018	Totals 2017	Totals 2016	Totals 2015	Totals 2014	Totals 2013	Totals 2012	Totals 2011	Totals 2010	
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
Opening Balances		124981	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012	59852	
Income															
Undesignated Giving		56053	56053	56726	59190	55009	61244	59039	58393	57099	57951	55004	51036	54233	
Designated Giving		3820	3820	325	3053	5450	7713	1352	2754	21185	11090	15586	4356	1724	
Gift Aid Reclaim		11654	11654	11684	11516	11719	13364	10358	11391	13129	13076	11145	13236	12850	
Rent		10080	10080	9700	9500	8960	10015	11365	9380	8807	7680	7260	6598	6751	
Interest	297		297	418	588	749	521	316	434	449	592	589	487	552	
Misc			0	196	62	0	104	200	330	2592	260	140	1663	18	
Total Income	297	81607	81904	79049	83909	81887	92961	82900	82682	102261	90649	89724	77376	76218	
Expenditure															
Church Admin		40920	40920	43156	44767	45742	40126	36930	36891	54982	64767	48144	36071	35379	
Church Property		8472	8472	7971	8168	11953	51444	11003	11870	8597	8546	12972	8514	9050	
Church Purposes		24308	24308	22808	17175	20486	14579	15106	22267	18519	18627	20913	19314	13968	
Church Mortgage		918	918		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cash Account closed			0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Manse Property			0	2857	5203	7336	509	2192	433	7341	345	863	2942	4571	
Total Expenditure	0	74618	74618	76792	75313	85517	106658	65231	71461	89439	92285	82892	66841	62968	
Transfers Out															
Transfers In															
Closing Balances	297	131970	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012	

Ivy Missionary Report 2021

Looking back over 2021 it was a quiet year in terms of visits to Ivy by our missionary partners mainly due to Covid 19, but we have kept in regular contact with them through various social media means, including video links. We were able to have visits from Simon and Victoria Ewing in July and from the Bible Society in May which was a blessing.

In June 2021 we started to support Pastor Jacob, India Hope, regularly by sending £50.00 a month. Pastor Jacob and the team do a tremendous work caring for orphans, children living in poverty, widows, providing food for families, caring for those with leprosy and the elderly. In August we sent an additional £400.00 towards the costs of some beds for the children, as the government changed the legislation, stating that every child must have a bed to sleep on, which was a huge additional cost to India Hope.

In May 2021 we reviewed the regular monthly giving to our missionary partners and are pleased to report that we were in a position to increase our monthly giving to John and Liz Medcraft, Brazil, from £25.00 a month to £50.00 a month and to Sasha and Sara Vitakic, Serbia, from £40.00 a month to £50.00 a month. Praise the Lord!

In addition to those we support regularly we have also given gifts to The Leprosy Mission, Bible Society, World of Worth and Soul Winner – Boot Camp, which many of us attended via Zoom.

We receive regular newsletters from our missionary partners and if you are interested in receiving these or have a particular interest in any areas, please do not hesitate to speak to us about it.

Please continue to pray for our missionary partners as they strive to share God's love to those He has called them to, so that many more people may find Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

We also want to say a huge 'thank you' to all of you who give so faithfully to enable us at Ivy to be a giving church and be part of spreading God's Word to all people, far and near.

May the Lord continue to bless you!

Jeff Rawlins, Chris Ashmeade and Pam Panton.

Missions Team, March 2022.

Missionary Accounts 2021

Income	Jan-21	Feb-21	Mar-21	Apr-21	May-21	Jun-21	Jul-21	Aug-21	Sep-21	Oct-21	Nov-21	Dec-21	Totals	Opening Balance Jan 2021
	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 800.00	£ 9,600.00	£ 5,057.87
Extra Donation-Kinkead		£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00			£ 250.00		£ 1,000.00	
Extra Donation-India Hope						£ 100.00							£ 100.00	
Total Income 2021													£ 10,700.00	
Opening Balance Plus Total income													£ 15,757.87	
Expenditure (Regular Giving)														
Denis & Charmaine Squire	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Emmanuel International: Simon & Victoria Ewing	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 80.00	£ 960.00	
AOG World Missions: Geoff & Sue Smith	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Going Asia Mission	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 20.00	£ 240.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft	£ 25.00	£ 25.00	£ 25.00	£ 25.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 500.00	
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 560.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 480.00	
Internation Bible College: Johnny & Eliana Whyte	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 360.00	
Creative Solutions: Peter & Jenny Kay	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
Tom & Olive Kisaki (Japan)	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 600.00	
India Hope						£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 350.00	
AOG World Missions: Claire Kinkead		£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00		£ 2,240.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)													£ 7,970.00	

IVY CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 11/05/2021– Report of proceedings:

In Attendance: Sarah Cameron

THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY ZOOM, due to Government imposed restrictions.

Pastor Phil read from 1 Corinthians chapter 9 v 19-23 - Paul, the Servant to All.
v 24 - Run Your Race to Win.

Our primary purpose is the Gospel

Humility: As Paul did - we seek to get alongside people, calls himself a slave (reminds us of Jesus)
We are different - but not because we are better, but because Amazing Grace has come our way.
“Jesus, you are changing me...” “By all means possible.’

Conviction: That we have such an important message that we will go to whatever lengths to share it. ‘Focus’, the gospel.

Discipline & determination: As committed to the cause of Christ as an athlete who wants the prize.
So, we need to start moving from the ‘couch’ to the community.

PW expressed big thanks to the hardworking team at Ivy church who have enabled us to keep going this past year. He advised that for the next phase of the journey, all of us are to be involved. It will take God + Team + all of us to get into the next phase(s), so that we might be able to say, we didn’t ‘RUN’ in vain. Phil 2 v 14-15 & Gal 2.

ATTENDANCE: There were 26 persons present.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE: Ahmet Mustafa, Viola Glasgow, Derek Cameron, Spencer Pearce, Fred, Matt and Charnelle Lattibeaudiere

Pastor then referred to the previous minutes from 3/6/2020, which had previously been sent out to the church members with the various reports. These were accepted, proposed by AJ and seconded by CM.

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Pastor Phil outlined the purpose of the AGM, and reminded the members of the objects of the church as a charity. He explained that the Church Leadership agreed that we should use the Zoom platform again this year, as the constitution allows us to do this by electronic means, with the main purpose in advancing the Christian faith.

REPORTS:

YOUTH -

SP was unable to attend the meeting, but SW thanked SP for all the work that has been put into the youth work in the past year. The Thursday, Friday and Sunday sessions have been very much appreciated.

PROPERTY –

VH advised that there has been a large expense regarding IT equipment, but this is now in place for now and the future.

He advised that there had been some little leaks, and the roofers have been in to arrange for the problems to be fixed. Once done, then decorating can commence.

WORSHIP –

PW expressed appreciation for what has been done in the past year, and is looking forward for us all to be able to sing back in the church.

LIFE GROUPS –

Some groups have been able to 'meet' up via Zoom, and new people have been welcomed into the various groups.

MISSIONARY WORK –

PP advised that the group have experienced more contact with our partners in the past year than ever before, as they find different ways of working. Videos and regular updates have been shared regarding challenges. PP advised that the support provided from Ivy is the same, but with a couple more one-off gifts to several of our partners.

PW expressed his thanks to PP and the team.

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FINANCE –

DC showed the monthly analysis:

- £11,684 Gift Aid January and April.
- December includes the expenditure for the IT installation, which came to £8222. Half was paid then, and half will be paid in this financial year.

DC then showed the monthly cumulative. He advised that we only need to worry if the expenditure was over the income. It was close this year due to the IT expense.

- Income over expenditure was £2257.
- Income decreased by 4% over 2019.
- DC thanked the membership for maintaining giving in this difficult time and moving to giving via internet transfer or standing order.
- Expenditure increased by 2%.
- Cash assets were £124,981.
- DC advised that we were in a strong position to weather the current crisis, but warned that there still might be some future risks. He suggested that we must keep an eye on the potential risks, as we can't assume that things won't change (possible next year).
- He thanked everyone for the positive response to the current situation.

He advised that last year (March), he moved £20k into the current account for emergencies, but this is still in the account if required.

He thanked people again for ensuring that giving was maintained during these times. He also advised that we have lost some gift aid under the small donation scheme, but not much.

He also advised that our utilities bills have come in cheaper as not much is being used, also, our bank charges have gone down by not dealing in cash. Also, our cleaning costs have risen, and a big thank you to EH for maintaining this going forward.

Finally, DC advised that Phil Bater has inspected our accounts to enable us to produce the report for the charities commission. The membership were unanimous in formally accepting the accounts.

PW thanked DC for all his hard work in the past year with the accounts.

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DC wanted to share with the membership, that he had previously advised the trustees that he wished to retire from his Treasurer and Leadership duties, so this is the last year that he will be dealing with the accounts. He advised that he has been the treasurer for the past 20 years, and 23 years on the Church Council. He advised that it felt like the right time to do this, but assured us that he wasn't going anywhere, and would still be an active member in Ivy.

PW wished to honour DC on behalf of the church, and thanked him for his servant heartedness.

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS –

Sam was up for re-election for elder. Pastor asked for a 'thumbs up' to re-elect him, and the verdict was unanimous.

THE FUTURE

PW advised us that COVID is a circumstance, not the thing which dominates our future. What should dominate is the gospel (what we are here for).

Methods: Let's be adventurous. Technology has 'dominated', but it is a 'means' (one of the 'ALL MEANS'). PW thanked those who have stepped up and helped, onsite, and at home.....by all means to win some. He reminded us to all want to 'have a go'.

Ourselves: Let's be ready to look forward to the future and step up.

So – To Reopening:

Ivy church has many gifted people, so as God's people, we should step up to our giftings, and see what we can do and be involved in. Leadership initiative (under pastoral leadership), admin, finance, etc. We would be looking for 'teams of people' and small groups....'by all means to win some'. We need to exploit this time where people are more open to the gospel.

So, we need to move from the couch to church, and take a cautious and confident approach as we await advices from the Evangelical Alliance to see what the lifting on 21st June actually means for the church. In the meanwhile, we aim to continue to broadcast and to record our services.

He advised that once back in the church, that the services would need to be concise and for us to just get to it. There are still discussions to be had on how to do Children's Church, etc, and there may be a requirement to check for vaccinations/negative lateral flow tests. There will need to be some response from people to gauge numbers and to arrange seating so that families can be together.

The actual date for return will be discussed at the next Church Council meeting in June.

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INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (number 1050613) for the year ended 31 December 2021 which are set out on pages 1 -

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report:

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

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act);
- and
- accounts prepared agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.

PHIL BATER MAAT

(Association of Accounting Technicians)

15th March 2022



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Ivy Pentecostal Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities As at 31 December 2021

1. Church Building known as 'Ivy Church' at Ashley Hill, Bristol BS6 5JD
2. Church Manse at 33 Alcove Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3DS
3. Bank Accounts:
 - a. Current a/c Lloyds bank, Downend branch, Bristol with a balance of £51,537 on 31 Dec 2021
 - b. Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £54300 on 31 Dec 2021
 - c. Savings Bond of £26431 value with Triodos Bank on 31 Dec 2021
 - d. A trust a/c for missionaries at Lloyds Bank, Horfield branch, Bristol with balance of £2688 on 31 Dec 21
4. Mortgages: There are no mortgages on Ivy Church Property
5. 5) Loans: We have no loans
6. 6) Creditors: We have no creditors

IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1050613

Accounts



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	Period end date		
	Day 01	Month 01	Year 20		Day 31	Month 12	Year 20

Section A Reference and administration details

Charity name Ivy Pentecostal Church

Other names charity is known by

Registered charity number (if any) 1050613

Charity's principal address Ashley Hill

Bristol

Postcode

BS6 5JD

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Names of the charity trustees who manage the charity

	Trustee name	Office (if any)	Dates acted if not for whole year	Name of person (or body) entitled to appoint trustee (if any)
1	Philip Watkins	Chair		
2	David Cooling	Treasurer		
3	Clare Mustafa			
4	Samuel Haruna			
5	Vernon Holmes			
6	Monday Haruna			
7				
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9				
10				

Names of the trustees for the charity, if any, (for example, any custodian trustees)

	Name	Dates acted if not for whole year
	Assemblies of God Property Trust	

Names and addresses of advisers (Optional information)

Type of adviser	Name	Address
Charity guidance.	Assemblies of God Property Trust.	Ben Bourne, Ellis-Fermor & Negus 2 Devonshire Avenue Beeston NOTTINGHAM NG9 1BS

Name of chief executive or names of senior staff members (Optional information)

Philip John Mark Watkins, Minister

Section B Structure, governance and management

Description of the charity's trusts

Type of governing document (eg. trust deed, constitution)	Trust Deed and Constitution
How the charity is constituted (eg. trust, association, company)	Trust

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Trustee selection methods
(eg. appointed by, elected by)

Elected by membership

Additional governance issues (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include additional information, where relevant, about:

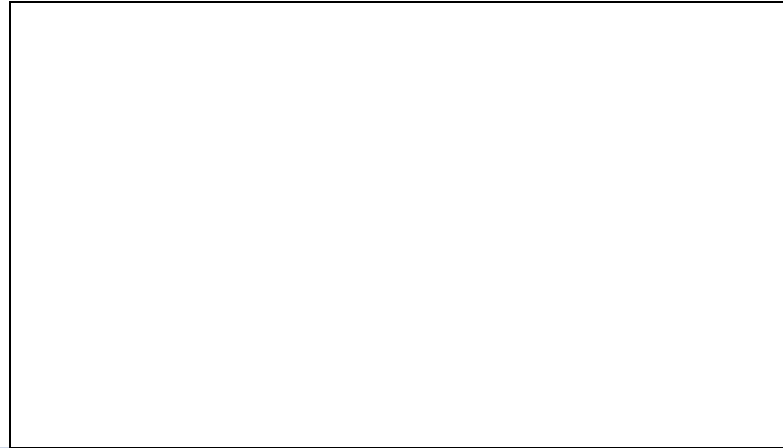
- policies and procedures adopted for the induction and training of trustees;
- the charity's organisational structure and any wider network with which the charity works;
- relationship with any related parties;
- trustees' consideration of major risks and the system and procedures to manage them.

Trustees receive on-going training and support through discussion in Regular Trustees' meetings, receiving guidance from Assemblies of God Property Trust.

Ivy Church operates within the wider network of

Assemblies of God, GB.

- National Ministry Centre
- Mattersey
- Doncaster
- DN10 5HD



Section C Objectives and activities

Summary of the objects of the charity set out in its governing document

- To advance the Christian faith in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time has thought fit
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health
- To advance education



Summary of the main activities undertaken for the public benefit in relation to these objects (include within this section the statutory declaration that trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charity Commission on public benefit)

Ivy Church places a high value on being of great benefit to the community around the area of the church building and across the city of Bristol and beyond. This is done in a variety of ways. Ivy Church seeks to provide opportunities for members of the community to find strength and wisdom for life, and hope for eternity through the Gospel.

Activities include: Worship, prayer, preaching, teaching, fellowship, evangelism, small groups, community action, study groups, missions support, pastoral care, children's and youth activities, Sunday school, Fellowship for the over 50s, global issues, Churches Together.

We have endeavoured to advance the Christian Faith by regular preaching and encouraging individual members to share their faith. We have worked in combination with other local churches to promote the Christian message in local outdoor venues.

The release and development of spiritual gifts is another positive sign and we want to provoke more of the same. Roles in church life are intended to be flexible so that we give opportunity for each individual to develop and use their talents for God in an appropriate way. Opportunity for regular worship is provided as a means of honouring God and experiencing his grace in our lives.

It has been encouraging to see the development of prayer, both in numerical support, but also in spiritual tone. Prayer has been of specific benefit to those members of the community who come to pray and to the wider community for whom prayer is offered. All of our efforts are in vain unless God works with us and for us. We need to spend time in communion with Him, speaking, and listening.

We have endeavoured to relieve sickness and financial hardship in the world by drawing attention to crises and to regular appeals from our partners in various places.



We have sought to advance education by financial support for those working in various parts of the world, by weekly teaching of children and young people as well as adult teaching in Sunday Meetings and smaller groups. Our teaching seeks to enable members of the community to relate the Christian faith to life situations. We have also worked in partnership with local schools.

Work done on Ivy Church Building has been to enable the building to be accessible and safe for members of the community as well as being attractive and functional so that the Christian message might be presented to local people and visitors.

The trustees (Church Council) of Ivy Church have had due regard to the Charity Commission Guidance on Public Benefit in decisions made in relation to all activities undertaken, as per https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/588234/PB1_The_public_benefit_requirement.pdf

Additional details of objectives and activities (Optional information)

You **may choose** to include further statements, where relevant, about:

- policy on grantmaking;
- policy programme related investment;
- contribution made by volunteers.

VOLUNTEERS:

Members of Ivy Church are not merely church attendees, but an energetic volunteer work force, committed to making a difference in their community. Activities include: Administration and Financial Management, I.T., Cleaning, Catering, Children and Youth Depts., Home/Telephone visits, L.i.F.E.-group Leadership, Singers/Musicians, Planners, Coordinators, Readers, Preachers, Welcome-Team, Stewards, Personal Evangelists, Buildings & Maintenance, Missions Support, providing ministry to over-50s, Magazines, Social Concern, Prayer-Ministry Team, etc.

Section D

Achievements and performance

Summary of the main achievements of the charity during the year

See attached annual report to members

2020 has been an unusual year, dominated by the coronavirus pandemic. This has restricted the activities of the church. This year has, at the same time, provided new opportunities. We are caused to look at our church, the building, resources, personnel, finances, - to consider our priorities in order to fulfil our objects, and how these might look in the future./

The main area of development has been our use of various media. Most significant has been the installation of equipment to facilitate the live-streaming of our services, enabling access from locations near and far.

Worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship and holy communion have continued in various formats and the contributions of church members have been inspiring. We are grateful to those volunteers who faithfully maintain the website, lead LiFE groups, contact the elderly, answer the church phone, send out messages, maintain the building, facilitate missions support, handle the finances, produce risk assessments and vital documents, monitor safeguarding, plan and prepare, lead musical worship, and are handling the growing demands of technology! It all adds up to a host of tasks that keep church happening.

Section E Financial review

Brief statement of the charity's policy on reserves	<p>To hold enough funds to secure the running of the charity without further income for up to 9 months</p> <p>The church currently has general reserves of £64000. Allocated reserves are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 £30000 for extra building works 2 £30000 to cover cost of employing a youth and other workers
Details of any funds materially in deficit	<p>None</p>

Further financial review details (Optional information)

<p>You may choose to include additional information, where relevant about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the charity's principal sources of funds (including any fundraising); • how expenditure has supported the key objectives of the charity; • investment policy and objectives including any 	<p>Main source of income is direct giving by members</p>
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ethical investment policy adopted.

Section F


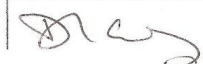
Other optional information





Section G Declaration

The trustees declare that they have approved the trustees' report above.
Signed on behalf of the charity's trustees

Signature(s)  

Full name(s) Philip John Mark Watkins David Ivor Cooling

Position (eg Secretary, Chair, etc) Chair Treasurer & Elder

Date 23/6/21

~~See page below for signed declaration~~

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Pastor: Philip J.M. Watkins

BA (hons), ALCM, LLCM (TD), PGCE, MA

AGM to receive reports and accounts for the year 2020-21

Ivy Church is:

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AGM 11th

May

2021 7.30pm

In order to be covid-safe and to be as open and available to all members this meeting will be held via Zoom.

Agenda

1. welcome
2. apologies
3. prayer
4. purpose
5. minutes of 2020
6. reports
7. accounts
9. trustee appointments

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The objects of the Church:

- (a) To advance the Christian Faith.. in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.
- (b) to relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time think fit and
- (c) to advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

This report is intended to show how:

1. We have been fulfilling our purposes, as summarised in the “Objects” and
2. That we are of great benefit to the public.

Introduction

Central to Ivy Church’s work is the belief that the Christian faith is a life-changing experience, brought about by repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, as a living person, *“God manifest in the flesh.” (1Tim 3.16).*

Our aim, as church and a charity is to bring invaluable benefit to people of all ages, ethnicity and background. Our commitment is to the whole person - spiritual, mental and physical health and wellbeing. A society is changed by each individual being transformed by God’s grace. To this end, the bedrock of our teaching is the bible, which is the basis for our teaching, study, prayer, worship and fellowship.

Support is also given to those other organisations who have the same aims as ourselves, both locally in the city of Bristol and as far afield as the West Indies, Africa, Brazil and Peru.

The year 2020-21

2020 has been an unusual year, dominated by the coronavirus pandemic. This has restricted the activities of the church. This year has, at the same time, provided new opportunities. We are caused to look at our church, the building, resources, personnel, finances, - to consider our purposes and priorities, and how these might look in the future./

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The main area of development has been our use of various media. Most significant has been the installation of equipment to facilitate the live-streaming of our services, enabling access from locations near and far. This has also enabled us to 'interact' with those unable to attend the services, not simply to offer them a 'presentation.' We have also been able to receive messages from our global partners ('missionaries') from various parts of the world.

We have majored on communication, using social media, email, personal contact where possible, and the trusty telephone. These have enabled us to reach out to many, providing encouragement and help where possible. Our use of YouTube has enabled us to present the Christian message of faith, hope and love far and wide.

Worship, teaching, prayer, fellowship and holy communion have continued in various formats and the contributions of church members have been inspiring. We are grateful to those volunteers who faithfully maintain the website, lead LiFE groups, contact the elderly, answer the church phone, send out messages, maintain the building, facilitate missions support, handle the finances, produce risk assessments and vital documents, monitor safeguarding, plan and prepare, lead musical worship, and are handling the growing demands of technology! It all adds up to a host of tasks that keep church happening.

Looking ahead: The challenge and opportunity is to be outward-focused, mission-centred. Many people in our community will be optimistic, as lockdown lifts and freedom is more available. But, also, many will be finding themselves in challenging circumstances. We need to be creative and compassionate as we seek to respond to the need around us with practical help, the message of hope, relying on God's help in our endeavours.

LiFE Groups, sometimes called home groups, care groups, cell groups...

- They are so valuable! They are places to develop friendship, support, encouragement; an opportunity to pray together, learn together, and develop our relationship with God. The restrictions this year have provided us with the opportunity to explore meeting in a different way. At first, it seemed that using technology only served to increase the distance between us, but we soon learned that zoom could be a valuable means of keeping in touch "face-to-face."

It might well be, that zoom continues to be used for some of these small group meetings. There will be no need for travelling, childminders, and many of the complications that can cause a challenge to meeting. But of course, the chance to be in one another's company, when possible, offers a sense of warmth and human interaction, which is hard to replicate via technology. So in the future, we can have a mixture of all possibilities.

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There is no limit on how and when a group wishes to meet. And in addition, regular contact through phone, text, WhatsApp etc. are all immensely helpful.

The North Bristol group has experienced the challenges of lockdown and the joys of family growth, seeking to encourage each other through conversations and a little prayer.

Fishponds LiFE Group

2020 was a hard year for many of us, with but we are thankful to God for the way he has kept us. Because of the lock down we haven't met as a home group until November, it has been really good to reconnect and we are happy that Fay and Mrs Glasgow are able to join us which at first wasn't possible because of meeting over Zoom but thank God for family who have been brilliant at getting them connected. It is also lovely to have our brother Duncan join us.

We have recently started studying 'What we can learn from Acts': This has been an interesting study, we are looking to God to use us in the realms of Spiritual Gifts that He has said are ours if we would earnestly seek Him, also about evangelism, we can all evangelise and share our story with others. After such a challenging year I am sure I speak for the group when I say we don't want to stand still we want to see Jesus lifted high. God has called us and we need to come with clean and pure hearts and allow Him to work in and through us to challenge us.

Clare

South Bristol LiFE Group

We thank God for yet another year. The Lord has been faithful to us all

Our home group is still up and running despite the Covid-19 pressure upon every family.

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Thank God for the use of Zoom which has ease the participation of some of the members who due to one reason or the other could not make it before.

We are currently studying the book of Acts 1-12 and alternating it with Prayer and Praise. Everybody appeared to be enjoying it.

Challenges- Yes we are faced with challenges of isolation, ill-health and work related issues preventing some from attending the meeting in which we are optimistic that the Lord will calm the storm in less than no time.

We welcome as many that have no where to fellowship at the moment to join us and be blessed of the Lord.

God bless you all

Sam and H

Worship group

Our Ivy worship group has been restricted in meeting for the whole year. For the first section of the pandemic lockdown the church had to bear patiently with me singing on Zoom from home and exhorting the congregation to sing up in their own homes! Thankfully we are past that stage now and a small group of us can worship at church and still be part of the Zoom service. Dave and Phil join me in singing, while Eugene supports with bass guitar- making a much fuller sound. We look forward eagerly to welcoming more members of the congregation back into the service and also for the day when it is safe for us all to sing together again- I can't wait! Throughout all these ups and downs the Lord has supported us and there have been some wonderful times when it all comes together and I forget all about the technology. Well done all and I look forward to the worship group resuming in fuller numbers as we carefully make our way into the future, serving God and worshipping him together.

Ladies' meeting

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Zoom meetings don't work for this particular group so we are keeping in touch by phone. Shirley B is still going strong and is impatient to resume her groups again as soon as possible!



Apsley House

This group has really thrived on Zoom, meeting each fortnight. Steve and Jane coordinate it from the Ivy end and an Apsley member rounds up their members and chooses two Bible readings each meeting. During the meeting we have prayers round the circle, and Steve and I are often moved by the members concern for others. It has also been amazing how the Bible readings, often chosen apparently at random, relate to each other and create a theme for the discussion. We feel the Holy Spirit has really been in this meeting and that the relationships built up have been a support to the members during lockdown. Praise the Lord, who sees all of us with our different needs and abilities as equals and loves us all the same.

Jane

Youth Report for Ivy Church AGM 2021

This report will give an outline of the youth and children's activities that happened between January 2020 and December 2020.

Covid played a major role in what we were able and not able to do as a youth team during this period, so one off events, summer trips etc were not possible.

Spencer Pearce's hours and responsibilities were changed during the month of April 2020 onward. His hours were reduced by half and the responsibility of outreach was removed from his job description.

Current Youth Activities

- i. **Sunday School.** **Aim for this year is to encourage the young people to be part of the Sunday service in a way that develops their faith, skills and experience. This will include being part of the worship team, projector and sound operation, notices and prayer segments etc.**

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also contact with Fairlawn School established and Christmas assemblies and teaching carried out.



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I have included the overall aim for Sunday School above, but for the majority of the year (as we were meeting via Zoom) it wasn't possible to involve the young people in the service and deliver the lessons in the way we normally plan. However, this has led to the young people being involved in different ways, prayer segments, bible readings etc. via Zoom.

(Services via Zoom) Currently the lessons are given by a teacher during the service (primarily pastor Shirley Watkins) which normally include a bible story and then a craft for the children to complete while the rest of the service is taking place. At the end of the service the young people are spotlighted so they can share with the congregation what they have learnt and made.

Future Plans

- To encourage more of the Sunday School team to lead these Zoom Sunday lessons.
- To transition to deliver lessons from the church building.
- To train members of the youth team to use the media at the church and Zoom features.

ii. **Youth Clubs.** **Aim for this year is to have regular connection with our young people via Zoom, as Covid has meant we have lost the ability to meet in person. During these meetings the aim is to encourage the young people to stay connected with their peers, whilst creating a positive space they feel ownership of to grow and develop in their faith.*

Since May 2020 we started a weekly Zoom meeting for the Ivy young people to stay connected with each other and to grow their faith. Which we felt was so important after going into lockdown as it was isolating for many of us. As the year went on, we decided to create two youth groups, Golden Swords and Prism. Golden Swords is for 4–10-year-olds and Prism is 10+. We felt that we needed to separate the young people to better meet their needs.

I will give an example of a basic outline for both these meetings;

Welcome: What have you learnt this week? (This question will change each week)

Game: Spot the difference, bird identification quiz etc (really depends on the group and what we have been discussing recently.)

Activity: Think of someone you look up to? Why do they inspire you? (I try and start with something individual to bring back to a group point regarding a biblical principle)

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Lesson: Jesus is someone we can look up to because he inspired those around him by... (These lessons are either taken from a bible story or principle, really depends on the flow of the meeting)

Future Plans

- To continue to meet even after the lockdown restrictions ease.
- To look at ways we can bring in young people from outside our church groups.
- To use social media (YouTube and Facebook for example) to have online resources young people can access at any time.

iii. **Crea8 Arts Project.** *This was a collaborative project with Parkway Methodist, St Agnes and the Ark-Bus project to deliver a month-long arts trail, a 3 day drop in arts activity and an online advent programme.*

The summer arts trail operated in the month of July 2020 and highlighted over 20 spots in the St. Pauls and St.Werburghs areas of projects serving the community. Including places of worships, youth centres, community centres, parks etc. The aim was to spread a message of hope to our communities and lead them to places and projects they could get involved in.

The 3-day art drop in (July 22-24) was held in the car park of Parkway Methodist and invited people passing by to be involved in recreating the mural on the side of the church. We had different stations setup where people of all ages (primarily aimed at children) could create a piece of artwork that would be part of the new mural on the wall.

The online advent programme worked with the churches to create online resources whereby families and young people could open a virtual advent calendar door each day of advent. Behind each online door was a picture and story of a biblical character or theme that told the story of Jesus's lineage and then of his birth.

Future Plans

- To continue to meet with the local churches and look at ways in which we can serve our communities together.

Aims for 2021

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- To encourage members of the youth and children's team to start engaging with the young people again. This will help with re-establish relationships for when Sunday School is able to happen again (perhaps later in the year).
- To have young people trained on the new media equipment at Ivy church. Not only will this help add numbers to the media team but will encourage the young people to feel they can contribute to a church service in a different way.
- To continue to work with our local church partners in projects we feel will benefit our communities.

Safeguarding and child protection

Safeguarding co-ordinator – Hilary Cooling

Deputy safeguarding co-ordinators for children and young people – Janet Ashmeade and for adults with care and support needs (vulnerable adults) – Esther Olawuyi

On-line safety has loomed large this past year of course, with a focus on how zoom meetings are conducted safely to protect all participants, and also offering info to parents and carers about on-line safety of children and young people when they are on-line or using social media at home.

Not forgetting the challenge of being alert to concerns about abuse of children or vulnerable adults during lockdown, when it is easier to hide.

Ivy church policies aim to conform to the Ten Safeguarding Standards from Thirtyone-eight (formerly CCPAS), see:

<https://thirtyoneeight.org/our-services/>

The Charity Commission requires charities to have safeguarding measures in place, and the trustees are accountable to ensure their implementation. All trustees must have an up to date DBS check for children and vulnerable adults. Within Ivy Church Hilary Cooling and Sandra Holmes are responsible for getting these checks done.

Property

Much work has been done to keep the building tidy and covid-safe, and the challenge will be to prepare for a return to 'normal' church services. the usual maintenance activities have been effective, with checks on electrical, security and fire safety systems.

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Future Plans:

Repair on roof (with velux windows), Internal repair and decoration, followed by upper back room upgrade.

Vernon

Ivy Church Accounts for 2020. AGM report

- Despite a very difficult year for us all giving has been well maintained during the past year being just over 4% down on 2019 but higher than 2018.
- £20000 was transferred from savings to current account near the beginning of the pandemic as a precautionary move.
- Thank you to all those who have switched to regular online or standing order giving. This transition has been remarkable and has been fundamental to maintaining our financial strength.
- Ivy Church (it's people!) are very generous.
- Gift Aid income for the year was £11684
- Our total cash assets are still very healthy. However, the pandemic still poses risks to our income as it changes folks' circumstances as well as other circumstances changing for other individuals.
- Costs for gas, electricity, water reduced due to not using building.
- Bank charges also reduced as limited cash deposits as this is the main admin charge from bank.
- Youth expenditure also much reduced due to pandemic.
- Cleaning costs rose to meet Covid safety requirements.

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- Installation of new IT equipment will cost around £15000. The first instalment was paid in Dec was £8222. The final payment was in 2021.
- Overall spending for the year was up by just under 2% but there was still a surplus at the end of the year of £2257

Dave Cooling

Ivy Church Treasurer

Year ending 31st December 2020						
Income		Expenditure				
	£	£		£	£	£
Undesignated		56726	Church Admin			
Designated			Leadership Salaries		37389	
Noise	5		Expenses		2156	
Sunday School			NI, Tax & Pensions		2080	
Prime Time			Bank Charges		153	
Buildings	240		Phone		519	
Christmas Projects	80		Zoom		259	
Tearfund			Database		300	
Soul Survivor			Fees		300	
Total		325	Total			43156
Gift Aid Reclaim		11684	Church Property			
Rent			Maintenance		1412	
Manse	9000		Security		239	
Church	700		Caretaking			
Total		9700	Health & safety		696	
Interest		418	Property Trust		100	
Misc			Insurance		1887	
Manse keys	136		Gas		800	
Refunds	60		Electricity		557	
Individual			Cleaning		2115	
Total		196	Water rates		165	
			Total			7971
Total Income		79049	Church Purposes			
			Ministry Fees			
			Missionary Account		9600	
			Outreach			
			Evangelical Alliance	60		
			BCWNS	780		
			Materials	199		
			Activities	907		
			Creative Solutions			
			Website			

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		Total	1946	
		Young People		
		Sunday School	68	
		Youth & B&Gs		
		Activities	100	
		Total	168	
		Payments		
		AOG Benevolent	50	
		AOG National	1765	
		Copyright	522	
		IT & PA	8230	
		Magazines + Books		
		Crisis Centre		
		Gifts	302	
		Safeguarding	225	
		Tearfund		
		Training		
		Total	11094	
		Total		22808
		Church Manse		
		Keys	136	
		Furnishings		
		Maintenance & Safety	1909	
		Insurance	812	
		Total		2857
Income-Expenditure	2257	Total Expenditure		76792



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Looking back over the year, what a year it was for many different reasons. During January and February, the activities at Ivy were relatively 'normal'. The missions team was able to support Pastor Phil financially on his visit to Victoria and Simon in Tanzania in March and his ministry when there. Thankfully he was able to return home before the lockdown in relation to coronavirus. We also started to regularly support Tom and Olive Kisaki in Japan and Creative Solutions in Kenya.

From March 2020 all visits from our missionary partners were cancelled. Geoff and Sue Smith were in England but unable to visit and Claire Kinkead had to cancel her visit. However, with technology, we have been able to enjoy video links with Geoff and Sue Smith, Claire Kinkead, Simon and Victoria Ewing, Ginny and Carol, Sara and Sasha Vitakic, John and Liz Medcraft and Tom and Olive Kisaki, which is much more than we would have enjoyed in a usual year, so we do praise God for this. Our missionaries have been challenged in different ways as coronavirus has spread across countries and various restrictions / lockdowns have been put in place for them, but we have not ceased to be amazed at how God has led each one in new creative ways of spreading God's word and showing His love in practical ways, including various feeding programmes and providing equipment to enable children to continue with their studies. However, this does come at extra financial costs and other difficulties.

We plan to continue to ask each missionary to send regular videos so we are kept up to date with the work they are involved in and any immediate needs or new projects / activities. This will strengthen the bond between us and enable us to be able to pray specifically for any needs they may have.

Currently our regularly support:

Geoff and Sue Smith – Pakistan

Johnny and Eliana Whyte – IBTI Bible College

Victoria and Simon Ewing – Tanzania

Mike and Helen Boot – Pakistan

Denis and Charmaine Squire – Peru

Creative Solutions - Kenya

John and Liz Medcraft – Brazil

Claire Kinkead - Jamaica

Tom and Olive Kisaki – Japan

Sasha and Sara Vitakic – Serbia

Carol and Ginny – Central African Missions

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We have also given financial gifts to the Street Pastors in Bristol and Pastor Jacob in India.

Looking Ahead

We continually thank God for the generous giving at Ivy Church which enables us to support our missionary partners. We are reviewing the amounts of monies we give regularly and plan to give an additional gift to each missionary as we are able.

Please continue to pray for our missionaries and for us as a missions team to continue to make the right spirit filled decisions at the most appropriate time to enable the Word of God to continue to be spread amongst the nations and for many more people to find Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

May the Lord continue to bless you all.

Jeff Rawlins, Chris Ashmeade and Pam Panton

Missions Team

March 2021.

IVY CHURCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 03/06/2020– Report of proceedings:

In Attendance: Sarah Cameron

THIS MEETING WAS HELD BY ZOOM, due to Government imposed restrictions.

Pastor Phil read from John 15 v 1-8, about the vine and the branches, which starts with 'I am', not 'we are'. It is what is in his mind, and his mission. With Jesus being the vine, and our father the gardener, we can stay inter-connected with those who belong with one another, and to 'abide in the vine'. We need to be fruitful, if not, radical action is necessary and therefore a bit of pruning required! We need to be connected to Jesus in prayer and the ministry of his word.

ATTENDANCE: There were 33 persons present.

APOLOGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE: Ahmet Mustafa, Grace Bailey, Christine Maslin and Viola Glasgow.

Pastor then referred to the previous minutes from 21/5/2019, which had previously been sent out to the church members with the various reports. These were unanimously accepted by the members.

Pastor Phil outlined the purpose of the AGM, and reminded the members of the objects of the church as a charity. He explained that the Church Leadership agreed that we should use the Zoom platform this year, so as not to drift in dates. The AGM therefore covers 19/20, and slightly spills into 20/21 also.

In time, it is hoped that we can start safely using our building again, and PW has invited comments under a separate email to that effect.

REPORTS:

YOUTH -

SP reported on behalf of the youth work, and confirmed that the main focus over the past year was to have a main event every 3 months. It was hoped for a further event in July/August.

He advised that Sunday School was an ever-evolving situation, and that the young people have been encouraged to be more actively involved in meetings in the form of prayers, the band and communion. He explained that they were responsible for their own learning and were choosing their own themes. At the moment during the lockdown, they are having their own Zoom meetings to stay connected.

SP advised that there had been a change in expectation of his role within Ivy Church. Due to personal issues, the last year had been challenging, and due to difficulties in the location of our community, the 'community' aspect of his role has now ceased. He will now only be working for Ivy for the equivalent of one day a week (8hrs), in whatever that shape may take for the youth work.

SP received support from the attendees encouraging his ministry.

The question was asked if there were any plans as to how this gap would now be plugged....

PRIME TIME –

DF reported that they enjoyed their time in PT, and had been blessed by their visitors. Thoughts are now turning to the longer term. DF & JF have been keeping in touch with the Prime Timers during this lockdown period, keeping them in the loop.

PROPERTY –

TAR

VH outlined the projects mentioned in his report including work on the manse, and advised that there were future projects to bear in mind, as and when these can be carried out.

WORSHIP –

JN was thanked for supplying our music during the Sunday morning Zoom meetings. She is looking forward to the day when we can all sing and play together again!

LIFE GROUPS –

Members were invited to think about how this might work on Zoom.

Prayers meetings are able to continue on Zoom.

MISSIONARY WORK –

CA, JR & PP oversee. CA thanked Ivy for their giving to enable us to spread love. They are currently looking at Asia having 'worked around the world' to help wherever needed.

They are currently moving to internet banking to assist with the reporting of funds.

Missionaries are currently able to join us to report on our Zoom meetings.

FINANCE –

DC reported that last year was fairly uneventful in how we managed our finances.

Summary from the monthly analysis:

- £11,516 Gift Aid January and April
- July manse repairs, £4800
- Income better than expenditure last year. Income over expenditure £8596
- Income increased by 7.6% over 2018
- Increase in regular giving following last year's presentation
- Expenditure decreased by 11.9%
- Cash assets £124,724
- Strong position to weather the current crisis

DC thanked Ivy for the positive response to the current situation by people changing how they give, and setting up new methods of paying.

DC advised that early in the lockdown period, consideration had to be given to having funds in the correct account to enable cash to be available if necessary. Movements of funds were made accordingly to ensure that we were in a secure position.

He reported that the change in income was quite small, and that there was no actual impact in income since lockdown.

SW thanked Dave for all the work that has been involved in collating the finances. The membership formally accepted the accounts. This was proposed by JR and seconded by S Pirkis.

PW thanked DC for all of his work with the crisis management, finances and organisation. He then thanked all part of the vine (branches and leaves).

TRUSTEE APPOINTMENTS –

Monday was up for re-election. Pastor asked for a 'thumbs up 'to re-elect him, and the verdict was unanimous.

ADMIN –

Thanks were given to RL and SC in supporting with admin in the various aspects, especially early in lockdown.

PW then closed in prayer and encouraged us to keep in the vine!

INDEPENDENT EXAMINERS REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF IVY PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

I report on the accounts of the Charity (number 1050613) for the year ended 31 December 2020 which are set out on pages 1 -

Respective responsibilities of Trustees and examiner:

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

It is my responsibility to:

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

Basis of independent examiner's report:

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

Independent examiner's statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention which gives me reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the trustees have not met the requirements to ensure that:

- proper accounting records are kept (in accordance with section 41 of the Act);

and

- accounts prepared agree with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the Act.



PHIL BATER MAAT

(Association of Accounting Technicians)

7th March 2021

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- **Serving our Neighbours, near and far**

Ivy Pentecostal Church

Statement of Assets and Liabilities

As at 31 December 2020

1. Church Building known as 'Ivy Church' at Ashley Hill, Bristol BS6 5JD
2. Church Manse at 33 Alcove Road, Fishponds, Bristol BS16 3DS
3. Bank Accounts:
 - a. Current a/c Lloyds bank, Downend branch, Bristol with a balance of £44547.75 on 31 Dec 2020
 - b. Savings a/c Kingdom Bank, Nottingham with a balance of £54238.35 on 31 Dec 2020
 - c. Savings Bond of £26195.31 value with Triodos Bank on 31 Dec 2020
 - d. A trust a/c for missionaries at Lloyds Bank, Horfield branch, Bristol with balance of £5057.87 on 31 Dec 20
4. Mortgages: There are no mortgages on Ivy Church Property
5. 5) Loans: We have no loans
6. 6) Creditors: We have no creditors