



Trustees' Annual Report for the period

From	Period start date			To	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			
7			
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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

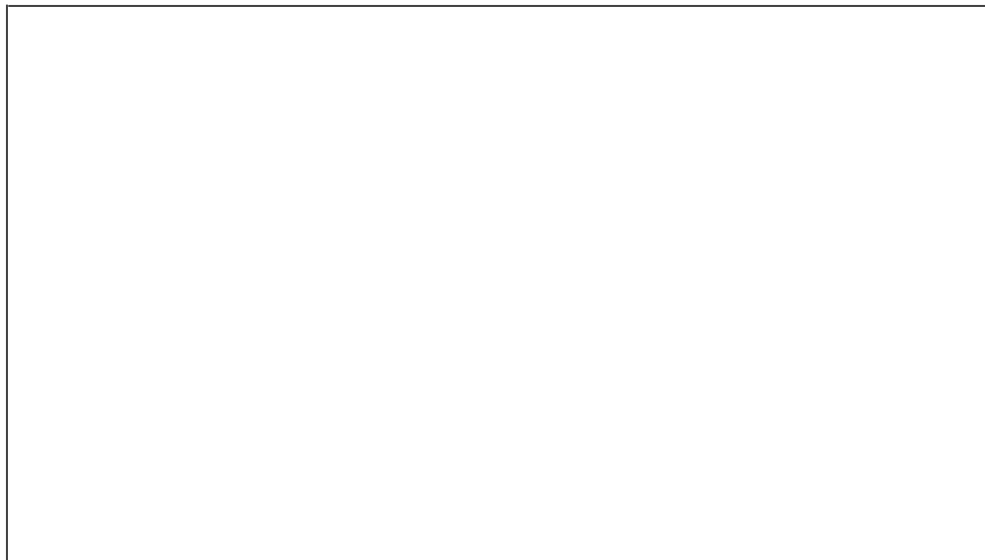
Section B Structure, governance and management

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

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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

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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.

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 members 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>
<u>Treasurer:</u>		

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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	

1	Ivy Pentecostal Church Accounts														
2	Year ending 31st December 2021														
3		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
4		£	£	£		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
5	Opening Balances		124981	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012	59852
6															
7	Income														
8	Undesignated Giving		56053	56053	56726	59190	55009	61244	59039	58393	57099	57951	55004	51036	54233
9	Designated Giving		3820	3820	325	3053	5450	7713	1352	2754	21185	11090	15586	4356	1724
10	Gift Aid Reclaim		11654	11654	11684	11516	11719	13364	10358	11391	13129	13076	11145	13236	12850
11	Rent		10080	10080	9700	9500	8960	10015	11365	9380	8807	7680	7260	6598	6751
12	Interest	297		297	418	588	749	521	316	434	449	592	589	487	552
13	Misc			0	196	62	0	104	200	330	2592	260	140	1663	18
14															
15	Total Income	297	81607	81904	79049	83909	81887	92961	82900	82682	102261	90649	89724	77376	76218
16	Expenditure														
17															
18	Church Admin		40920	40920	43156	44767	45742	40126	36930	36891	54982	64767	48144	36071	35379
19	Church Property		8472	8472	7971	8168	11953	51444	11003	11870	8597	8546	12972	8514	9050
20	Church Purposes		24308	24308	22808	17175	20486	14579	15106	22267	18519	18627	20913	19314	13968
21	Church Mortgage		918	918		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22	Cash Account closed			0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
23	Manse Property			0	2857	5203	7336	509	2192	433	7341	345	863	2942	4571
24															
25	Total Expenditure	0	74618	74618	76792	75313	85517	106658	65231	71461	89439	92285	82892	66841	62968
26															
27	Transfers Out														
28	Transfers In														
29	Closing Balances	297	131970	132267	124981	122724	114128	117758	131455	113786	102565	88743	90379	83547	73012
30															

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-Kinhead		£ 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	
International 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 Kinhead		£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00			£ 560.00		£ 2,240.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)													£ 7,970.00	

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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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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