

# CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1051793

## Details

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Other names	CARMEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH ASSEMBLIES OF GOD, CARMEL PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, CROSS STREET PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, SECOND CHANCE CONGLETON
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-01-08
Register	<a href="#">View on the Charity Commission register</a>

## Contact

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## Activities

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

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## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

## Geography

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- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE CONGLETON
- Albania
- Bulgaria
- Colombia
- Congo
- India
- Israel
- Kenya
- Uganda
- Cheshire East
- Cheshire West & Chester

## Finances

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Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£57,910	£50,983	-	-
2024-03-31	£47,635	£44,246	-	-
2023-03-31	£41,926	£50,366	-	-
2022-03-31	£49,417	£42,847	-	-
2021-03-31	£39,491	£42,006	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>David Edward Robey</b>	Chair	2025-02-18
Alison Mary Bond		2013-10-20
Andrew Calvert		
Karen Elizabeth Calvert		2022-03-16
PAUL EDWIN BAYLEY		

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# Accounts

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REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER; 1051793

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended  
31<sup>st</sup> March 2025 for  
Congleton Pentecostal Church

Independent Examiner

Maureen Emmett (Honorary Auditor) 4/12/25

## Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congleton Pentecostal Church

I report on the accounts of Congleton Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 March 2025.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

-Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the commission under section 145(b) of the 2011 Act – 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 Commission. 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 next statement.

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Malene Emmett (Honorary Auditor) 4/12/25

MRS M. EMMETT  
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BUGLAWTON  
CONGLETON  
CHESHIRE CW12 2EW

Congleton Pentecostal Church  
Accounts for year ended

March 2025

	2024/25	2023/24
Service collections	21,190	18,510
Service collections gift aided	13,477	16,133
Building fund	0	0
Building fund gift aided	0	0
Missionary Offerings	1,808	2,514
Missionary Offerings Gift aided	2,480	2,690
Tax reclaimed	7,349	4,704
Total Youth groups	188	308
Nourish	436	554
Designated donations	8,055	550
Other donations	1,675	65
Toddler group	514	520
Other grants	0	0
Interest	115	108
Other	622	979
	57,910	47,635
<b>Total income</b>		
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	4,977	4,697
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	955	190
	(5,932)	(4,887)
Payroll	27,160	24,101
Club costs	635	822
Flowers	0	0
Evangelism	0	0
Rates, water, light & heat	7,246	5,455
Insurance	1,585	1,069
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	1,609	1,680
cleaning	174	144
Printing, postage & stationery	123	260
Advertising	142	122
Office costs computer and phone	956	882
Hire of equipment	155	1,343
Motor expenses	1,277	872
Legal & professional	0	0
Accountancy	0	0
Bank charges	0	0
Canteen & refreshments	1,107	1,288
Payment against designated donations	8,173	615
Toddler group expenses	135	70
Building fund expenditure	0	0
Other	506	637
	(50,983)	
<b>Total expenses</b>	995	39,359
<b>Net surplus/(deficit)</b>		
Cash & bank balances	14,622	13,627

The financial statement was approved by the board of trustees on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Signed 

Print Name: DAVID ROBEY

Chairman of Trustees

Date 10/01/26

**Congleton Pentecostal Church**  
**Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/24– 31/3/25**

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**3. Financial Review** The charity has remained financially solvent during this financial year (See accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025).

The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

### **Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:**

World of Worth - £1950  
Carmel Assembly & Colin Mitchell (Israel) - £1056  
David Taylor & Oasis of Hope Foundation (Colombia) - £720  
Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £50  
Open Doors - £160  
Gathehu School - £1040.5  
TOTAL - £4,976.5

### **4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### **5. Public benefit statement**

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

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**Visiting speakers during this period have been:**

Pastor Kingsley Jones,  
David Robey  
Benjamin Sealey  
Rafael Saraceni  
Martin Salter  
Fiona Earnest (A.E.M.)

**7. A Period of Transition** The church appointed a new Pastor in February (David Robey) Andrew continued to be employed until then end of February, when he retired

## **8. Health and Safety**

The Church Health and Safety Officer is Glenys Somayajula.

The Church fire safety Co-ordinator is David Robey. In case of fire, the fire safety co-ordinator, members of the Church Council and/or others with leadership responsibility at the time of evacuation will act as fire marshals.

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The Church has a Safeguarding policy which is in line with "Thirty one eight" guidelines. Our safeguarding officer is Karen Calvert, and deputy is David Robey

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# Accounts

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# Congleton Pentecostal Church

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Israel (relief for those affected by the Hamas attack) - £600

Focus on Israel - £190

David Taylor & Oasis of Hope Foundation (Colombia) - £840

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £50

Open Doors - £75

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £130

CSW - £170

Gathehu School - £600

**TOTAL - £4,697**

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**7. A Period of Transition** This year the Church Council began the process of appointing a new Pastor to take over from Andrew when he retires. Members were given opportunity to give their input regarding what gifts and qualities they felt were important in the new Pastor. March 2024 was a month of prayer for God's guidance and the position was advertised both locally and internationally with a view to making an appointment in 2024.

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**CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024**

	<b>2024</b>		<b>2023</b>	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		18,510		15,159
Service collections Gift Aided		16,133		9,768
Missionary Offerings		2,514		1,256
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		2,690		2,392
Tax reclaimed		4,704		7,427
Designated donations		550		3,230
Other donations		65		1,659
Toddler group		520		382
Other grants		0		0
Interest		108		38
Other		1841		615
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Total income		47,635		41,926
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	4,697		5,076	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	<hr/> 190		<hr/> 550	
		(4,887)		(5,626)
Payroll	24,101		22,022	
Club costs	822		914	
Rates, water, light & heat	5,455		4,663	
Insurance	1,069		1,429	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	1,680		872	
cleaning	144		75	
Printing, postage & stationery	260		115	
Advertising	122		0	
Office costs computer and phone	882		775	
Hire of equipment	1343		993	
Motor expenses	872		764	
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Accountancy	0		0	
Bank charges	0		22	
Canteen & refreshments	1288		1330	
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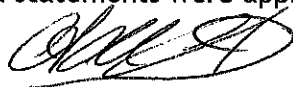
Toddler group expenses	70		9
Building fund expenditure	0		0
Other	<u>637</u>		<u>878</u>
Total expenses		(39,359)	(44,740)
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>3,388</u>	<u>(8,440)</u>
Cash & bank balances		13,626	10,499

Statement of Financial Position  
At 31 March 2024

	2024 £	2023 £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>		
Tangible Assets	369,625	369,625
Investments	0	0
	369,625	369,625
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	13,626	10,499
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	(244)	(457)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>13,382</b>	<b>9,952</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>383,007</b>	<b>379,577</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>383,007</b>	<b>379,577</b>

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

Signed:



Print Name: A.M. CALVERT

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 23/12/24

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Independent Examiner Rachel David  
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16<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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**6. Activities** This year has continued to be a period of transition in which we have

gradually moved away from Zoom to more normal services at the church premises. In addition to the Sunday morning services at the church, in April we started having Sunday

evening services in the church once a month. Zoom continued to be useful, particularly for some of the evening meetings in which we have had speakers such as Carol and Ginny from C.A.M. and Roy Leeming, who would not have been able to visit the church in person.

However, after a long period of social distancing, the majority of people were very happy to be able to be back in the church building and enjoying fellowship in person.

In June we restarted the Lighthouse children's club. There is just a small number coming to Lighthouse, mostly church children but it's been a good time of getting to know the children better.

In July Lucy had the vision to start Diversity Connect - giving help and support to people from overseas who relocate to Congleton. Two weeks later Rebicca joined us and then Veronica and their families and they were the first that Lucy was able to help and support and on New Year's day we had a meal with them and others from overseas which was a great celebration.

Sharing a meal together can be a great way of getting to know each other and also a good opportunity to invite friends. The Easter breakfast and Harvest lunch were both particularly enjoyed and appreciated. A new initiative that we started in October 2022 is Nourish – food for body and soul, which takes place on the third Friday of each month. Nourish is an afternoon tea prepared by Laura and Mary and a team of volunteers, with a thought for the day halfway through. This has provided a great opportunity to invite friends and share the gospel in a relaxed atmosphere and there's been about 30 people each time we have gathered together.

Other highlights of the year have been: the Evening of Prayer for the persecuted church, Christmas Cracker, Carols by Candlelight with Rode Hall Silver Band, the Spring, Summer and Autumn Fairs, the Way course and baptismal service.

**7. Reaching out to the community** This year, as we gradually came out of the COVID restrictions, the pastor has started to visit local schools again to lead acts of worship and he has also started visiting Clayton Manor Care Home to lead Songs of Praise services assisted by Eileen Ecclestone.

**8. A Period of transition** — At the AGM the pastor spoke about us being in a period of transition and he compared the church with the children of Israel on their journey to the promised land. He quoted 1 Samuel 7.12 "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us". God has been with us every step of the way so far and He has provided for our financial needs and also the personnel, with the giftings and abilities needed at each stage of the journey; so, we will continue to trust Him for the future.

The Pastor feels that he will soon be ready to hand on the baton and so the future leadership of the church has been high on the agenda in Church Council meetings and will continue to be over the coming months.

## **9. Health and Safety**

The Church Health and Safety Officer is Glenys Somayajula.

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## 11. Thank You

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Young People's Trust who donated £250 towards the costs of Christmas Cracker. We are also very thankful for the ongoing support of the Congleton Inclosure Trust and Congleton Town Trust who donated £1,980 and £500 respectively towards the cost of the new carpet in the entrance lounge.

Finally, thank you to everyone who during this year has given generously either financially or with their time and talents. Thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1051793

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended  
31 March 2023 for  
Congleton Pentecostal Church

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My examination was carried out in accordance with the general Directions given by the Charity Commission. 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 next statement.

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**CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023**

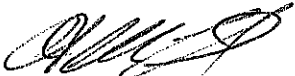
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	£	£	£	£
Service collections		15,159		11,258
Service collections Gift Aided		9,768		17,833
Missionary Offerings		1,256		6,500
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		2,392		2,931
Tax reclaimed		7,427		2,282
Designated donations		3,230		6,250
Other donations		1,659		1,709
Toddler group		382		336
Other grants		0		0
Interest		38		
Other		615		268
<b>Total income</b>		<b>41,926</b>		<b>49,417</b>
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	5,076		6,236	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	550		3,020	
		(5,626)		(9,256)
Payroll	22,022		20,896	
Club costs	914		588	
Rates, water, light & heat	4,663		4,190	
Insurance	1,429		1,318	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	872		2,989	
cleaning	75		149	
Printing, postage & stationery	115		171	
Advertising	0		0	
Office costs computer and phone	775		826	
Hire of equipment	993		1,015	
Motor expenses	764		0	
Legal & professional	0		0	
Accountancy	0		0	
Bank charges	22		22	
Canteen & refreshments	1330		350	
Payment against designated donations	9880		300	
Toddler group expenses	9		138	

Building fund expenditure	0	0
Other	<u>878</u>	<u>669</u>
Total expenses	(44,740)	(33,591)
Net surplus/(deficit)	<u>(8,440)</u>	<u>(6,570)</u>
Cash & bank balances	10,499	19,455

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At 31 March 2023

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Tangible Assets	369,625	369,625
Investments	0	0
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CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	10,499	19,455
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(547)	(966)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	9,952	18,489
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	379,577	388,114
NET ASSETS	379,577	388,114

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

Signed: 

Print Name: A.M. CALVERT

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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Date: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**

England & Wales - Charity number 1051793

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# Accounts

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**Congleton Pentecostal Church**  
**Annual Report for the financial year 1/4/21– 31/3/22**

**Mission Statement**

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Jesus said to His disciples: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid...” Our vision is to be like a city set on a hill, shining the light and love of Jesus for all to see.

Our aim is to do this, not by staying within the four walls of a building, but by reaching out to the community around us and to a world in need.

**1. Reference and administrative details of the charity, its trustees and advisers**

**Charity name:** Congleton Pentecostal Church.

**Additional Working Names:** Carmel Pentecostal Church, Cross Street Church, Cross Street Pentecostal Church

**Charity registration number:** 1051793.

**Principle address of the charity:** Cross Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1HQ.

**Names of the charity’s trustees on the date the report was approved:**

Rev. Andrew Calvert (Chairman)), Miss Alison Bond (treasurer), Mrs Karen Calvert (Secretary), Mr. Paul Bayley and Mr Gareth Lewis.

**Name of any other person who served as a trustee in the financial year in question:**

**2. Structure, governance and management**

The Charity’s governing document is a Constitution and trust deed adopted on 10<sup>th</sup> April 2006 as amended by resolutions 4<sup>th</sup> December 2007 and 7<sup>th</sup> September and by Deed of Variation dated 7<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

The management and control of the Church and its property and funds is vested in the Church Council. The Church Council consists of the Senior Minister and any other ministers of the Church together with such persons as the Church Council may from time to time appoint or elect. The minimum number of members of the Church Council is three.

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

**3. Financial Review** The charity has remained financially solvent during this financial year (See accounts for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022).

The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

### Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:

World of Worth - £1,856

Carmel Assembly (Israel) - £350

David Taylor (Colombia) - £60

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £420

Open Doors - £110

Focus on Israel - £50

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £150

African Enterprise - £200

CSW - £150

Ukraine - £900

Congleton Bible Week - £100

Gathehu School - £1,890

**TOTAL - £6,236**

Plus £2,600 donated to Solomon (the student in Gathehu, Kenya)

### 4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### 5. Public benefit statement

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

**6. Activities** This year has been a period of transition in which we have gradually moved from pre-recorded online services, to socially distanced services at the church without singing and then gradually to more normal services. The Zoom Bible studies and Sunday evening meetings have been a great help for some but others much prefer to actually meet in person and have enjoyed being back in the church building. The Wednesday afternoon prayer meeting was the first mid-week activity to restart after the pandemic in May 2021 followed by the Toddler Group in June 2021. Singing was gradually reintroduced starting with the Toddler Group and then on Sundays and by Christmas, even though the church capacity was limited due to social distancing, we were able to enjoy singing carols, one of the highlights being the Carols by Candlelight with the Rode Hall Silver Band. In April 2021 we began livestreaming our Sunday morning services which was of great benefit to those who needed to self-isolate and it also meant that others further afield have been able to join in online. This year we have been able to enjoy some other activities such as the Autumn and Spring Fairs, Health and wellbeing day, The Way course and baptismal services. It's been a matter of patiently moving forward and proceeding little by little with caution but with God's help and guidance we are gradually coming through the pandemic and out the other side.

**7. Reaching out to the community** This year due to the COVID pandemic the pastor has not visited any schools or care homes but he has continued to produce online acts of worship which have been used by at least six local schools and online Songs of Praise services which have been enjoyed by the care homes that he usually visits as well as others. In December he took carol services at Overton House (West Street Day Service for adults) and Clayton Manor Care Home and he plans to gradually start visiting local schools again to lead acts of worship.

## **8. Health and Safety**

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## 10. A period of transition

In January the Pastor spoke about us entering a period of transition. On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 it was 35 years since he became Assistant Pastor of the church and he now feels that he is entering the final stage of his ministry as the Pastor. Over the next two years his emphasis will be more on training and equipping so that he can hand over some responsibilities to other people with a view to creating a role that could be filled by a new Pastor.

## 11. Thank You

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Young People's Trust who donated £250 towards a new carpet for the entrance lounge. We are also very thankful for an unexpected anonymous donation of £6,000 which has gone partially towards the cost of the carpet and also the new chairs, Ps4's and radio microphones.

A special thank you to Alison Bond who for another year has worked tirelessly behind the scenes hosting Zoom meetings and working out how to operate all the equipment in order to produce services both for those who are able to attend and also for others to watch online.

A special thank you also to Sheila Carlisle for keeping the church clean and Paul who, along with his friend Jack, resurfaced a large section of the car park. Paul has also done a considerable amount of painting and decorating in the church hall.

Thank you to everyone who during this year has given generously either financially or with their time and talents. Thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.

CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2022

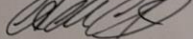
	2022		2021	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		11,258		11,239
Service collections Gift Aided		17,883		16,863
Missionary Offerings		6,500		984
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		2,931		1,736
Tax reclaimed		2,282		5,525
Designated donations		6,250		2,004
Other donations		1,709		810
Toddler group		336		0
Other grants		0		4
Interest		1		0
Other		268		326
<b>Total income</b>		<b>49,417</b>		<b>39,491</b>
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	6,236		3,538	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	3,020		200	
		(9,256)		(3,738)
Payroll	20,896		20,112	
Club costs	588		740	
Rates, water, light & heat	4,190		4,917	
Insurance	1,318		1,299	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	2,989		5,048	
cleaning	149		83	
Printing, postage & stationery	171		388	
Advertising	0		0	
Office costs computer and phone	826		859	
Hire of equipment	1,015		1,015	
Motor expenses	0		0	
Legal & professional	0		0	
Accountancy	0		0	
Bank charges	22		0	
Canteen & refreshments	320		15	
Payment against designated donations	300		3,260	
Toddler group expenses	138		0	

Building fund expenditure	0	0
Other	669	532
Total expenses	(33,591)	(38,268)
Net surplus/(deficit)	(6,570)	(2,515)
Cash & bank balances	19,455	12,112

Statement of Financial Position  
At 31 March 2022

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Investments	0	0
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<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	19,455	12,112
<b>CREDITORS</b>		
Amounts falling due within one year	(966)	(223)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)</b>	18,489	11,889
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	388,114	381,514
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	388,114	381,514

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Signed:   
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Date: 30/11/22

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The charity's reserves policy is: The charity aims to hold reserves of between three months and two years of its annual expenditure.

### **Donations made to other charities and missionaries during this financial year:**

World of Worth - £2,110

Carmel Assembly (Israel) - £475

David Taylor & Colombia Child Care- £240

Central Africa Missions (C.A.M.) - £25

Open Doors - £150

Barnabas Fund - £140

Focus on Israel - £100

Albanian Evangelical Mission - £100

African Enterprise - £100

Catherine Young - £100

Philo Trust - £97.50

**TOTAL - £3,637.50**

### **4. Funds held as custodian trustees on behalf of others**

The Charity does not hold any funds as custodian trustee on behalf of others.

### **5. Public benefit statement**

In compliance with their duty as charity trustees the Church Council, in exercising their powers and duties, have shown due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the Charity Commission.

**6. Activities** This year the church's normal activities have been curtailed due to the COVID pandemic. Apart from a few weeks leading up to Christmas when we were able to have Sunday morning services, there have been no services or other activities in the church building this year. However, the pastor initially put sermons and Kidz Church songs and stories on YouTube each week and after Christmas with the help of Alison Bond an all-age service was put on YouTube each week.

In addition to this we have had two Zoom meetings each week: Bible study on Thursday evenings and Testimony and prayer meetings on Sunday evenings. As well as our own church members we have also had several visitors share their testimonies: Patrick Mason, Rachel & Andy David, Trevor Baker, Dani Harris, Peter Harris, Ossie Post, Dave & Becca Gibson, Colin Mitchell, Ruth Winterton, Emily Bosworth, David Taylor, David Walters, Ray Machin, Catherine Young, Steve Thomas, Geoff & Doreen Beckingham and Jonathan Hallyburton. These testimony evenings have been a great blessing and encouragement and they have been one of the benefits of meeting online rather than in a building because some of our guests joined us from the other end of the country and overseas.

**7. Reaching out to the community** This year due to the COVID pandemic the pastor has been unable to visit and schools or care homes but he has produced online acts of worship which have been used by at least six local schools and online Songs of Praise services which have been enjoyed by the care homes that he usually visits as well as others.

## **8. Health and Safety**

The Church fire officers in case of fire are Andrew Calvert and Laura Bayley. The procedure for evacuation of the building is outlined at each A.G.M.

The fire and burglar alarms are tested twice a year by Crime Watch Security Systems

Fire extinguishers are checked annually by 3 Counties services

The boilers are serviced annually by Gas Care.

The Church has a level 5 Food Hygiene certificate.

## **9. Legal**

The Church is insured for buildings, contents and public liability with Aviva Insurance via CaSE Insurance.

The Church is covered for copyright on words and music for songs we use through the Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI).

The Church has a Safeguarding policy which is approved by the Churches Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS). Our safeguarding officers are Sarah Bayley and Karen Calvert.

## **10. Another year of change and flexibility**

Last year was a year of change and flexibility due to the building project and this year we have had to be even more flexible and adapt to the new world that we find ourselves in. Up until a few months ago most of us thought that Zoom was an ice lolly but lots of people have risen to the challenge of working out how to use Zoom and share fellowship whilst in our

own homes. Recording sermons and putting them online was a real challenge at first but by doing so we have been able to reach far beyond our church building with the Gospel. We helped Olive Longworth to celebrate her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday by making a video of birthday greetings from her friends at the church and also Mervyn Tilley (Focus on Israel), Simon Barrett (Middle East Report) and Colin Mitchell (Carmel Assembly, Israel). We joined with the other Congleton Bible Week churches to organise probably the best community outreach this year: the Community Drive in Carol Service in the Tesco car park with guest speaker Andy Hawthorne. The event was so well attended that scores of cars had to be turned away. COVID restrictions have meant that only 30 people can attend a funeral service but by livestreaming even people in other countries have been able to watch funeral services. Due to social distancing the capacity of the building is also reduced for Sunday services but we have now had the equipment installed so that we can livestream Sunday morning services which means that people who are sick or on holiday can keep in touch.

## 11. Thank You

We greatly appreciate the ongoing support of Congleton Inclosure Trust who donated £1,704 towards the repairs to the church hall and treatment of the dry rot problem and also Congleton Town Trust for their donation of £300 towards the Holiday at Home Health and Wellbeing day.

Thank you also for the many generous donations made by members and friends of the church. This year we have had the unexpected dry rot problem that occurred during the lockdown when the church was closed for several weeks which has cost approximately £5,000 so far with some work still to be completed. We have also had to buy a camera in order to record services at the cost of just over £500 and the installation of livestreaming equipment cost £750. And yet in spite of these unexpected costs due to people's generosity we have ended the financial year in credit without having to dip into our reserves.

Thank you also to those who have kept in touch with one another through telephone calls and shown acts of kindness to people when they have been struggling either financially or emotionally. Thank you to those who have helped to clean and redecorate the church hall and entrance lounge. Thank you also to those who have preached, prayed, read the scriptures and stories for the children both online and in services in the building.

And a special thank you to Alison Bond who has worked tirelessly behind the scenes in editing and uploading videos and working out how to operate all the equipment in order to produce services both for those who are able to attend and also for others to watch online. We are living in unprecedented times and as the Lord said to Joshua "you have not passed this way before" (Joshua 3.4) but thanks to people using their many and varied God given talents and abilities we continue to be a thriving expression of the body of Christ here in Congleton.

**CONGLETON PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021**

	<b>2021</b>		<b>2020</b>	
	£	£	£	£
Service collections		11,239		9,111
Service collections Gift Aided		16,863		17,741
Patrick		0		
Patrick Gift Aided		0		
Building fund		0		87
Building fund Gift Aided		0		5,191
Missionary Offerings		984		1,761
Missionary Offerings Gift Aided		1,736		3,241
Tax reclaimed		5,525		7,171
Total Youth groups		0		2,121
Joy		0		
Designated donations		2,004		751
Other donations		810		2,311
Toddler group		0		291
Other grants		4		
Interest		0		
Other		326		891
<b>Total income</b>		<b>39,491</b>		<b>78,241</b>
Ministry/Missionary gifts to institutions	3,538		5,987	
Ministry/Missionary gifts to individuals	200		265	
		(3,738)		(6,251)
Payroll	20,112		19,722	
Club costs	740		1,339	
Joy magazine	0		0	
Flowers	0		0	
Evangelism	0		0	
Rates, water, light & heat	4,917		3,589	
Insurance	1,299		1,230	
Repairs, renewals, furniture & fittings	5,048		4,168	
cleaning	83		347	
Printing, postage & stationery	388		953	
Advertising	0		102	
Office costs computer and phone	859		1,063	
Hire of equipment	1,015		1,015	

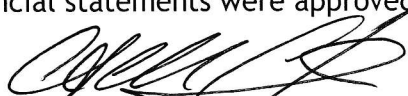
Motor expenses	0		0
Legal & professional	0		0
Accountancy	0		0
Bank charges	0		0
Canteen & refreshments	15		1,770
Payment against designated donations	3,260		853
Toddler group expenses	0		47
Building fund expenditure	0		88,971
Other	532		662
Total expenses		(38,268)	(125,840)
Net surplus/(deficit)		<u>(2,515)</u>	<u>(53,848)</u>
Cash & bank balances		12,112	14,622

Statement of Financial Position  
At 31 March 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	369,625	376,806
Investments	0	0
	369,625	376,806
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	0	0
Cash at bank & in hand	12,112	14,622
CREDITORS		
Amounts falling due within one year	(223)	(264)
NET CURRENT ASSETS/(LIABILITIES)	11,889	14,358
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	381,514	391,164
NET ASSETS	381,514	391,164

The financial statements were approved by the board of Trustees on

Signed:



Print Name: A.M. CALVERT

Chairman of Trustees

Date: 12/11/2021

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1051793

Report of the Trustees and  
Financial Statement for the Year Ended  
31 March 2021 for  
Congleton Pentecostal Church

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## **Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Congleton Pentecostal Church**

I report on the accounts of Congleton Pentecostal Church for the year ended 31 March 2021, which are set out on page 1.

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's 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(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed. It is my responsibility to:

-Examine the accounts under section 145 of the 2011 Act and to follow the procedures laid down in the general Directions given by the commission under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act  
- 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 Commission. 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 next statement.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

(1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements: - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act and o to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act have not been met or

(2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached

*Rachel David*

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10<sup>th</sup> November 2021

