

ivy Church, Assemblies of God

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Ivy Church Mission:

"Passionate about Jesus Christ and making Him known;

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

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

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 Blythwood 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.]***

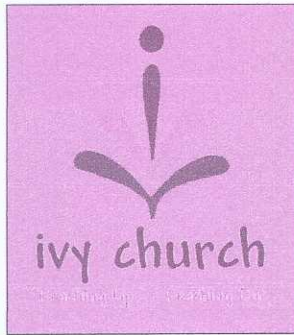
Ivy Church is a registered Charity, Number 1050613; a member of the Evangelical Alliance;

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	8950	10015	11365	9380	8807
Interest (Savings)	1820.45	468	127	297	418	588	749	521	316	434	449
Misc	60	87	741		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					
Manse	4800		Insurance	2244.14	
Church	3877.50		Gas & Electricity	4707.15	
Total	8677.5	8678			
Interest		1820	Water rates	475.97	
Misc (Refunds)			Church Phone&Internet	705.89	
Evangelical Alliance	60		Cleaning	2556.19	
Total		60	Total		21125
			Church Purposes		
Total Income		67829	Ministry Fees	335	
			Missionary Account	8710	
			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	1000
			Church Manse		
			Maintenance	23770.77	
			Utilities & Council	590.89	
			Insurance	385.84	
			Total		24748
			Total Expenditure		100390
Total Income includes Income to Current Account plus Savings Account interest					
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	£ 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	£ 450.00	
One Off General Gifts					£ 1,000.00							£ 1,100.00	
					£ 100.00								
Total Income 2024												£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 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	£ 510.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 50.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 510.00	
Internation Bible College: Johnny & Eliana Whyte	£ 40.00	£ 40.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 30.00	£ 380.00	
AOG World Missions: Claire Kinkead	£ 30.00	£ 30.00			£ 175.00		£ 175.00			£ 700.00	£ 175.00	£ 1,960.00	
Total Expenditure (Regular Giving)		£ 560.00										£ 6,690.00	
Additional Support													
Compassion			£ 250.00										
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						£ 300.00						£ 500.00	
Evangelical Action: John & Liz Medcraft										£ 300.00		£ 300.00	
India Hope										£ 300.00		£ 300.00	
Light of Gospel: Sara & Sasha Vitakic										£ 400.00	£ 400.00	£ 800.00	
Clare Kinkead										£ 400.00		£ 400.00	
Tom & Olive Kisaki (Japan)										£ 300.00		£ 300.00	
Central African Mission: Carol & Ginny										£ 300.00		£ 300.00	
G + S Smith										£ 300.00		£ 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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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