

# SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1050642

## Details

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**Other names** Living Waters Centre

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 1995-11-13

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

## Contact

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## Activities

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**Objects:** THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE CHRISTIAN RELIGION BY THE PROCLAMATION AND FURTHERANCE OF THE GOSPEL OF GOD

**Activities:** The objects of the Church are the advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of this. Also to provide a place of worship in order to fulfil this.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space
- **What:** General Charitable Purposes, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE PONTYPOOL
- Torfaen

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£122,568	£114,435	-	-
2023-12-31	£60,506	£72,184	-	-
2022-12-31	£67,188	£61,895	-	-
2021-12-31	£51,325	£32,814	-	-
2020-12-31	£22,110	£21,849	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>MATHEW DAVID BARTLETT</b>	Chair	
David Vaughan		2024-11-07
Emma Carino Vaughan		2025-10-12
Rhian Mary Lewis		2025-10-12
Thomasina Kate Brown		2025-10-12

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# Accounts

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**Osborne Road, Pontypool NP4 6LU**  
**Registered Charity Number 1050642**  
**Trustees Annual Report 2024**

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### **Achievements and Performance**

The church has opened throughout the week for various religious meetings for prayer, worship and Bible teaching. Membership has increased modestly with new families are in regular attendance. Our mission to proclaim the gospel has continued in partnership with other Pontypool churches through joint services as part of churches together in Pontypool.

In addition to this, we demonstrate love to our neighbours by running a wide-ranging programme of community work, and employ a part-time Community Engagement Worker, in a project called "Hope for the Community." *The most recent impact report for the project is included at the end of this report.*

Despite the secular nature of our community project, some people, having visited us for practical help, also want to find out about what spiritual help is available. Indeed, with our project footfall running at 600-750 people per month, church leadership have struggled to keep up with the number of enquiries. We received grant money from the SMB Trust to hire a community chaplain for 6 hours each week who works in our community café to deal with faith enquiries and provide a listening ear, especially in times of bereavement.

We also continue to employ a part-time children's & families minister, who throughout 2024 ran a Christian afterschool club for 5-11 year olds one night per week, and a parent & toddler group one morning per week. She also liaises with our local school, and we were wonderfully impressed by the nativity plays put on at our church this Christmas by 100 pupils from Geroge Street Primary School.

### **Financial Review**

The final balance sheet for 2024 is attached, together with the report from our independent examiner. The total income for the year was £122,568.30. £80,751.39 of this was restricted for our community project. Grants above £5,000 were as follows: The National Lottery People & Places Medium Grant £33,366.50; Torfaen County Borough Council Social Enterprise Grant £16,744.00; Torfaen County Borough Council Community Resilience Grant £8,348.00; Torfaen County Borough Council Food4Growth Grants £6,220.57; Torfaen County Borough Council Levelling Up Grant £6,202.00.

There was also a £5,000 restricted grant for Help2Heat, £5,000 for our chaplaincy (Dorcas Trust, £2,500.00; Goshen Trust £2,500) and £2,400 for our families minister from the Rehoboth Trust. £29,416.91 was donated for general funds. In addition to the direct expenses from the restricted funds, an amount of £30,537.84 was transferred across during the year from restricted to general funds, covering pro-rata core costs as agreed with donors in their individual grant acceptance agreements.

### **Reserves Policy**

Sharon Full Gospel Church seeks to maintain a reserve of approx. 9 months of operating costs whenever possible to cover eventualities such as unforeseen increases in day-to-day operational costs, or when a source of income may be lost (as when a member leaves or dies). This reserve does not include restricted funds. During 2024 our reserve continued (as in 2023) to be 5-6 months of operating costs, and this is being carefully monitored.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who are drawn both from the church membership and our local community. Twelve volunteers assisted us in 2024. They work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Thank you also to our trustees, elders, and deacons for keeping the church running.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is administered by the Church Council, which is a team of at least three trustees (minimum of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), the appointment of whom is set out in the governing document. These are assisted in the day-to-day religious life of the church by elders and deacons the appointment of whom is also set out in the governing document. The Church Council meet six times each year.

### **Administrative Information**

Sharon Full Gospel Church is an independent Christian church situated in Osborne Road, Pontypool NP4 6LU. It is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The correspondence address is The Minister, Bethany, 7 Park View, Freeholdland Road, Pontnewynydd, Pontypool NP4 8LP.

*Church Council Members (Trustees):* Reverend Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees), Mrs Barbara Yvonne Owens (Treasurer), Mr David Vaughan (Secretary)

*Elder:* Mr David Hinwood

Accountants: Greens Accountancy & Tax Services Ltd, 106a Commercial Street, Risca, Newport NP11 6EE

***All Reports and Accounts Approved by the Church Council on 12/09/2025 and signed on their behalf by Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees)***



# Annual Impact Report: Hope for the Community Project at Sharon Full Gospel Church

Reporting Period: June 2024 – May 2025

## The Story of Our Year

Our community project began in 2021 with a National Lottery grant enabling us to employ a part-time community worker. The community had identified the need for support with food and fuel and to reduce loneliness following the pandemic. This year, our project “Hope for the Community” has continued to grow and deepen its engagement with the community in Pontypool. Operating three days per week, our community hub, with its grocery store and café at the heart, has remained a welcoming, accessible space offering low-cost food and a safe environment for connection and support.

We’ve reached around 1,000 people this year, providing essentials such as low-cost groceries, home fuel grants, and school holiday meal hampers. But beyond the numbers, we’ve built a place where people feel seen, heard, and cared for.

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## Community at the Centre

From the start, we have prioritised working **with** our community, not just **for** them.

- **Volunteers** from the local area play a vital role in our café, shop, and other services. Despite some health setbacks among team members, neighbours stepped in to ensure we continued to meet our commitments. We have welcomed seven new volunteers this year, including those with disabilities.
- Our regular **questionnaires** provide basic information about what our community feels about our services and how they can improve.
- Our **“People’s Forum”**, is an ad-hoc group made up of non-church community members, advises our decisions and reflects the lived experience of our service users.
- We’re learning that face-to-face conversations — often over a cuppa in the café — are the best tools we have for understanding what our community truly needs.
- **Children and young people** joined in, fundraising for local causes, participating in cleanups, and creating a joyful intergenerational presence.
- We now host a **community information point**, a computerised access point for “What’s On” in Torfaen, especially in the voluntary sector.

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## The Difference We’ve Made

### Big Impacts:

- **School holiday hampers:** 70 food hampers fed almost 200 parents and children in need for days at a time during school holidays. Feedback shows families prefer this support at home, rather than breakfast clubs.

- **OAP hampers** supported 30 pensioners this Christmas, as we signposted those eligible to sign up for pension credit before losing their winter fuel allowance.
- **Fuel support:** Increased fuel grants (£50, up from £30) reached 80+ crisis-hit households, thanks to Community Foundation Wales and Newsquest support.
- During the winter months we advertise as a **Warm Space**. Our footfall counter registered 2,283 visitors in Jan-Feb, but since many people come more than once a week a more reasonable estimate is of 300+ unique visitors in the coldest months.
- Our **Grocery Store** has sold 415 £5 baskets and 120 £10 family-size baskets of groceries this year, and membership stands at 354 people from 124 households. This is significantly up on last year.
- With Community Fund funding we opened a low-cost **Community Café** in September, which has since prepared 823 meals and many more snacks and drinks. In November we extended our hours to serve both cooked breakfasts and lunches.
- Our **use of Welsh** has grown, as our local Welsh Language group Menter Iaith now meets in the community cafe every week, and we have been helped by Welsh-speaking volunteers.
- **Building improvements:** Thanks to capital funding from Torfaen Council, the National Churches Trust and TNL match-funding, we now have a new roof, solar panels, and a warmer, more welcoming front façade — with significant long-term savings on energy costs.

## Quiet Miracles: Some Anonymous Case Studies

- A woman escaping domestic violence found safety through our café and was connected — sensitively — to police and social services in a way that respected her wishes.
- A man struggling with changes to disability benefits found friendship, a food referral, and a gentle nudge toward mental health support — all over a 30-minute conversation and a £5 shop.
- New immigrants and asylum seekers were supported with filling in housing forms, safe spaces, and essential cultural dignity — including welcoming conversations across faiths and backgrounds.
- A family of five received a bailiff’s note about Council Tax arrears and asked for help. We directed them to Citizens Advice, offered them emotional support, and provided both parents and children with food in the café.
- A family of four was completely flooded out over Christmas, losing all of their clothes and presents. Our community got together and donated Christmas gifts and clothing for the two girls (ages 3 and 5). We provided additional support through our contact with local social services.
- Our community came together in a big way when one of our regular visitors, a disabled man, died without relatives or means. We were able to arrange for some of the friends he had made in our centre to attend the public health funeral.

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## Adapting and Learning

We’ve learned a great deal this year:

- **“Signposting” must be personal.** Simply handing out contact details is not enough. We now prioritise relational referrals — listening deeply and helping clients navigate systems they find overwhelming. We often make first contact with other services on their behalf.
- **Community needs are changing.** While pandemic-era food needs have decreased slightly, the complexity of need has increased — especially among migrants, families facing debt, and those with mental health struggles. This is why our focus for next year is turning to more partnership working with other groups offering expert support. We remain over-subscribed for support in the school holidays, so fundraising and partnerships with schools is becoming another future priority.

- **Support for grief matters.** We've seen the long-term emotional and mental health toll on those unable to afford dignified funerals. Working together with the church we have been able to host free memorial services which have provided healing and dignity where none was otherwise possible.
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## Changing What We Do

This year we began shifting from reactive crisis support to more **sustainable, empowering solutions**:

- We launched a **£10 family-sized shop**, ensuring healthier, more complete meals.
- Introduced **reusable nappies, free period products**, and some **baby food support**.
- Recruited a **chef**, allowing us to open our community café and serve hot meals daily at low cost — with plans for **cookery classes** to promote self-sufficiency.
- Began offering **catering for events**, including funerals, to develop income streams.
- Continued **training and capacity-building** for staff and volunteers — including support for disabled volunteers and training from Cwmpas on income diversification.
- We have **improved connections with other local services**. For instance, we are now able to issue vouchers to the local Trussell Trust Foodbank for those in crisis. In return, they refer those not yet in crisis or coming out of crisis to us.

We are now working more closely than ever with **schools, local food networks, and statutory services**, preparing to **coordinate school holiday food support** and build on the expertise of each sector. The changes ahead for us will focus on building more collaborative working until we are confident that whoever comes in for help will not simply be passed on to another service, but supported to get that help by stronger connections with those services.

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## Looking Further Ahead

With planning permission pending, we hope to **redevelop our building**, creating:

- Unisex and accessible toilets
- A purpose-built café/shop
- Soft play and youth spaces
- Rooms for hire to generate income and build connections with more community groups.

We are transitioning to a **Community Interest Organisation (CIO)** and rebranding to reflect our broader community role. While continuing to operate as a place of worship, our new building will be a mixed space we can more fully share with the community.

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## Thanks to You

The support of our donors and funders has enabled much of this growth. Thanks to your faith in our work, we've:

- Raised additional capital funding

- Won awards (including Torfaen & Monmouthshire Third Sector Business of the Year 2024)
- Hosted community celebrations, training events, and creative holiday fun, including our Christmas fayre and summer craft sessions
- Welcomed councillors, MPs, and hundreds of neighbours into our shared space

Your support is not just financial — it is catalytic. It has allowed our small project to become a vibrant, adaptive, and deeply human space at the heart of Pontypool.

We are proud of what we've built — and excited for what comes next.

# Sharon Full Gospel Church Balance Sheet 2024

## Summary Page

### **Asset Summary**

#### **Capital**

Building & Lands £785,569.00 (Insured Value)

Contents £77,941.00 (Insured Value)

Total Capital: £863,510

**Investments** Nil

#### **Cash**

All Cash Balances as of 31/12/2024: £37,436.03

### **Bank Account Activity Summary**

<b>Account</b>	<b>Equals Money:</b>	<b>Church Current Account (1066)</b>	<b>LM35 Savings Account</b>	<b>Hope for the Community Current Account (0638)</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Opening Balance</b>	£42.38	£23,238.37	£6,022.63	nil	£29,303.38
<b>Total In</b>	£4500 (by XFR)	£119,948.21	£194.09 (interest)	£2426.00	£122,568.30
<b>Total Out</b>	£4355.78	£112,673.25 (includes 3550 XFR to EQUALS)	nil	£1906.62 (includes £950 XFR to EQUALS)	£114,435.65
<b>Closing Balance</b>	£186.60	£30,513.33	£6,216.72	£519.38	£37,436.03

**Amounts Agreed with Funders to either: a) be Transferred from restricted to general funds during year *per grant* or b) be used for general expenses such as *heat/light/repair*:**

TNL People & Places Medium                      £16,792.00 (June 24-June 25, move half £8,396 in 2024, half in 2025)

TCBC Social Enterprise Grant                      £17,475.59

TCBC Community Resilience Grant              £1,296.25

TCBC Food4Growth Grants                        £1,620.00

TVA Grants    £1,750.00

Total = £30,537.84 TRANSFER FROM RESTRICTED TO GENERAL IN 2024

**End of 2024 the balances after transfers were worked out as follows:**

**General Fund:** £26,165.14

**Childrens:** -£4,047.19 (*subsidised by general fund*)

**Chaplaincy:** £3,406.75

**Hope for the Community:** = £9,036.33

**Help2Heat** = £2,875

## **Income 2024 (£)**

### **General Fund**

Gift Aided DD Donations	10,069.00
Gift Aid Claimed (2 years)	8,410.89
Cash Offerings	6,772.54
Benefact Trust Grant	3,500.00
Refunds	262.55
Church Rental	160.00
Interest on LM35 Savings	194.09
Other Revenue	47.84
<i>Total General Fund Income</i>	<i>29,416.91</i>

### **Restricted Funds**

#### **Children's Dept**

Rehoboth Trust (Childrens Pastor)	2,400.00
<i>Total Childrens Dept Income</i>	<i>2,400.00</i>

#### **Chaplaincy**

Dorcas Trust (Chaplain Salary)	2,500.00
Goshen Trust (Chaplain Salary)	2,500.00
<i>Total Chaplaincy Income</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>

#### **Help2Heat**

Community Foundation Grant	5,000.00
<i>Total Help2Heat Income</i>	<i>5,000.00</i>

#### **Hope for the Community**

TNL People & Places Medium t	33,366.50
TCBC Social Enterprise Grant	16,744.00
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TCBC Food4Growth Grants	6,220.57
TCBC Levelling Up Grant	6,202.00
TCBC Food Support Grant	2,795.11
TVA Grants	1,750.00
Food Sales	5,139.56
Melin Homes Grant	185.65

<i>Total Hope Income</i>	80,751.39
<b>Gross Total Income 2024</b>	<b>122,568.30</b>

### **Expenses 2024 (£)**

#### **General Expenses**

Audit & Accountancy fees	1,149.00
Cleaning Items	140.96
Consulting	4,794.00
Cleaner Wages	1,355.00
Insurance	1,054.98
IT & Consumables	129.91
Legal Expenses	1,153.20
Light, Power, Heating	3,984.95
Printing & Stationery	74.63
Recruitment	270.27
Repairs & Maintenance	15,809.37
Pastor's Salary	19,110.00
Subscriptions	795.83
Telephone & Internet	380.19
Water rates	271.56
Miscellaneous	598.93
Licenses	458.72
Ministry & Missions	1,617.04
Waste Management	350.06
Fire Safety	465.80
<i>Total General Expenses</i>	<i>53,964.40</i>

#### **Restricted Funds**

##### **Children's Dept**

Childrens Pastor Salary	3,724.03
Activities/Crafts	1,407.21
<i>Total Childrens Dept Expenses</i>	<i>5,131.24</i>

##### **Chaplaincy**

Chaplain Salary	2,359.00
<i>Total Chaplaincy Expenses</i>	<i>2,359.00</i>
<b>Help2Heat</b>	
Fuel Top-Up Grants	2,125.00
<i>Total Help2Heat Expenses</i>	<i>2,125.00</i>
<b>Hope for the Community</b>	
Hope Food (1066)	9830.70
Hope Misc (1066)	1300.68
Hope Casual Work	560.56
Salary – Cook	3,013.53
Salary – Kitchen Asst	2,570.98
Salary – Comm Outreach Worker	12,161.98
Salary – Project Manager	11,058.05
Grocery Store Costs	2,273.08
Hope Training	119.80
Hope Volunteer Expenses	634.70
Winter Warmth Packs	630.00
Hope Advertising	3,684.89
Hope Equipment	1,223.56
Grocery Store Capital	912.60
Hope – Welsh Translation	66.00
TCBC Com Res Underspend	814.90
<i>Total Hope Expenses</i>	<i>50,856.01</i>
<b><i>Total Expenses 2024</i></b>	<b><i>114,435.65</i></b>

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF**  
**SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**  
**YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

The report relates to financial statements set out on page 1 & 2

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.

The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

**It is my responsibility to:**

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, 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 you as trustees concerning any such matters.

The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- (1) Accounts have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
- (2) The accounts do not accord with such records.
- (3) Where accounts are prepared on an accruals basis, whether they fail to comply with relevant accounting requirements under section 396 of the Companies Act 2006, or are not consistent with the Charities SORP (FRS 102)
- (4) Any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.

Susan Lewis FCCA  
106a Commercial Street  
Risca  
Newport. NP11 6EE

Date: 15th August 2025

**Sharon Full Gospel Church**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2024**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

**Incoming Resources**

Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in incoming resources.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended are included in the Profit and Loss on an accruals basis, inclusive of any Value Added Tax which cannot be recovered.

**Taxation**

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates

**Fund Accounting**

- Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.

- Designated funds are unrestricted funds earmarked by the trustees for particular purposes.

- Restricted funds are funds which have been given for particular purposes. The restriction being placed by the donor. The restricted funds are individually identified on the face of the profit and loss account.

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**Our community café** is at the heart of this project, and opens on Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am-noon, manned by 2 part-time staff and a team of 8 volunteers on rota (half of whom are church members, half are from the wider community). We regularly see 40-60 people during each of these sessions, and sometimes more. With free tea/coffee and snacks, and a play space for children, the café brings people together. Our visitors comment on the friendly welcome, and how it has helped relieve their social isolation and promote a better sense of community. We regularly collate case studies and demographic information of those people who have been helped by the project for our monitoring and reporting purposes.

Our monthly **Community Connect** meal is open to all and has attracted an average of 15-20 each month, but has been as high as 29 and 48 on two occasions.

People call into the café to receive help with fuel poverty throughout the winter through our Help2Heat scheme which gives emergency fuel top-up grants of £30 each towards their energy bills. This programme was relaunched in November 2023 thanks to funding from Newsquest (who own the local newspaper), and in less than 2 months 45 families were helped. The scheme continues to run and is funded until 2025, by which time we hope over 500 families will have been supported.

At the café, we are joined by a wide range of community partners who can further help our visitors. For example, Christians Against Poverty provides budgeting and debt advice sessions, which run alongside our own “shopping & cooking on a budget” course. Torfaen Council’s “Building Resilient Communities” team are present each week to help with benefits advice and emergency financial support. Bron Afon (a local housing association) send their staff to help tenants in arrears. Communities for Work help people looking for a job and with their CVs. (We have 5 tablet computers available for our visitors to use for job search.) Pobl is an organisation that offers mental health support, and Gwent Police hold community surgeries. All this happens in our café, as partner agencies have told us we frequently have the highest footfall of any location they have visited in the borough (often 600-750 per month – we use both an infrared counter and registration forms to keep track of numbers). This is because our location is in the town centre, near a multi-storey car park, and near a main bus route.

Alongside the Fareshare, we have supported to families with children during the school holidays (when free school meals are not available). This support takes various forms across the year, as we try to support more families, with approx. 200 helped so far. Our main schemes in 2023 were:

- **Grab a Meal Bag** – We offer a meal planner with ingredients and instructions to cook a healthy meal for a family of four.
- **Family Hampers** – We provide a hamper, again with full instructions on a recipe card, and all ingredients provided, to prepare 10 meals (2 a day for 5 days) for a family of four. We place a charge of £5 on these, for approx. £20 value of ingredients.
- **Family Breakfast Hampers** – as above but with enough for 5 days of breakfasts for families with children.
- **Family Activity Days** – Recently these have included our extremely successful Christmas Fayre, which attracted over 100 people, which is a record for us. The aim is to put on events which families will want to bring their children to. We offer crafts, face painting and entertainment etc. But while families are there, we make sure we provide hot cooked snacks for the children, and our volunteers work hard to signpost parents to further help which is available through the hub.

Despite the secular nature of our community project, many people, having visited us for practical help, also want to find out about spiritual help available. Indeed, with our project footfall running at 600-750 people per month, church leadership have struggled to keep up with the level of such demand. We received grant money from the SMB Trust to hire a community chaplain for 6 hours each week who works in our community café to deal with faith enquiries and provide a listening ear, especially in times of bereavement.

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### **Financial Review**

The final balance sheet for 2023 is attached. The report from our independent examiner is still pending. The total income for the year was £60,506.36. £39,420.97 of which was restricted for our community project,

and £2,000 for our chaplaincy. £19,085.39 was donated for general funds. In addition to the direct expenses from the restricted funds, an amount of £12,762.13 was transferred across during the year from restricted to general funds, covering pro-rata core costs as agreed with donors in our grant acceptance agreements.

### **Reserves Policy**

Sharon Full Gospel Church maintains a reserve of approx. 9 months of operating costs whenever possible to cover eventualities such as unforeseen increases in day-to-day operational costs, or when a source of income may be lost (as when a member leaves or dies). This reserve does not include restricted funds. During 2023 our reserve fell in real terms to only 6 months of operating costs, and this is being carefully monitored.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who are drawn both from the church membership and our local community. They work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Thank you also to our trustees, elders, and deacons for keeping the church running.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is administered by the Church Council, which is a team of at least three trustees (minimum of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), the appointment of whom is set out in the governing document. These are assisted in the day-to-day religious life of the church by elders and deacons the appointment of whom is also set out in the governing document. The Church Council meet six times each year.

### **Administrative Information**

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***Approved by the Church Council on 27/02/2024 and signed on their behalf by Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees)***



## Sharon Full Gospel Church Balance Sheet 2023

### INCOME 2023

**BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2022**      **£40,981.10**

#### GENERAL FUNDS

GIFT AID DONATIONS	£10,284.41
CASH DONATIONS	£7,590.60
GIFT AID CLAIM	£0.00
REFUNDS/COMPENSATION	£150.00
AMAZON SMILE	£19.46
BUILDING RENTAL/FEES	£271.00
NON-GIFT AID DIRECT DEBITS	£730.00
EASYFUNDING	£17.29
BANK INTEREST	£22.63

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME: £19,085.39**

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

##### CHILDRENS DEPT

JOHN JAMES TRUST	£0.00
GOSPEL TRUST	£0.00
<b>TOTAL CHILDRENS DEPT:</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

##### CHAPLAINCY

SMB TRUST	£2,000.00
<b>TOTAL CHAPLAINCY</b>	<b>£2,000.00</b>

##### HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY

PALC DONATION	£0.00
NEWSQUEST (HELP2HEAT)	£5,000.00
TVA (HOPE)	£0.00
ICF WALES	£0.00
MELIN HOMES (CRAFT)	£244.00
TVA (HOPE)	£0.00
WESTERN POWER WINTER	£4,776.00
BRON AFON	£0.00
COMMUNITY FUND	£9500.00
TORFAEN CBC F4G	£6,333.28
GARFIELD WESTON	£0.00
MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS	£500.00
SSP GRANT	£0.00
EVENT TAKINGS (FOOD)	£239.76
TESCO (FOOD)	£500.00
TCBC BUILD RESILIENT COMM	£3,250.00
CRWODFUNDER (WARM SP)	£2,514.93
JH RAUSING TRUST	£6563.00

**TOTAL HFTC INCOME: £39,420.97**

**TOTAL INCOME 2023: £60,506.36**

### INCOME 2022

**BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2021**      **£35688.17**

#### GENERAL FUNDS

GIFT AID DONATIONS	£9,708.00
CASH DONATIONS	£7858.50
GIFT AID CLAIM	£5047.85
REFUNDS	£150.74
AMAZON SMILE	£16.86
BUILDING RENTAL	£122.00
NON-GIFT AID DIRECT DEBITS	£1,060.00
EASYFUNDING	£55.55
BANK INTEREST	£0.00

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME: £25,390.57**

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

##### CHILDRENS DEPT

JOHN JAMES TRUST	£2,000
GOSPEL TRUST	£2,000
<b>TOTAL CHILDRENS DEPT:</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

##### CHAPLAINCY

SMB TRUST	£0.00
<b>TOTAL CHAPLAINCY</b>	<b>£0.00</b>

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TORFAEN CBC	£3834.50
GARFIELD WESTON	£2,500.00
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SSP GRANT	£192.70
EVENT TAKINGS	£391.00
TESCO (FOOD)	£0.00
TCBC BUILD RESILIENT COMM	£0.00
CROWDFUNDER (WARM SP)	£0.00
JH RAUSING TRUST	£0.00

**TOTAL HFTC INCOME: £37,797.20**

**TOTAL INCOME 2022: £67,187.77**

**Notes:** Average Weekly Cash Donation: £145.97; Average Weekly Gift Aid Donation: £197.78 Average Weekly other general fund income: £22.84 i.e. Average Weekly general fund income: £366.59 (£1,588.55 per month + approx. £200pm gift aid not yet claimed)

FUNDS HELD AT 31/12/23 RESTRICTED: HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY £12,530.83\*

GENERAL FUNDS £18,063.16 (-1,315.95 CHILD OVERSPEND) = £16,006.80

CHILDRENS £0.00

CHAPLAIN £765.75

\*AFTER JOURNAL TRANSFER FROM HOPE TO GENERAL: 70% NON-RELIGIOUS GENERAL EXPENSES = £10,142.77. (RELIGION-SPECIFIC EXPENSES MARKED ^), 70% ELECTRIC (HEAT/LIGHT) = £2,619.36. EXPLANATION: HOPE PROJECT USED BUILDING FOR APPROX. 70% OF HOURS OPEN IN 2023.

## Sharon Full Gospel Church Balance Sheet 2023

<u>EXPENSES GENERAL</u>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>
SALARIES PASTOR	£18,760.00^	£18,460.00
CLEANER	£1,680.00	£630.00
ELECTRIC	£3,741.94	£1,694.65
WATER RATES	£291.59	£253.14
FIRE SAFETY	£704.56	£401.34
BUILDING REPAIRS	£1,415.92	£779.22
INSURANCE	£997.35	£946.29
VISITING MINISTRY	£495.36^	£725.64
BROADBAND	£372.68	£366.59
TV & FITTING	£0.00	£645.35
LAPTOP	£0.00	£179.99
CLEANING ITEMS	£228.79	£145.07
CCLI & SONGSELECT	£361.57^	£325.00
31:8 MEMBERSHIP	£145.00	£145.00
EA MEMBERSHIP	£90.00^	£90.00
SSL CERT	£72.00	£72.00
ICE WALES	£200.00^	£200.00
STATIONERY	£100.84	£17.61
EVANGELISM/MISSIONS	£883.08^	£528.02
WASTE DISPOSAL	£447.56	£120.00
POOR FUND	£0.00	£94.99
MISC	£907.72	£423.43
ST DAVID'S FOUNDATION	£160.00	£0.00
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£325.40	£0.00
FUNDRAISING	£9.99	£0.00
PROFESSIONAL FEES	£1,294.00	£0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£33685.35</b>	<b>29,333.73</b>
<b><u>RESTRICTED EXPENSES (CHILD)</u></b>		
SALARY: CHILDRENS PASTOR	£4,300.00	£1,442.00
TAX/NI	£80.46	£72.11
CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES	£442.70*	£370.80
ADVERTISING	£104.92	£89.64
RECRUITMENT	£0.00	£50.25
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£4,928.08</b>	<b>£2,024.80</b>
<b><u>RESTRICTED EXP (CHAPLAIN)</u></b>		
SALARY: CHAPLAIN	£1,150.00	£0.00
RECRUITMENT	£84.25	£0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£1,234.25</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b><u>RESTRICTED EXPENSES (HOPE)</u></b>		
SALARY: COMMUNITY WORKER	£10,865.76	£8,800.05
SALARY: KITCHEN ASST	£3000.52	£0.00
NEW KITCHEN	£0.00	£8,997.91
SALARY: HOPE MANAGER	£7,956.00	£5,000.00
SHOP FIT	£1,860.86	£0.00
TRANSLATION	£47.95	£0.00
LICENSING	£196.10	£309.60
ADVERTISING	£653.38	£735.10
EQUIPMENT	£391.05	£2,819.13
WESTERN POWER FOOD	£0.00	£2500.00
FOOD	£5,249.32*	£1,027.70
HELP2HEAT	£1,440.00	£1,995.00
EVENTS (INC MELIN CRAFT)	£228.62	£222.52
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	£196.54	£124.30
		£0.00
MISC (INC ADJUST)	£250.30	£0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£32,336.40 (12,762.13 XFR)</b>	<b>£30,536.31 (£3,078.09 XFR)</b>
<b>*INCLUDES EQ MONEY A/C</b>		
HOPE (FOOD) EST	£2,542.51	£0.00
CHILD DEPT EST	£219.04	£0.00
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£2,761.55</b>	<b>£0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£72,184.08</b>	<b>£61,894.84</b>
<b>CARRY FORWARD TO 2024</b>	<b>£29,303.38</b>	<b>£40,981.10</b>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2023

The report relates to financial statements set out on page 1 & 2

**Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts.  
The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Charities Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

**It is my responsibility to:**

- Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act
- To follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, 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.

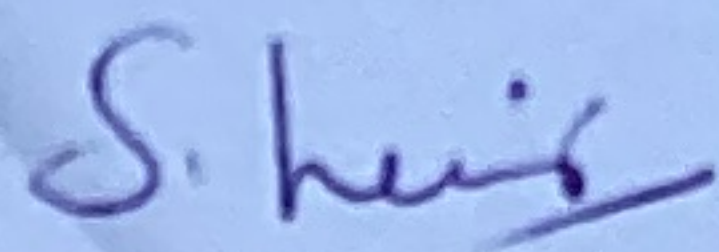
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The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view, and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

**Independent examiner's statement**

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention to indicate that:

- (1) Accounts have not been kept in accordance with section 386 of the Companies Act 2006
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- (4) Any matter which the examiner believes should be drawn to the attention of the reader to gain a proper understanding of the accounts.



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Date: 8th August 2024

**SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1050642

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# Accounts

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**Sharon Full Gospel Church**  
**Osborne Road, Pontypool NP4 6LU**  
**Registered Charity Number 1050642**  
**Trustees Annual Report 2022**

### **Aims and Purposes**

Sharon Full Gospel Church is an independent Christian church. Our main aim is to advance the Christian religion. As is set out in our governing documents, we seek to achieve this aim by proclaiming the Gospel of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord through preaching and teaching of the Word of God and by maintaining a place of worship and prayer for this purpose.

In 2021, we agreed to a change to our charitable objects which was accepted by the Charity Commission. It allows for our main aim to be advanced by our providing a practical expression of our religious faith through charitable works which support our local community: by relieving poverty, providing activities for families and children, and promoting better community cohesion and mental and physical health.

### **Objectives and Activities**

Our objectives are set to reflect our faith and community aims. Each year our trustees review our objectives and activities to ensure they continue to reflect our aims. In carrying out this review the trustees have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

Our aim remains to proclaim the Christian message, as expressed in our statement of faith and ethos statement, providing a facility where Christians can both worship and express their faith practically by supporting the local community.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The church has opened throughout the week for various religious meetings for prayer, worship and Bible teaching. Membership has so far remained constant, but new families are in regular attendance.

Our mission to proclaim the gospel has continued in partnership with other churches, distributing Christian literature and holding open air services at Christmas, Easter and in the Summer. Thanks to grants from the John James Charitable Trust and the Gospel Trust we were able to employ a part-time children's pastor, who has so far launched a kid's Bible club for 5-11 year olds one night per week, and a parent & toddler group one morning per week, and has visited schools with the senior pastor for Christian assemblies.

This year we once again ran a competition for local shopkeepers to reintroduce nativity scenes as part of their Christmas decorations and were asked to lead the religious elements of the town's Christmas "Cavalcade."

We have continued to open as a community hub/café offering free hot drinks and snacks, and have opened it more often as a "warm space" in winter. It has a children's play area, and a Fareshare community pantry offering surplus food free of charge to all (we have given out 1 tonne of donated food plus over 400 meals in 2022). Other local agencies including Gwent Police, Torfaen Voluntary Alliance, and Communities for Work

regularly use the café as a “surgery” or meeting point for their clients, and as a way of signposting residents to further support.

In November we partnered with Pontypool Community Council to host a new council-led project “Pontypool Youth” to provide secular youth sessions for 12-18 year-olds, addressing antisocial behaviour, wellbeing and mental health issues. Although the project is secular, the pastor is occasionally invited to speak with the youth about the work of the church. For example, at Christmas we cooperated to give out 30 festive hampers to pensioners on our street, and the youth project supported our annual Carol Service. Youth workers are employed by the council directly and use the church building two evenings per week.

### **Financial Review**

The final balance sheet for 2022 is attached. The report from our independent examiner is still pending. The total income for the year was £67,187.77. £37,797.20 of which was restricted for our community project, £4,000 restricted for our children’s work, and £25,390.57 for general funds. In addition to the direct expenses from the restricted funds, an amount of £3,078.09 was transferred across during the year from restricted to general funds, covering pro-rata heat/light/building maintenance costs as agreed with donors in our grant acceptance agreements.

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***Approved by the Church Council on 13/02/2023 and signed on their behalf by Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees)***



## Sharon Full Gospel Church Balance Sheet 2022

### INCOME

**BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2021**      **£35688.17**

#### GENERAL FUNDS

GIFT AID DONATIONS	£9,708.00
CASH DONATIONS	£7858.50
GIFT AID CLAIM	£5047.85
REFUNDS	£150.74
AMAZON SMILE	£16.86
BUILDING RENTAL	£122.00
NON-GIFT AID DIRECT DEBITS	£1,060.00
EASYFUNDING	£55.55
SALE OF FRIDGE	£200.00
DEREK WILLIAMS WILL	£1,171.07

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME: £25,390.57**

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

##### CHILDRENS DEPT

JOHN JAMES TRUST	£2,000
GOSPEL TRUST	£2,000
<b>TOTAL CHILDRENS DEPT:</b>	<b>£4,000</b>

##### HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY

PALC DONATION	£145.00
TVA (HELP2HEAT)	£4,095.00
TVA (HOPE)	£5,959.00
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**TOTAL INCOME 2022: £67,187.77**

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ELECTRIC	£1,694.65
WATER RATES	£253.14
FIRE SAFETY	£401.34
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BUILDING REPAIRS	£779.22
INSURANCE	£946.29
MISSIONS/MINISTRY	£725.64
BROADBAND & PHONE	£366.59
TV & FITTING	£645.35
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MISC	£423.43
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>29,333.73</b>

**EXPENSES (CHILD DEPT)**

SALARY: CHILDRENS PASTOR	£1,442.00
TAX/NI	£72.11
CRAFTS/ACTIVITIES	£370.80
ADVERTISING	£89.64
RECRUITMENT	£50.25
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>£2,024.80</b>

**EXPENSES (HOPE)**

SALARY: COMMUNITY WORKER	£8,800.05
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NEW KITCHEN	£8,997.91
SALARY: HOPE MANAGER	£5,000
LICENSING	£309.60
ADVERTISING	£735.10
EQUIPMENT	£2,819.13
WESTERN POWER FOOD	£2,500.00
OTHER FOOD	£1,027.70
EVENTS	£222.52
VOLUNTEER EXPENSES	£124.30
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£ 30,536.31</b>

<b>PLUS PRO RATA COSTS MOVED TO GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>(£3,078.09)</b>
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<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>£61,894.84</b>
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<b>NEW BALANCE TO CARRY FORWARD TO 2023</b>	<b>£40,981.10</b>
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BALANCES – CHILDRENS  
£3,605.39  
RESTRICTED: HOPE FOR  
THE COMMUNITY  
£18,208.39  
GENERAL FUNDS  
£19,167.32

Registered Charity Number 1050642

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SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH  
YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

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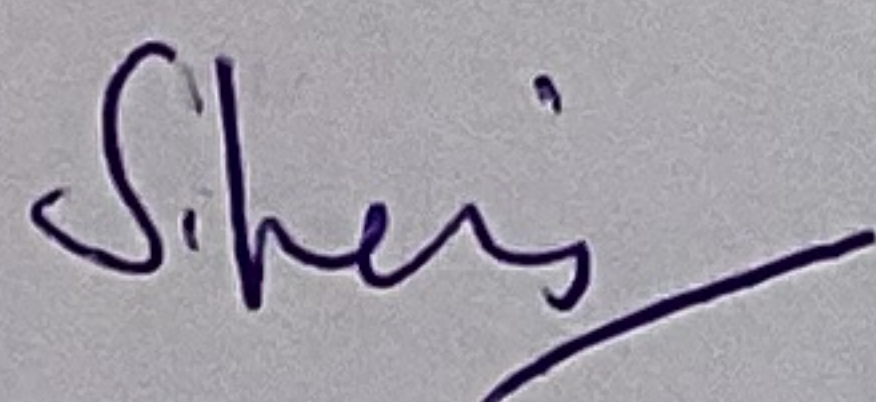
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Date: 7th August 2023

**Sharon Full Gospel Church**

**NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2022**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The following accounting policies have been used consistently in dealing with items which are considered material in relation to the financial statements.

**Accounting Convention**

The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention. In preparing the financial statements the charity follows best practice as laid down in the Statement of Recommended Practice Accounting and Reporting by Charities (revised 2005) and the Charities Act 1993.

**Incoming Resources**

Income is received by way of grants, donations and gifts and is included in incoming resources.

**Resources Expended**

Resources expended are included in the Profit and Loss on an accruals basis, inclusive of any Value Added Tax which cannot be recovered.

**Taxation**

As a registered charity the organisation benefits from rates relief and is generally exempt from Income Tax and Capital Gains Tax but not from VAT. Irrecoverable VAT is included in the cost of those items to which it relates

**Fund Accounting**

- Unrestricted funds comprise those funds which the Trustees are free to use in accordance with the charitable objectives.
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**SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1050642

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# Accounts

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Our aim remains to proclaim the Christian message, providing a facility where Christians can worship, and express their faith practically by supporting the local community.

### **Achievements and Performance**

The church has opened throughout the week for various religious meetings for prayer, worship and Bible teaching. When face-to-face meetings were interrupted by COVID-19, these meetings continued via Zoom for many weeks. It has been a particular concern for us to support the elderly and vulnerable who have been isolated at home. We have, however, been deeply saddened to lose faithful members to illness during the year. At the same time, we have welcomed new families into membership during 2021.

Our mission to proclaim the gospel has been hindered during the pandemic, but we were still able to give out Christian literature in the community over Christmas and to use our social media platforms for evangelism. This year,

having previously noticed no nativity scenes in our town centre, we ran a competition for local shopkeepers to reintroduce nativity scenes as part of their Christmas decorations. This was very successful, with 8 shops taking part in this pilot. We will rerun the competition in 2022.

In 2021, we have begun to open the church building as a community hub for two days per week. Thanks to grant funding, we have been able to employ a Community Engagement Officer, Lisa White, to lead this work in the local community. We provide free cafe and creche facilities to combat loneliness and isolation in our community. This is well attended on Wednesdays, and we have had as many as 40-50 visitors in one morning. We give out food parcels and fuel top-up vouchers to support those in food and fuel poverty, run “healthy eating on a budget” courses and cooperate with other local groups (e.g., Torfaen Council grants) to signpost our community to further support.

### **Financial Review**

The final balance sheet for 2021 is attached, as is the report from our independent examiner. The total income for the year was £51,324.58. £22479.55 of which was restricted for our community project, £2,000 restricted for our children’s work, and £26,845.03 for general funds. In addition to the direct expenses from the restricted funds, an amount of £1,380.39 was transferred across during the year from restricted to general funds, covering pro-rata heat/light/building maintenance costs as agreed with funders in grant acceptance agreements.

### **Reserves Policy**

Sharon Full Gospel Church maintains a reserve of approx. 9 months of operating costs whenever possible to cover eventualities such as unforeseen increases in day-to-day operational costs, or when a source of income may be lost (as when a member leaves or dies). This reserve does not include restricted funds.

### **Volunteers**

We would like to thank all the volunteers who work so hard to make our church the lively and vibrant community it is. Thank you to our trustees, elders and deacons for keeping the church running.

### **Structure, Governance and Management**

The church is administered by the Church Council, which is a team of at least three trustees (minimum of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer), the appointment of whom is set out in the governing document. These are assisted in the day-to-day religious life of the church by elders and deacons the appointment of whom is also set out in the governing document. The Church Council meet six times each year.

### **Administrative Information**

Sharon Full Gospel Church is an independent Christian church situated in Osborne Road, Pontypool NP4 6LU. It is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. The correspondence address is The Minister, Bethany, 7 Park View, Freeholdland Road, Pontnewynydd, Pontypool NP4 8LP.

*Church Council Members (Trustees):* Reverend Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees), Mrs Barbara Yvonne Owens (Treasurer), Mrs Frankie Andreou (Secretary)

*Elder:* Mr David Hinwood

*Deacons:* Mr John Andreou; Mr David Vaughan

***Approved by the Church Council on 30/06/2022 and signed on their behalf by Mathew Bartlett (Chair of Trustees)***

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Bartlett', written in a cursive style.

## Sharon Full Gospel Church Balance Sheet 2021

### INCOME

**BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD FROM 2020 £17,177.37**

#### GENERAL FUNDS

GIFT AID DONATIONS	£13,615.00
CASH DONATIONS	£7,574.16
GIFT AID CLAIM	£3306.75
VEHICLE TAX REFUND	£544.41
LOSS OF INCOME	£1786.79
INSURANCE	
AMAZON SMILE	17.92

**TOTAL GENERAL FUND INCOME: £26,845.03**

#### RESTRICTED FUNDS INCOME

GENER8XION HOPE	£2,000
HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY	£22,479.55

**TOTAL INCOME £51,324.58**

#### EXPENSES (CHURCH)

SALARIES PASTOR	£17,110
CLEANER	£480
ELECTRIC	£1,222.36
WATER RATES	£157.92
FIRE SAFETY	£547.30
COVID-19 SAFETY	£577.32
BUILDING REPAIRS	£2,270.07
INSURANCE	£927.36
MISSIONS	£750.00
BROADBAND & PHONE	£464.47
CLEANING ITEMS	£30.23
SUBSCRIPTIONS	£84.81
CCLI	£117.00
STATIONARY	£117.38
EVANGELISM	£487.60
MISC	£23.36
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£25,370.40</b>

<b>EXPENSES (GENER8XION HOPE)</b>	<b>£369.81</b>
Childrens Events	£240.81
Volunteer Costs	£129.00
<b>SUBTOTAL:</b>	<b>£369.81</b>

<b>EXPENSES (HOPE)</b>	
SALARY: COMMUNITY WORKER	£2,912
SALARY: HOPE MANAGER	£1,300
RECRUITMENT	£247.50
ADVERTISING	£584.44
EQUIPMENT	£1,783.87
MISC	£245.76
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>£7,073.57</b>

(TABLES, TOY BIN, FOOD STORAGE, FRIDGE)

**TOTAL EXPENSES £32,813.78**

**NEW BALANCE TO  
CARRY FORWARD TO  
2022 £35,688.17**

RESTRICTED: GENER8XION HOPE	£2,000-369.81= £1,630.19
RESTRICTED: HOPE FOR THE COMMUNITY	£14,025.59 <sup>1</sup>
GENERAL FUNDS	£17,158.00

**Registered Charity Number 1050642**

Í i.e. £22,479.55 - £7,073.57 (ACTUAL COSTS) - £1,380.39 (PRO RATA COSTS - £1,000 building occupancy, £300 heat & light, £80.39 coms).



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/ members of

Charity Name SHARON FULL GOSPEL CHURCH

On accounts for the year ended

2021

Charity no (if any)

1050642

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (~~other than that disclosed below~~ \*) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

\* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

P. A. Kelso

Date:

30<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

Name:

PAMELA ANN KELSO

Relevant professional qualification(s) or body (if any):

Address:

72, RISCA ROAD  
CROSSKEYS, NEWPORT  
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Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.

[Empty box for disclosure details]