

WEAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1052523

Details

Other names	ASSEMBLY OF GOD BISHOP AUCKLAND (PENTECOSTAL CHURCH)
Status	Registered
Legal form	Other
Registered	1996-02-03
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: I) 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 BY THE CHURCH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF PURPOSE, VISION, VALUES AND BELIEFS. II) SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES AS SHALL FURTHER THE ATTAINMENT OF THE ABOVE OBJECT OF THE CHURCH OR ANY OF THEM. III) THE FURTHERANCE OF THE OTHER CHARITABLE WORK OF THE CHURCH CONSISTENTLY WITH THE STATEMENT.

Activities: Religious Activities. Corporate gatherings for Worship, Prayer, Ministry. Associated activities covering: Mother and Toddler group, Primary and Secondary schools work, Children's work, Holiday club, Missionary support, Community Activities.

Classification

- **How:** Other Charitable Activities
- **What:** Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE WEAR VALLEY
- Brazil
- China
- Congo
- Kenya
- Spain
- Durham

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£54,991	£57,463	-	-
2023-12-31	£51,479	£55,665	-	-
2022-12-31	£70,524	£51,063	-	-
2021-12-31	£43,870	£46,969	-	-
2020-12-31	£43,746	£52,924	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Rev Masai Kahindi	Chair	2017-11-01
BOB WOODS		
DAVID ROBSON		
Karen Elizabeth Kahindi		2023-12-18
Paul Anthony Johnson		2023-12-18

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Wear Valley Christian Centre

**Annual General Meeting
19th February 2025**

Reports

2025 He who promised is faithful

Please Note:

The Charity Commission report, as per guidance, will only include the following:

- **Administrator's report**
- **Pastor's report, as Chairman**
- **Treasurer's report and the Independent Examiner's Report**

2025 Reports

ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Woods

Partners

We welcomed Peter Rudd, Tony Fittes, Tim Cole, John & Charlene, Dominic, Agmadalo & Beracha Umoro into partnership. Sadly, Tony Fittes decided not to retain partnership:

1 st February	2024	2025
Active members	33	40
Emeritus (Those housebound)	4	4

Church Leadership/Management

During 2024

Church Council: Met 4 times during the year, along with a sub-committee to discuss salaries.

Leaders Group: Met twice, with Cliff Henderson providing input and encouragement at the October session.

Eldership Group: Met formally 5 times along with informal get togethers.

Land Holding Trustees

There was no change to the 4 Land Holding Trustees, one above the minimum requirement.

Internet

As in previous years our website, YouTube, and Facebook accounts continue to be updated and provide useful contact resources.

- **YouTube:** Our Sunday service has been live streamed using this platform with an edited version held for later viewing.
- **Facebook:** Links to our recorded service have been posted.
- **Website:** Has proved valuable with some new folk finding our website, making contact, and now attending.

Estates

Routine Maintenance

- Fire alarms and extinguishers, and main boilers have again been tested and serviced.
- In-house minor works have been completed, alarms tested, central heating set. The 5 yearly PAT testing was undertaken. Many thanks to those involved.

Drains

These were inspected, and the issue with periodic blocking seems to be with the length of the drain and the relatively low drop in fall. It is considered too expensive, and the amount of work involved to re-route the drains prohibitive. Suggested to try to increase flushing and regular monitoring. Periodic clearing has still been required. Thanks to Andrew Britton and David Robson for covering this.

Keyboard

This was a major purchase during 2024

Kitchen replacement

During 2024 we received a specialist report on what needs to be considered when updating the kitchen.

2025 has already seen us make contact with kitchen planners, so we can take this forward and provide a modern and appropriate facility. This will be a major financial investment

Once this work is complete it will be an opportunity to seek a food hygiene rating.

Other considerations

The minor hall requires decorating. This will be considered alongside kitchen decoration

The projector is also an item that may require replacing.

The Computer Café laptops are now 10 years old and are becoming unusable. Requirement for these has diminished. We are looking to dispose of these.

Networks

2024 saw us formally join the 'Churches In the Community (CIC)' network. The links, contacts and zoom meetings have been encouraging. We are hoping to have a visit, and ministry, from one of the CIC leaders during 2025.

Hill Benson is already accredited as a member of CIC, being a chaplain. Now WVCC has joined CIC, we have agreed to bring Hill under our membership.

WVCC is part of Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches (BAFCC)

Missions

We have continued to support various overseas missions work both financially and prayerfully. These are detailed in the full report below by our Missions Secretary, David Potts. In response to good practise, noted by the Charity Commission, we introduced a simple contract to cover our financial support. For 2025 this will be used for all financial support.

Locally

As well as our primary objective of meeting as a church fellowship, we have been involved with the community through:

- Hire of the building, mostly by Slimming World.
- We supported the foodbank at Woodhouse Close Community Church with our harvest donations. Also financially with gifts at Harvest (£85) and Christmas (£195).
- Each Thursday morning the church has been open as a 'drop-in' centre providing friendship, wi-fi, computer help, and refreshments.
- The Bible Times Exhibition was well supported again with over 200 children attending, from infants to Year 7 pupils. King James Academy once again brought all their year 7 children.
- We had opportunity to share our faith and answer questions to all year 7 pupils at Barrington School.
- We held an evening of Christmas Carol Singing at Runnymede Court; a sheltered housing complex
- Financial donations (£170) were received for Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.

Finances

The full report is included below.

We are grateful to Karen for taking on the treasurer's role over the last five years. For a while now Karen has wanted to hand this over. She will continue until the end of June 2025.

TREASURER

Report written by Karen Kahindi & Bob Woods
Based on reports from Henniker & Co. Accountants, Spennymoor

		2023	2024	Change
Receipts				
Offerings		46,383	42,425	-3,959
Hire		3,620	3,520	-100
Interest earned		391	5,427	5,037
Gift Aid		1,085	3,619	2,534
Total Receipts		51,479	54,991	3,512
Payments				
Employees		31,357	31,860	503
Employees expenses		248	256	8
Accountancy		1,452	1,452	0
Pension Admin costs		2,253	2,301	48
Bank charges		179	163	-17
General and Administration		1,924	1,695	-229
Housekeeping		400	903	503
Premises		7,498	7,880	382
Miscellaneous		220	85	-135
Subscriptions and memberships			1,097	1097
Insurance		1,521	1,595	74
Ministry speaker		1,650	955	-695
Missionary support		6,157	3,795	-2,362
Donations and Gifts		265	1,070	805
Computer equip additions Fixed assets		459	1,999	1,540
Hospitality and events		473	358	-115
Total Payments		56,056	57,463	1,407
Surplus/Deficit (-) for year		-4,577	-2,472	2,105
WVCC- Reserves				
Balance brought forward 1 January		72,781	118,204	
Add: Surplus for the year		-4,577	-2,472	
Interest from Savings			2,755	
Interest from Kingdom Bank Savings			2672	
Transfer from 51581392		85,000		
Transfers to kingdom savings		-35,000	-50,000	
Total Funds at Bank-31 December		118,204	60,305	
As at 31st December 2024				
Balance at bank		118,204.29	60,305.14	
Savings		47,080.48	49,835.68	
Kingdom Bank		35,390.93	88,063.17	
Quilter Cheviot (15th Jan 2025)		113,494	123,257	9763
Total Charity Funds		314,169	321,461	7,291

Notes on the finance report

Overview

- Minor adjustment to 2023 funds by accountants
 - Missionary support reduced by £69
 - Computer equipment not previously shown of £459
 - Balance carried forward to match bank account
- Our day to day running costs show a deficit of £7899.
- With savings interest, the accounts show a deficit of £2474.
- Finances were closely monitored and discussed throughout the year.
- With the high level of reserves, no major actions were taken.
- With interest on savings and Quilter Cheviott investment, the overall Charity Funds show a small surplus. However the investments in Quilter Cheviot are prone to market changes.
- 2025 commitments
 - Increase in salaries
 - Expenditure on assets / buildings, notably the kitchen upgrade.
 - Kingdom Bank interest to be spent on Missionary work/projects

Historic Ring-fenced monies

Computer Café:

Through discussion with Lloyds bank, the ring-fenced Computer Café money has been released. They are happy with how the Café has moved to a Warm Space and Drop-in, with the money supporting this.

Encounter: £922

Hire

2024 continued to see income supplemented through hire of our facilities, mainly by Slimming World on a weekly basis.

Reserves

As part of safeguarding our reserves we moved money from the sale of PCC to a savings account with Kingdom Bank. This is gaining interest. We have agreed that this interest should be used for missionary work, and probably one-off projects/emergency needs. In 2024 part of this helped with the items below.

- A CIC pastor in Jamaica whose house was devastated in the hurricane: £390
- Provision of 80 chairs for a fellowship Shadrack Nyota, in Kenya, is involved with. £250 was given.

The remainder (£2060) is designated to support issues as they arise throughout the year.

We are thankful for the faithful support given throughout 2024.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wear Valley Christian Centre

This report is on the accounts for Wear Valley Christian Centre (charity number 1052523) for the year ended 31st December 2024. The accounts are set out on the accompanying document.

Respective Responsibilities of Trustees and Examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, which have been completed on a *Receipts and Payments* basis, as allowed by The Charities Act 2011. The gross income of the charity does not exceed the figure at which, under The Act, a full audit would be required. In this case it is only an independent examination which is required.

Accordingly, my examination has included a review of the accounting records of the charity, and a comparison of those records with the evidence presented - (receipts and invoices: all of which were made available to me) – but does not make a determination that they present a "true and fair view", as to do so would, in law, require a full audit.

I have acted as treasurer for the Civil Service Sports & Social Club at my workplace, and for my local church for a period of four years up to 2017 and, within the meaning of The Act, am a competent person to conduct this independent examination.

Independent Examiner's Statement

Having examined the accounts, and evidence available, I am satisfied that there is no reasonable cause to believe that, in any material respect, the accounts have been prepared other than in accord with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011

Nor, in my opinion, is there any matter within the accounts to which attention would need to be drawn.

Personal Details of the Independent Examiner

Name:	Hill Benson
Employment:	Prison Chaplain
Address:	19 Langley Grove Bishop Auckland Co Durham DL14 6UJ
Date:	13 th May 2024

PASTOR Masai Kahindi

What a joy it is, serving such a loving and caring congregation as your Pastor. Karen and I are so grateful to be here with you at Wear Valley Christian Centre.

We are thankful too for your prayers and for all you do in the spirit of Christian love. We serve a gracious God and He will lead us toward another successful year.

In Matthew 16:18 Jesus once said, I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And in Acts, we see the formation of that promised church.

- It was a crazy time. Tongues of fire descended on people, people were healed, there were brushes with the law, people died, there were fights and disagreements and there were missionary journeys.
- It was a messy but beautiful time, an uncertain but exciting time, a dangerous time but a fruitful time. And as you finish the book of Acts, you can't help but notice one thing: Nothing is able to stop the Church as it moves forward in fresh faith and biblical truth which encourages me to know that there is hope for us in 2025, as we continue to trust in the Lord with unwavering faith. Every year we take time to review and celebrate what God has done through the life and ministry of our congregation.

We also discern how God is leading us and what God is calling us to in the coming year. Slowly and steadily, we have seen God do several wonderful things among us here at Wear Valley Christian Centre, and undoubtedly God has much more in store for us.

Thank you all for being an amazing congregation. Willing to step in where we needed help and in ministering to one another as a Body of Christ. Thank you for being amazing people, amazing leaders, amazing servants of God. Thank you for your generosity, your leadership, your encouragement, and your unwavering commitment to loving God by caring for and serving others.

What a year we experienced together here at Wear Valley Christian Centre. Even though it may not have been in the time and the way that we may have expected, in 2024, God gave us reasons to celebrate, moments to reflect, and opportunities to grow.

We could use many terms to describe the past 12 months, but 2024 is most appropriately defined by two thoughts: progress, and increase, even though slowly but steady.

We have seen new people come and fellowship with us every Sunday. More kids have joined our kids church, which really, has been an answer to prayer for us after seeing several families move away. It has been encouraging especially, to see our young people beginning to be confident and to feel free to take part in our main Sunday service. As our lives and calendars have turned, we remind ourselves that God's steadfast and faithful love has remained constant.

We are also confident that regardless of what this new year may bring, His promises will never fail, and His mercies will remain new every morning.

Progress

- After many years of praying, and seeking God's guidance and leading on which church denomination, or association we should affiliate ourselves with as a fellowship, a decision that as leadership, we took very seriously, at last we came to a final conclusion that, we join Churches in Community International (CiC) which was a real answer to prayer for us. And since then, we feel at peace being part of a big family of God.

- Again, we thank God for our worship team, which has been doing a tremendous job during our Sunday services. Some time ago however, they expressed to me that they would love to have a worship leader. We tried many ways to secure someone to help us in this, but surely God's ways are not our ways and Tim Cole recently came to join the team, which has really been a great blessing.
- Our Bible studies on Wednesdays has been great in illuminating the Word of God to us and challenging us to not only know the Word, but to also create a desire in our hearts to draw us closer to Him more than ever before. The series on the book of Romans proved to be insightful and challenging and we look forward for what we will learn in 2025.
- The decision to keep running our warm space has proved to be very beneficial to our fellowship in many ways. We have been able to not only fellowship with each other every Thursday in a relaxed small group setting, but also to meet new people who were able to just walk in to enquire what is going on in the church, giving us the opportunity to chat, share about the church and sometimes be able to help practically.
- Our Men's ministry was a great way of challenging each other in the things of God and bringing us as men together. I believe this year God has great things for us as we spend time fellowshiping together and inspiring one another into Godliness.
- Likewise, our Women's ministry was a great opportunity for the ladies in the church to grow together in the Lord by looking into the Word of God in smaller groups, doing things together and getting to know each other better, not just meeting during Sunday services.
- Our Evangelism team worked tirelessly in prayer and physically going out sharing the Gospel with people, and we thank God for their zeal and commitment to this vital ministry. Our prayer is that our Evangelism team will see great breakthroughs and fruit in 2025.
- In August 2024, I went to Kenya for one month to prepare for Pastors Conference that will take place on the last week of November 2025. I am planning to take an outreach team from here along with some pastor friends, from other churches with us. We are looking forward to a great time of teaching men and women of God who are hungry for the Word. And as Paul rightly put it in 2 Timothy 2:2, our desire for those we will be teaching there is that, the things which they will hear from us, they will entrust them to faithful people who will be able to teach others also.

Increase.

- In Hebrews 10:23, the writer to the Hebrews says, "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess for he who promised is faithful." God honoured the diligent efforts of the Wear Valley Christian Centre family in 2024. We saw new people attending weekly at our services each Sunday morning. We saw an increase in the spiritual hunger of the church as well. Worship experiences were life-giving, exciting, and challenging.
- Thank you for being people of prayer, for believing in the Miracle Worker and for expecting God to move in our midst. The best news is that we saw an increase in the number of people who were added as partners. You are a vital part of the Wear Valley Christian Centre family!

In Mark 16:15, Jesus told us to "Go into all the world and preach the Good News to everyone." In our pursuit of that mission, we know that strategic days of ministry await us in 2025.

Thank you for your passionate commitment to share the love, joy, and peace of Jesus Christ with the least, the last, and the lost. Most of all, thanks be to God for His faithfulness and provision.

The purpose of Wear Valley Christian Centre remains to please God, and we believe that our best days are yet to come!

To God be the glory.

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Annual General Meeting 14th February 2024

Reports

2024 A Church believing for Great Things

Agenda

- Welcome: Pastor Masai
- Minutes AGM 2023
- Matters Arising
- Submitted Questions
- Reports:
 - Administrator
 - Treasurer
 - Missions
 - Ladies Meeting
 - Men's Meeting
 - Kids Church
 - Evangelism
 - Pastor
- Close: Pastor Masai

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ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Woods

2023 saw us fully open as a church with a full year's programme of events. We also kept in touch with a weekly newsletter, and for those unable to attend our main Sunday service, this was streamed live on youtube. The message of the service being available later for watching, and advertised on our Facebook group.

Partners

We welcomed Paula Constable into partnership resulting in:

1 st February	2023	2024
Active members	32	33
Emeritus (Those housebound)	4	4

Church Structure/Management

Following last year's discussion, steps were taken to develop an overall management of the fellowship through: Church Council, Leaders Group, and Eldership.

Church Council: 2023 Pastor Masai Kahindi, David Robson, Bob Woods with Karen Kahindi & Paul Johnson joining Dec 2023

During 2023 we met formally 11 times through the year. It has taken some time to seek out individuals who are suitable and happy to join the group, which included becoming a Trustee of the charity. We are thankful to Karen Kahindi and Paul Johnson taking on this role in December, and joined the meeting January 2024.

Leaders Group: Pastor Masai, David Robson, Bob Woods, and departmental leaders.

Planning to meet twice a year, we met in February and planned another in October. However this had to be deferred. A meeting is scheduled for February 2024 with another in October

Eldership Group: Pastor Masai Kahindi, David Robson, Bob Woods:

Will be meeting regularly throughout 2024

Land Holding Trustees

No change to the 4 Land Holding Trustees, one above the minimum requirement.

Governing Document

A minor change in 2023 was made to allow the Church Council to meet, if required, via video conferencing.

Internet

The website, YouTube, and Facebook accounts continue to be updated and provide useful contact resources.

In particular

- **YouTube:** Our Sunday service has been live streamed using this platform with an edited version held for later viewing.
- **Facebook:** Links to our recorded service have been posted. Also events have been advertised online
- **Website:** Has proved valuable with some new folk finding our website, making contact, and now attending.

Estates

- Fire alarms and extinguishers, and main boilers have again been tested and serviced.
- Once again thanks to Andrew Britton who continues to cover various minor works and ensures the alarm system is frequently tested. Also to Adrian Scott who looks after the central heating settings.
- Various maintenance was carried out in 2023 including Central heating service repairs, and guttering being cleared.
- Drains: These regularly require clearing, with thanks to Andrew Britton and David Robson. We are having the drains reviewed to see if there is anything that can be done to resolve this problem, other than re-routing.
- 2024 will see us replace the Keyboard, which will be a major financial item. Discussions have also commenced concerning the Kitchen and decorating. The projector is also an item that may require replacing.

Hire

Regular hire of the building continues on a Tuesday with Slimming World. group ceased.

Network

As reported to our Partners after much searching, meetings, and prayer 'Churches In the Community' (CIC) was considered a suitable network to join. CIC providing accountability and representation whilst the fellowship remained autonomous and independent. With the decision being fairly late in the year, completing submission documents, and providing various other evidential documents the process has taken a little longer than expected. We are now in the position of waiting for Pastor Masai to hold an application interview.

Missions

We have continued to support various overseas missions work both financially and prayerfully. These are detailed below by our Missions Secretary, David Potts.

In 2023 we also supported Christmas Child Shoebox appeal, run by Samaritans Purse, through donations totalling £200.

Locally

We have been involved with the community through:

- Hire of the building by Slimming World.
- Our harvest collection supported the foodbank at Woodhouse Close Community Church, financial gifts went to the 'Feeding Families' charity.
- Financial donations were received for Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.
- Each Thursday morning the church has been open as a drop-in centre providing friendship, wi-fi, computer access, and refreshments. The need for computer provision is minimal.
- The Bible Times Exhibition was held with over 200 children attending
- King James Academy School brought all their year 7 pupils, in three groups, to the church to ask questions and explore our beliefs.
- We held an evening of Christmas Carol Singing at Runnymede Court; a sheltered housing complex

Bank Accounts

As previously discussed, to ensure our monies are protected (banks are only liable for £85000) we were looking to open a savings account to move some of the money from the sale of PCC, out of our HSBC account.

During 2023 we opened a savings account with Kingdom Bank, this is also gaining interest.

TREASURER

Report written by Karen Kahindi & Bob Woods
Based on reports from Smith & Co Accountants, Spennymoor

		2022	2023	Change
Receipts				
Offerings		45,688	46,383	695
Hire		5,025	3,620	-1,405
Interest earned			391	391
Donations				0
Gift Aid		4,053	1,085	-2,968
Insurance claim		15,758		-15,758
		70,524	51,479	-19,045
Payments				
Employees		30,396	31,357	961
Employees expenses		248	248	0
Accountancy		1,452	1,452	0
Pension Admin costs		2,231	2,253	22
Bank charges		164	179	15
General and Administration		1,585	1,924	339
Housekeeping		600	400	-200
Premises		6,218	7,498	1,279
Raising funds		119		-119
Miscellaneous			220	220
Insurance		1,484	1,521	37
Ministry		657	1,650	993
Missionary support		5,250	6,226	976
Donations and Gifts			265	265
Website		71		-71
Hospitality and events		588	473	-115
		51,063	55,665	4,602
Surplus/Deficit(-) for year		19,461	-4,186	-23,647
WVCC- Reserves				
Balance b/fwd 1 January		53,320	72,781	
Add:-Suplus for the year		19,461	-4,186	
Total Funds at Bank-31 December		72,781	68,595	
Charity Funds				
Kingdom Bank			35,390	
HSBC PCC Sale Balance		132,080	47,080	
HSBC WVCC		72,781	118,204	
Quilter Cheviot (15th Jan 2023)		107,756	113,494	5,738
Total Charity Funds		312,617	314,168	1,551

Notes on the finance report

Overview

- Our running costs showed a deficit of £4186.
- Finances were closely monitored and discussed throughout the year.
- With the high level of reserves, no major actions were taken.
- With interest/investment increases the overall Charity Funds show a small surplus. However the investments in Quilter Cheviot are prone to market changes.
- 2024 will see extra expenditure on assets / building. Also we anticipate drawing down on the ring-fenced monies.

Ring fenced monies

We still have ring fenced money, included in the current account. We acknowledge that this has been unspent for a number of years. There are on-going discussions to address this in 2024

Encounter: £922

Computer Café: £1500.

Gift Aid

Extra Gift aid will be paid after the year end. So will be in line with previous years.

Hire

2023 saw a full year's loss of hire due to the Monday session of Slimming World being cancelled.

Bank Accounts

2023 saw the opening of a savings account in Kingdom Bank

There are still monies to be transferred across into this. We are limited to the amount we could transfer per transaction.

We are thankful for the faithful support given throughout 2023.

PASTOR Masai Kahindi

Wow! It is hard to believe another year has come and gone. But what a joy it is to sit and reflect on the many ways God has blessed the life and ministry of Wear Valley Christian Centre (WVCC). Together, we are on a journey of sharing God's love with all people just the way we are, and what a brilliant glorious, enlightening journey it is as we are challenged, to learn from one another, meet new friends along the way and catch a glimpse of the Divine One in our midst. I am ever grateful for the past six years of journeying with you as we encounter our living God in new and unexpected ways together here at WVCC.

Brethren, God has been good to us and we have every reason to thank him. 2023 was a year that we saw our children's work start to build up again after a long time of very low numbers of children coming to our church. It was also great to see people from our own church volunteering to help with that work after a long time of searching for a church youth worker in different places with no success. And today, through the dedication of our own people in the church who are doing exemplary job with our children, we have a good number of children in every Sunday service. We also celebrate the fact that in 2023 we had a number of new people who came into our town, some from other countries and joined us, and each of us can attest to the fact that they have added value into our congregation. This was the year that we were also privileged to take a mission team out to Kenya for the first time since I came to be a Pastor here at WVCC in 2017. And so, I would like to thank God for all those who over the last 12 months have served our congregation in a variety of ways.

1). A big thank you first of all to the WVCC leadership group: Bob, & David. These brothers have worked faithfully, often behind the scenes, to facilitate much of the ministry that happens in our congregation. You are a blessing to us brothers and may God's grace and peace continue to be upon you. I would also like to thank our trustees.

2). I am very thankful to our administrator who is also part of our church leadership group for making sure everything is running smoothly in our church and making sure we remain connected through the newsletter.

3). I want to appreciate our missionary secretary for his exemplary work in keeping us updated with what is going on with all our missionaries that we support, and with what is going on in the mission field in general around the world, in spite of his demanding work. David has always been committed to making sure the church is updated on missions 100%.

4). I want to thank our treasurer who makes sure the church finances are looked after.

5). I want to express my sincere gratitude to the very special people that maintain things here in our church and do the cleaning and housekeeping. If anything breaks, or is not working, they are the first ones to notice. They may tend to work alone, but their dedication is absolutely vital to this church. Thank you for making our church what it is.

6). This church cannot be what it is today, without you our partners. Your attendance is vital to the encouragement of your fellow members just as it is vital to the life of your faith that you receive input from God's word regularly. More people present, means more people served. More people present means more opportunities to reach out to our community. More people present means more support of God's work. More people present means more encouragement for one another! And so, you are a vital part of all that. And as a pastor, I feel really blessed to have each one of you in this church.

7). Thank you to the ushers, worship leaders, musicians, those who operate the sound desk, the laptop operators and audio people. Those who help with communion, and everybody else that makes our Sunday morning corporate worship so enjoyable. Thank you too, to Adrian for monitoring our heating and keeping the building warm, to those who give lifts, so others can attend the meetings and those who open their homes for our missionaries and visitors. By God's grace you are helping us all to keep the faith and run our race with joy.

8). I want to thank all of you who are involved in the evangelism team. The team is growing strong and very enthusiastic. And I know as they continue to make prayer their priority, it will be their key to unlock so many people's hearts, because our God only reveals His hearts desires and strategies to His people through prayer.

9). I want to thank you who are leading our Bible studies. It has been refreshing to see all of you exercising your God given gifts and talents as you took us through some of the Books of the Bible making them alive to us.

10). I want to thank those of you who are leading the ladies and the men's meetings, providing the forum for us to come together as ladies and as men, enabling us to know each other more, grow together and be inspired in the things of God.

11). I want to express my sincere gratitude to all those who are involved with the early morning prayer meeting on Saturday. Also those involved with what started as "The warm space," which has now transitioned to "Open Door." To those who plan and organise all the special meals/buffets whenever we have family meetings on Sunday evenings, we love and appreciate you all and I pray God's blessings on you, for all you do for His glory.

Into the future, my prayer is that our Lord will continue to grow us in our love for him and for each other and that he will draw others to himself through us. If the last six years has taught us anything, it is that we can make our plans for the future, but only God knows what will come to pass. As such, may we recommit ourselves to trusting and obeying our risen King Jesus whatever the future holds, knowing that whatever we do for him lasts for all eternity. God bless you brothers and sisters. It truly is a joy to be able to live this life of faith with you all.

Brethren this new year we are promised great things in our theme verse from John 14:12. But let us also in 2024, take to heart the words of Hebrews 10:24-25: "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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WEAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1052523

Accounts

Wear Valley Christian Centre

**Annual General Meeting
1st March 2023**

Reports for the Charity Commission

2023 A Church that Blesses

ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Woods

AGM 2022

Saw the minutes for 2021 being accepted as a true record.

2022 Review

Being mindful of folks concerns over Covid we used a gradual approach to opening up the fellowship. After the summer holidays, along with a vision for the final four months, we saw the fellowship back to a more normal timetable with services and events, along with some new ones.

With the positive feedback on the weekly newsletter, we continued to use this to provide weekly information. For those unable to attend the Sunday morning service we have continued to stream this to our Youtube channel, and post and edited version on Youtube and linked to Facebook.

Partners

It was a pleasure to see folk return after feeling unable to attend during Covid

We have had two partners not attending throughout the year. Sadly, last year and recently, two long-standing partners, Dorothy Matthews and Wally McWilliams passed away.

Some folk have also suffered ill health and are not able to travel to church.

We welcomed Steve & Cheryl Collins as partners along with Paul & Janet Johnson, who had already joined but we had to defer the formal welcome.

Although there have been changes in partners the actual number, as of 1st February 2023, remains the same as last year.

	2022	2023
Active members	32	32
Emeritus (Those housebound)	4	4

Leadership Group

Regular monthly meetings have been held to discuss the practical and spiritual needs of the fellowship.

The group is functioning with the minimum number of trustees (3).

Thoughts around this will be presented as a separate agenda item.

Land Holding Trustee

We are grateful to Adrian Scott who agreed to take on this role. We now have 4 Land Holding Trustees, one above the minimum requirement.

Children's and Youth Work

Despite exhaustive networking, advice, and advertising we were unable to attract any interest in a two-year position.

To resource Kids Church we subscribed to 'Superbook' and purchased a wi-fi extender to access this online.

We are thankful for the team of leaders that cover Kids Church on a Sunday morning.

Submissions, reports, and policies

- Charity Commission yearly report submitted.
- CCLI reports submitted on an on-going basis by Rachel Potts.

Internet

The website, YouTube, and Facebook accounts continue to be updated and provide useful contact resources.

In particular

- **YouTube:** Our Sunday service has been live streamed using this platform with an edited version held for later viewing.
- **Facebook:** Links to our recorded service have been posted. During the year Pastor Kahindi also posted some weekly devotionals, which are also saved to our YouTube channel.
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Estates

- Fire alarms and extinguishers, and main boilers have again been tested and serviced.
- Thanks to Andrew Britton who continues to cover various minor works and ensures the alarm system is frequently tested. Also to Adrian Scott who looks after the central heating settings.

Hire

During the year the Monday Slimming World group ceased. This has reduced our income, see treasurer's report. The Tuesday Group continues.

Insurance

We finally received a substantial payment for loss of income due to Covid, noted in the treasurer's report

Missions

We have continued to support various overseas missions work both financially and prayerfully. These are detailed below by our Missions Secretary, David Potts.

In 2022 we also supported Christmas Child Shoebox appeal, run by Samaritans Purse, through donations totalling £200.

Locally

The Pastor has provided a report on the church and spiritual aspects of the fellowship. We have continued to support various missions work both financially and prayerfully. These are detailed below by our Missions Secretary.

Within the community the building has been hired by Slimming World. As a fellowship our harvest collection supported 'Feeding Families' charity. Early in 2022 we re-opened the Computer Café for a trial month. In December the building has been open, once a week on Thursdays, as a 'Warm Space' with computers, wi-fi, refreshments, and activities available.

TREASURER

Report written by Karen Kahindi & Bob Woods
Based on reports from Smith & Co Accountants, Spennymoor

Receipts	2021	2022	Change
Offerings	39,570	45,688	6,118
Hire	3,300	5,025	1,725
Donations	1,000		-1,000
Gift Aid		4,053	4,053
Insurance claim		15,758	15,758
	43,870	70,524	26,654
Payments	2021	2022	Change
Employees	29,436	30,396	960
Employees expenses	226	248	22
Pension Admin costs	2,120	2,231	111
Accountancy	1,452	1,452	0
Bank charges		164	164
General and Administration	1,672	1,585	-87
Housekeeping		600	600
Premises	5,830	6,218	389
Equipment and worship	209		-209
Insurance		1,484	1,484
Ministry	435	657	222
Missionary support	5,260	5,250	-10
Donations and Gifts	195		-195
Website		71	71
Hospitality and events	135	707	572
	46,969	51,063	4,094
Surplus/Deficit(-) for year	-3,099	19,461	22,560
WVCC- Reserves	2021	2022	Change
Balance b/fwd 1 January	56,419	53,320	
Add:-Suplus for the year	-3,099	19,461	
Total Funds at Bank-31 December	53,320*	72,781	
Current Account	56,419	72,781	19,461
PCC sale funds	132,080	132,080	0
Quilter Cheviot (20th Jan 2023)	119,742	107,756	-11,986

Notes:

2021-22 figures

Reconciling our accounts with that from the accountant's report, an administrative error has shown in the starting balance of previous years reflecting in the reported funds available. This has been corrected from 2021 as £50390 to £53320*.

Ring fenced monies

We still have ring fenced money, included in the current account:

Encounter: £922

Computer Café: £1500. Some of this money could offset associated costs associated with the Computer Café and Warm Space e.g., heating, lighting, internet.

Gift Aid

2022 accounts show income from Gift Aid on donations (offerings). Gift Aid on small donations will be received in the 1st quarter of 2023 and show in next year's accounts.

Hire

Part way through the year the Monday Slimming World group ceased. This will be a loss of £2860 over a full year

Bank Accounts

For various reasons we looked to move our current account away from HSBC. They have also closed their local branch but provide a paying in facility at the post office. We took the decision to remain with HSBC based on:

- Many banks were not taking on new customers, especially community accounts
- Many banks now charge for current accounts
- There is an increasing number of Banks closing their high street branches
- Banks had a similar stance as HSBC with their inclusivity support
- Complex administrative work to move accounts, many banks no longer having an onsite business manager

However, accepting that we will have to pay monthly charges, we are looking to open a savings account, which might require another current account. This is needed to provide a level of security to our reserves, with banks only protecting up to £85k if there was another 'crash' or went out of business.

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PASTOR Masai Kahindi

I still marvel at the fact that five years have passed since I was installed as pastor here at Wear Valley Christian Centre. Friends, the saying is true: "A Day feels like a lifetime, a lifetime feels like a day. And in this case, we can use the same saying for the year 2022, because it went like a flash. But praise God here we are in 2023, and I believe this is a time for all of us to reflect on what God has been doing this past year, and to look forward to what God will continue to do in us and through us as we walk faithfully with Him.

The Scripture that comes to my mind is First Corinthians chapter 3, where Paul discusses God's Kingdom building. It reminds me that each of us has had a part in what God has done this past year, and, we have a part to play in what we are trusting God is going to do. Some have planted, some have watered, some have cared for the body of Christ, and God has given in accordance to our labours. And therefore, I sense an obligation today to spend some time, to share with you on two themes.

First, I want to celebrate the contributions made, and secondly, I want to dream with you about what God has for the future of Wear Valley Christian Centre. Now, I must admit, it isn't possible to list all the contributions without running at the risk of missing some. And so, I want to try to celebrate those people and ministries who have brought us to where we are today, and of course, I must begin by thanking:

1. God for all the wonderful resources He has put in our hands. God has been the one that has and will give all the increase. He is all any of us have and He is enough. And so, I thank God for His power and resources.
2. Our leadership group for their complete dedication to this church. They have given themselves completely for this ministry. To lead us in the fear of the Lord in every way.
3. Our administrator who is also part of our leadership group for keeping things running in order in our church. I want to thank him for his administration skills that has been outstanding, and we thank God for everything he is doing. He has helped to keep us connected and updated with all the church newsletters.
4. Our missionary secretary for keeping us updated with what is going on with all our missionaries that we support and with what is going on in the mission field in general around the world, despite his busy schedule due to his demanding work. David has always been dedicated in making our church fully involved in mission work
5. Our treasurer, for all the hard work she has done, and for both her and our administrator for the challenges they have gone through with the banks trying to sort out the church accounts because of all the changes that have taken place, it is only by God's grace that we are where we are today. We really appreciate you both. We know as a church we cannot repay you but only God can.
6. The very special people that maintain things in this building. If anything breaks, or is not working well, and some of us may not even know it, these people are the first ones to notice. These are quiet people, they tend to work alone, and quietly, but their dedication is vital to this church. Thank you for making our church what it is. Be it making just the general things work well, or the electrics so that we don't feel the cold during winter times.
7. All our partners, and all who participate in the life of our congregation through your worship attendance, for without you, there would be no Wear Valley Christian Centre really. So, thank you for making this church your home in every way. As a pastor, I feel really blessed to have each one of you in this church.
8. Those who have been leading us and being a part of the worship group every Sunday. Your commitment to leading us here in this church even when there were only so few of you is beyond what words can express. Also, those who work on the sound desk and do the laptop so we can follow the songs we sing. I can only say, may God bless you, and may He grant you all His favour and blessings as you continue to serve Him.
9. Each one of you who have been serving at the door welcoming people. You have been, and still are the face of our church. And we are all proud of you. And if we are, imagine how proud of you the Lord is in heaven!
10. All of you who have persevered in seeking to build up the Kids Church. It has not been easy, but with God's help and with your willingness and dedication all through 2022; We can see the Lord blessing our church with families and more children this year, and as leadership, we are determined to do all that we can this year to see that you get all the support you need in terms of the resources you need in that ministry.
11. All those who are involved in the evangelism team for making yourselves available every Month to go out into our town, to pray and share the love of Jesus with people fulfilling the Great Commission beginning here in our Jerusalem. We are proud of all of you because you are the heartbeat of our church.
12. Those who are leading our Bible studies. It has been refreshing to see all of you exercising your God given gifts and talents as you took us through some of the Books of the Bible making them alive to us. And lastly, but not least.
13. Those who are leading the ladies and the men's meetings, providing the forum for us to come together as ladies and as men, enabling us to know each other more, grow together and be inspired in the things of God.

14. Those involved with the monthly early morning prayer on Saturday, those organising and helping with the Faith suppers, those involved with the warm space initiative, and all involved with the many other things which go on in this church - we love and appreciate you all and pray Gods blessings on you for all you do for His glory.

VISION:

My vision this year focuses on steering our church to be a Church that blesses based on Proverbs 11:25, which is our theme verse this year; "The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped." (MSG) Now, I believe we all realise that the greatest event this world will ever know is quickly approaching.

The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will bring to a close this world as we know it. And since the speed of this event has accelerated, it so important that we be ready for the world to come. We do this by letting God mould us from within and transform our lives both in our relationship to Him and to others. And so, as "A Church that Blesses," we want to make this year, and the rest of our lives to reflect the Word of God. And to do that we must do three things:

1. WE MUST BE SURE OF OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.
We must love him with all our heart, mind, and strength." (And the parable of the 10 virgins in the book of Matthew shows us just how important this is, because only 50% of the church was ready when the bridegroom returned).
2. WE MUST "STUDY THE WORD OF GOD."
2 Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."
3. WE MUST ENGAGE THE WORD OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.
James 1:22-25 instructs to "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23 Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24 and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25 But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it - he will be blessed in what he does.

This year we want to be real: transferring raw energy and resources into real action and focused (intentional) activity. This means that we let the Word of God transform us in relationship to Him, in speech and conduct. We need to reject the morals of the world and embrace God's love for us.

We must reach out beyond our group of believers and make disciples and teach them to be productive followers of Jesus Christ. We are beginning to do this. However, we have much work to do.

I have goals for this church year. However, today I share only one with you. The goal is LIVING THE WORD OF GOD. If we will put into practice living God's Word, we will see God giving the increase. When we rise in the morning, live the Word of God. When we go to work, live the Word of God.

When we are at Church, live the Word of God. When we are with family, live the Word of God, when we are shopping or whatever we are doing live the Word of God. If we accomplish this goal, then we will be a healthy growing New Testament Church, and in turn, we will be a blessing in so many ways, more than we can ever imagine for we are letters, that are being read by people wherever we go.

WEAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

England & Wales - Charity number 1052523

Accounts

Wear Valley Christian Centre

Annual General Meeting 16th February 2022

Reports

Making room for the presence and power of God

AGM 24th Feb 2021

Due to lockdown restrictions we were unable to physically meet for the AGM. On advice from the charity commission our best endeavours led to:

- Issuing a report to all partners either electronically or by hand, 1st week of February
 - The AGM report contained: 2020 AGM minutes, Administrators report, Missions, report, Detailed Finance report and the Pastor's report.
- Two week period to receive acknowledgement of reports and any comments/questions
 - 31 acknowledgements received
 - No formal comments or questions received
- Opportunity to meet to discuss reports by Zoom video conferencing 24th February
 - 9 partners joined this meeting

All reports are filed in the formal 2021 AGM report and should be read along with these minutes.

Matters Arising

Governing Document:	See Administrators report
Policy reviews:	See Administrators report
Pastor's online devotional:	See Administrators report

Submitted Questions

None received

Reports

ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Woods

2021 continued to pose difficulties and restrictions due to Covid. However, in the later part of the year, it was good to physically meet again on Sundays even if we couldn't sing. This restriction was later lifted but with increased Covid numbers in the population we continued with practices to minimise risk to those attending.

Some church events, Ladies' meeting and Kids Church, were able to resume. We continued with weekly Zoom Bible Studies and when allowed alternated these with prayer meetings in the church. Some of the men joined MenZone, a weekly venture setup and led by Steve Young, providing a time of fellowship, sharing, and study.

We have endeavoured to continue to keep in touch through phone, email, weekly newsletter, streaming the Sunday service to our YouTube channel, and a Sunday informal Zoom get together.

Despite all the restrictions, it has been lovely to have new people come and fellowship with us, hold a Baptismal service, Harvest collection, and Shoebox appeal led by Kath Brown.

Partners

Sadly over the last two years we have lost the support of a small number of partners. Also two long-standing partners, Nellie Newell and Nora Robson passed away during 2021. With this in mind the partners list as of 1st February 2022, has been amended:

	2021	2022
Active members	46	32
Emeritus (Those housebound)	3	4

Leadership Group

Membership: Ken Evans retired, December 2021.

Regular monthly meetings have been held to discuss the practical and spiritual needs of the fellowship. Where allowed these were physical meetings, otherwise they were held over Zoom video conferencing.

Governing Document

Various administrative changes have been made to the Trust Deed

- Removal of reference to Phoenix Christian Centre
- Minor administrative corrections
- Schedule (Covering Land Holding Trustees): Standardisation of the document to match that of the main Trust Deed e.g. dissolution clause.
- Change to reflect a Land Holding Trustee position is open to all Partners.

Children's and Youth Work

This is an area we have felt needs strengthening and developing. With no one within the fellowship feeling called to lead this we have explored options to appoint someone externally, preferably part-time with a view to developing this to a full time position. With the current financial position this would initially be on a two year fixed contract. The role and potential areas of recruitment have both been affected by the Covid pandemic. Initial enquiries through the local churches and organisations such as 'Youth for Christ' have been unsuccessful. This is an on-going exercise.

Submissions, reports and policies

- Charity Commission yearly report submitted.
- All our administrative policies were reviewed during 2021

Internet

The website, YouTube, Facebook and Twitter accounts continue to be updated and provide useful contact resources.

In particular

- **YouTube:** Our Sunday service has been live streamed using this platform with an edited version held for later viewing.
- **Facebook:** Links to our recorded service have been posted. During the year Pastor Kahindi also posted some weekly devotionals, which are also saved to our YouTube channel. Both these resources have promoted WVCC to a wider audience.
- **Website:** Has proved valuable with some new folk finding our website, making contact, and now attending.
- **Zoom:** We have used this video conferencing platform for informal get togethers, as a way of keeping in touch, and Bible Studies.

Estates

- Fire alarms and extinguishers, and main boilers have again been tested and serviced.
- The kitchen boiler for drinking water burnt out. Replacement was postponed until we were back holding services/events. This has now recently been installed.
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Hire

Slimming world are now back to hiring the venue two evenings a week. It was nice to hear of their support for our harvest collection.

Insurance

We took the opportunity to claim for loss of income e.g. hire, due to Covid. This has been a long drawn out process and is still on-going

TREASURER

Report written by Karen Kahindi & Bob Woods
Based on reports from Smith & Co Accountants, Spennymoor

Wear Valley Christian Centre				
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Receipts and Payments 2021				
	-	2020	2021	Change
Receipts				
Offerings		38,402	39,260	858
Hire		2,636	3,610	974
Donations			1,000	1,000
Gift Aid		2,707		-2,707
CJRS		1,209		-1,209
		44,955	43,870	-1,085
Payments				
Employees		30,625	29,436	-1,189
Employees expenses		227	226	-1
Accountancy		1,452	1,452	0
Pension Admin costs		310	2,120	1,810
General and Administration		805	1,672	867
Premises		12,202	5,830	-6,372
Equipment and worship		1,064	209	-855
Ministry		150	435	285
Missionary support		5,650	5,260	-390
Donations and Gifts			195	195
Youth And Children		120		-120
Hospitality and events		69	135	66
		52,673	46,969	-5,704
Surplus/Deficit(-) for year		-7,718	-3,099	4,619
WVCC- Reserves				
Balance b/fwd 1 January		58,109	50,390	
Add:-Suplus for the year		-7,718	-3,099	
Total Funds at Bank-31 December		50,390	47,291	

Phoenix Christian Centre				
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Receipts and Payments -2021				
		2020	2021	Change
Receipts				
		0	0	0
Payments				
	Premises	1,460	0	-1,460
	Sale of PCC building	132,080		
	Surplus/Deficit(-) for year	130,620	0	-130,620
PCC- Reserves				
	Balance b/fwd 1 January	7,490	138,110	
	Add:-Suplus for the year	130,620	0	
	Total Funds at Bank-31 December	138,110	138,110	

Wear Valley Christian Centre Charity				
	WVCC Account	50,390	47,291	-3,099
	PCC Account	138,110	138,110	0
	Quilter Cheviot (end of year)	113,506	119,722	6,216
	Total	302,006	305,123	3,117

Notes

Income (Receipts)

- 1. Gift Aid:** Having to resubmit paperwork to be able to claim gift-aid, our submission was delayed this year. It will show in 2022 accounts
- 2. Accounts:** With HSBC now charging for community funds, and the PCC account not showing any activity which would lead to it being frozen, we are in the process of setting up a WVCC savings account. PCC monies will be transferred into this and then the PCC account closed.
- 3. Hire:** This was much improved over 2020. However due to Covid restrictions there was no income up to April, and then a month when this was at a reduced level.

Ring Fenced Monies: Included in the general accounts.

- Encounter: £ 922
- Computer Café: £1500

2021 Overview

Our day-to-day costs have shown a year end deficit of £3099, which included a gift of £1000 for the Corradini's building request. With our reserves we are in a good position. 2022 should show some improvement with a full 12 months hire income, and gift aid.

We are thankful for the faithful support given especially throughout 2021.

MISSIONS

David Potts

In 2021 we supported the following Missionaries and Missionary organisations

Financial Support		
Gabriel & Daniela Corradini	Asturias, Spain	£ 720+£1000
Veronica Doyle-Davidson (Vee)	China & Asia	£ 720
John & Liz	EAB, Brazil	£ 720
Ginny Perkins & Carol Seymour	CAMI, Congo	£ 720
Shadrack Nyota	Kenya	£ 720
Richard Ouko Otieno	Kenya	£ 720

Non-financial Support	
Jason & Rachel Kane	Afghanistan
Platform 67	Least-reached communities around the world
Claire Kinkead	Jamaica
Samaritan's Purse	International relief & development charity
Dave Taylor	Colombia Child Care UK
Nic & Sarah McBride	Sunrise Foundation, China
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)	
Open Doors	
Bible Society	

Last year, due to Covid, we were unable to hold the church leadership/missions review to discuss the Missions work. The Missions work/support continued as per 2020.

We had no visits from our missionaries in 2021 due to Covid.

In 2021, the total amount of Missions giving at WVCC was £5320, including a gift of £1000 to the Corradinis towards a new church building.

Ginny Perkins and Carol Seymour are still trying to retire but have come up with some problems passing on the Lighthouse Project school and will not be leaving the Congo until this is resolved. Continue to pray for them as they continue win souls for Christ.

In November we prayed for the persecuted church and on 7th we took part in the 'International Day of Prayer' where Christians worldwide came together and prayed for our brothers and sisters being persecuted for their faith.

Also in November, we took part in the shoebox appeal, which is run by Samaritan's Purse. Thanks to all who contributed and a special thanks to Kath Brown for organising the shoebox collection. She has now stepped down from this role – we really appreciate her hard work over the years. We have recently become prayer partners with 'Samaritan's Purse' and are starting to receive information from them.

In January 2022 we received news from Nic and Sarah McBride, who work for Sunrise Foundation in China. Unfortunately, due to the political climate in China Nic and Sarah are coming back over to the UK in June and the Sunrise Foundation will be de-registered by January 2023. I will try and arrange a visit from Nic and Sarah when they come back over to the UK.

As the Covid restrictions are being lifted we are now able to have visits to our church from our Missionaries. We are trying to arrange visits from the following missionaries:

Gabriel & Daniela Corradini Martin Dudgeon (Platform 67) Sam Mooney (Vision Rescue)

In 2022, I will continue to share as much information as I can (mainly via the weekly church newsletter) to keep us up to date with all our Missions work from around the world.

On behalf of all the Missionaries and Missionary organisations, I would like to thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

PASTOR Masai Kahindi

It never seems to surprise me how fast a year can go by. The saying is true: "Time goes so fast, but memories last forever." My heartfelt appreciation to you leaders, and each one of you who have volunteered to help in any way throughout the year in our church.

I consider it a privilege and truly an honour to serve the Lord with all of you and to be a leader of a church where every difference in terms of culture, ethnicity, and colour simply melts away in the warmth of genuine Christian love.

In 2021, as we were fixing our eyes unto the Lord our goal was to prepare for a Divine visitation. Even though we may not have a scientific instrument to measure the level of divine visitation we attained last year, I am sure both as a congregation and as individuals, we experienced it in some measure.

Now, it's true to say, the global Covid 19 pandemic was an exceptional challenge for all of us. 2021 has been unpredictable and turbulent." BUT GOD – "But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). BUT GOD – "But God, who comforts the downcast, comforted us..." (2 Cor. 7:6a). BUT GOD – "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive..." (Eph. 2:4-5a).

A year of Covid 19 safety protocols established for us as individuals, our church, as well as the restrictions imposed upon the general public greatly curtailed our ability to meet in the ways we've been accustomed to. For the sake of everyone's well-being and peace of mind, I was not able to call on church members in their home, including our housebound members as much as I would have wanted.

Because of social distancing and lockdowns, midweek and evening services were only offered remotely for many months and we were not afforded the usual opportunity to meet and greet one another as we had in the past. The result of the aforementioned is that I often felt somewhat disconnected from the majority of our church family and hopefully, 2022 together we will take care of that!

On the other hand, being forced to adapt to these restrictions created opportunities to 'think outside of the box,' which is almost always a good thing! By and large, the overall expectation of what we would accomplish in that year together was relatively low due to the restrictions.

The basic expectations of me as the pastor were to simply keep things going until things opened up again. The continued various restrictions again caused us to consider technology to broadcast our weekly worship services on livestream, YouTube and Zoom. We were determined that it was in everyone's best interest to provide a digital offering of worship. Not only because of the pandemic and those self isolating, but also we saw that it was a great service for our elderly people in the church who were already housebound because of ill health, that they too could be able to participate with the whole congregation every week in taking communion while in their homes.

To that end, the camera purchased in 2020, allowed us to connect with our housebound and isolating partners. It also made us known as a congregation on the internet by putting our services on YouTube and other media platforms.

OUR FUTURE PLANS:

We have been limited with restrictions due to Covid. Despite this our website/social media have been useful resources for new people to find us. We will continue to develop these further.

We also need to consider reaching out, so will be looking to:

- seek ways where the fellowship can reach out to the community, and would encourage anyone with ideas/plans to come and discuss these.
- continue using the Fiteas Tearoom for outreach and fellowship events.

Our children's work needs strengthening and youth work developing. As mentioned in the administrator's report we are already looking at options to appoint someone to lead this work.

The men have already started to meet together for fellowship and spiritual input. We would like to see this continue and develop further.

My vision this year is to passionately appeal to those who have fallen away from God, and others confused by what is going on in the world through the pandemic and other global issues, to examine themselves, and return to the Lord.

I believe as our theme states this year in Lamentation 3:40; Let us test and examine our ways and return to the Lord," is the challenge for all of us here at Wear Valley Christian Centre. Friends, it begins with us, and I know it's possible because God is with us. Let's look forward for a great year, of growth in our church as we humble ourselves before Him.

With every blessing.

Independent Examiner's Report to the Trustees of Wear Valley Christian Centre

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WEAR VALLEY CHRISTIAN CENTRE

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Accounts

Wear Valley Christian Centre

2021 Annual General Meeting Reports

Making room for the presence and power of God

Forward

Due to government restrictions related to Covid-19 we are not able to physically meet for the 2021 Annual General Meeting. The Leadership Group (Trustees) have approved the issuing of the following reports electronically, and by post as required. Following this, time has been allowed for comments/questions to be received, considered and then replied to. Partners have been given the opportunity to hear any responses through a video-conference (Zoom) meeting and then electronically through email.

This approach has been considered as acceptable by the Charity Commission.

Bob Woods

MINUTES: AGM 26th Feb 2020

1.0 Welcome:

Following Tea & Coffee Pastor Masai welcomed everyone and prayed for the evening.

2.0 Apologies/Present:

Apologies	9
Housebound	5
No attendance	9
Present	26
Total Partners	49

3.0 AGM 2019

These minutes were accepted by a show of hands having being proposed by Ken Evans and seconded by Janet Ross

4.0 Matters arising: Network

Previously been reported that possible networks had been looked into but the distance deemed them not feasible.

Also we were waiting to see if a network of churches was formed from the churches that had withdrawn from Assemblies of God (AoG). There had been no movement on this and a network seems unlikely.

With this in mind the Leadership Group has met separately with representatives of the AoG and Vineyard networks. Two criteria were considered when reviewing these as:

- Is the network a suitable fit for the fellowship
- Does the Pastor feel comfortable as an accredited minister within the network, as he currently has missionary accreditation with AoG. However he would not stand in the fellowship's way if they decided on a different network to AoG.

AoG assessment:

Have a new leader, Glynn Barrett, which for some has given a better feel within the denomination. However the reasons WVCC left AoG have not been addressed, which include: Structure, role of the National Leadership Group and Directors Group, lack of input from the local fellowships, very business like organization. There would also be a 5% yearly subscription of non-designated income.

Vineyard assessment:

Setup was very much along the lines of the beginnings of AoG. There was a family focus and structure. A focus of worship and evangelism. There were some concerns over their eldership views and minor doctrinal differences. Again a subscription of 5% non-designated income is required which is mainly for church planting abroad. This network was dismissed due to the impact on Pastor's accreditation needs.

The Elim denomination was discussed but not looked into due to their strong centralized position.

Time was given to discuss this update and views noted.

5.0 2019 Reports:

Written reports had previously been distributed from Administrator, Treasurer, Missionary Secretary, and the Leaders of Kids Church, Kids Alive and the Ladies Group.

Time was given to review and discuss these.

- The position of PCC and the very recent opportunity of a buyer was shared.
- Arrangement around the investment with Quilter Cheviot was clarified.
- Again the need for leaders for the Kids Church was expressed.
- Thanks were especially made to Dave Potts for his involvement in sharing the Missions work.

6.0 Pastor's report and Vision (Verbal): Summarised

A list of what has happened or been done within the last year will be stated in the ministry reports.

2019 was our year of restoration, and I believe, for those of us who were seriously seeking, God did a deep work of restoration in each of our individual lives and corporately to us as a fellowship. Naturally we may not have seen this but as Apostle Paul stated spiritual things are always spiritually discerned. And as your spiritual leader, I want you to know that, as a fellowship, we are not where we were in 2019, because God is drawing us closer to Himself. This is why I believe the theme of our church this year in Hebrews 12:1-2, is key to what I trust we are going to see this year.

It was wonderful to see so many school children from different schools and their teachers come to attend our Bible Times Exhibition. I was also overjoyed to see more children come for the Holiday Club.

In spite of the serious shortage of people to take different responsibilities in our church, God has remained faithful to us all through 2019.

In 2019, I find that there is so much to celebrate, rejoice and give thanks for! While change can often seem slow and so incremental to us, God is so good and faithful to walk us through His plan in His perfect time!

As your pastor, I know we all want to be a church that is fully committed to the Lord,

We have been waiting on God for sometime now, but we believe help is on the way, and this year; We are looking to God with great expectation.

2020 will be another great year at WVCC. I believe that God is going to grow our church; That we will be a gathering place for those seeking to lift up the name of Jesus and join our voices together for the cause of God's kingdom.

I will lead well, teach well and care well, so that we can accomplish all that God has laid before us. Thank you for your support this year, thank you for your presence in church on Sundays, and thank you for being part of our congregational life here.

"To him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to God be glory in the church, and in Christ Jesus, throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." Ephesians 3:20-21

All reports were accepted by a show of hands having being proposed by Hill Benson and seconded by Adrian Scott.

***A detailed report is added to the formal 2020 AGM report
Reports are filed in the formal 2020 AGM report and should be read along with these minutes.***

7.0 Submitted Questions:

None received

8.0 Round table discussion

Whilst sharing supper, round table discussions were held. Pastor Kahindi had shared his values for the church over recent weeks. Discussion was requested on how we practically implement these. Feedback was given and taken for the Leadership to further discuss.

9.0 Close:

Thanks was expressed to Jill for organising the catering . The meeting closed with prayer.

Reports

ADMINISTRATOR

Bob Woods

Without doubt 2020 has been a strange and difficult year. Our church events have been severely curtailed for the majority of the year. However we have held a weekly Sunday service. When allowed this has been physically at WVCC, otherwise we have provided these online. We also purchased equipment to allow us to stream our service to either facebook or youtube. Alongside this midweek services have been held over Zoom, a video conferencing facility. We have endeavoured to keep in touch through phone, email, weekly newsletter, and a Sunday informal Zoom get together. Until we can assess the full impact on our income/expenditure, and a more settled position, we have delayed salary reviews. Our Missionary support has rolled over from last year until we are in a position to meet and review this.

Partners

A review of the partners list has been undertaken with changes noted below. We have a number of housebound folk, whilst valued and part of the fellowship, if we needed to act with a quorum they would affect the minimum number. Therefore these partners have been listed as emeritus status.

As of 1st February 2021 the number of partners remain unchanged at 49.

Of these 49 we have 46 active and 3 emeritus partners.

In year changes were:

Welcomed: Paul & Janet Johnson (Awaiting recognition at WVCC)

Deceased: Dawn Thompson

Moved away: David Anderson

Leadership Group

Membership: No change during 2020

Regular monthly meetings have been held to discuss the practical and spiritual needs of the fellowship.

Where allowed these were physical meetings, otherwise they were held over Zoom video conferencing.

The complex sale of PCC was time consuming but thankfully now completed.

Submissions, reports and policies

- Charity Commission yearly report submitted.
- Policies will be reviewed and updated on a rolling basis throughout 2021

Internet

The website, Youtube, Facebook and Twitter accounts continue to be updated and provide useful contact resources.

In particular Youtube has been a valuable platform, for those unable to attend WVCC, to stream our Sunday service.

Estates

Phoenix Christian Centre (PCC)

Having realised the need to close PCC the building was finally sold during 2020. Financial details are in the Treasurers report.

Wear Valley Christian Centre

Major actions/items purchased were:

- Windows: Following the repair of the windows in 2019 these have been re-stained.
- Roof repairs
- During Lockdown we had the Foyer decorated ready for our return.
- Streaming: Purchase of camera and related items to allow streaming of our service.
- Covid Safe: Various items eg For disinfecting and Communion have been purchased to allow Covid Safe practice.
- Fire alarms and extinguishers have again been tested and serviced.

I must say a special thanks to Andrew Britton who throughout lockdown maintained the building.

- Swapping over the upholstered chairs to more easily cleaned plastic ones,
- Weekly flushing of the plumbing
- Changing the platform to an appropriate setting for streaming
- Various minor works

Hire: When permitted WVCC has been hired out for regular slots with Slimming World. However there have been periods where we had no additional income through hire, and others where this was reduced.

Trust Deed

As we no longer function from PCC Willington we need to remove this from our Trust Deed and various policies.

TREASURER

Report written by Karen Kahindi & Bob Woods
Based on reports from Smith & Co Accountants, Spennymoor

Receipts and Payments 2020			
	2019	2020	Change
Receipts			
Offerings	45,268	38,402	-6,866
Hire	8,061	2,636	-5,425
Donations	15,828		-15,828
Gift Aid	3,178	2,707	-471
WVCC	72,335	43,746	-28,590
PCC	158	0	-158
Charity Total	72,493	43,746	-28,748

Payments			
Employees	30,683	29,416	-1,268
Employees expenses	576	227	-349
Accountancy	1,051	1,452	401
Pension Admin costs	0	310	310
Solicitor	250	0	-250
General and Administration	2,104	805	-1,300
Premises	14,652	12,202	-2,450
Equipment and worship	799	1,064	265
Ministry	1,175	150	-1,025
Missionary support	4,740	5,650	910
Donations and Gifts	0	0	0
Youth And Children	0	120	120
Hospitality and events	877	69	-808
WVCC	56,908	51,464	-5,444
PCC	929	1,460	531
Charity Total	57,837	52,924	-4,913

Surplus/Deficit(-) for year			
WVCC	15,428	-7,718	-23,146
PCC	-771	-1,460	-689
Charity Total	14,657	-9,178	-23,835

Charity Reserves			
	2019	2020	Change
Balance b/fwd 1 January	50,942	65,598	14,656
Add:-Suplus for the year	14,657	-9,178	-23,835
Total Funds Bank-31 December	65,598*	56,420	-9,178
Charity Total	2019	2020	Change
General Accounts	65,598	56,420	-9,178
Quilter Cheviot Investment as of	109,269.00	113,506.00	4,237
Sale of PCC	0.00	132,080.00	132,080

Please note 65598*

This figure was reported as 65734 in 2019. The Kids Alive monies (£135.60) being counted twice.

Key Notes

Income (Receipts)

1. Compared to 2019 offerings and Gift Aid are reduced
2. Compared to 2019 hire income reduced. This is a consequence of closure due to Covid-19
3. PCC sale was £136,000. Taking account of legal fees and Estate agents the balance was £132,080. There was an additional legal cost paid from general funds related to removal of the covenant.

Ring Fenced Monies: Included in the general accounts are £2422 ring fenced monies.

1. Encounter: £ 922
2. Computer Café: £1500

2020 Overview

1. Given our surplus, invested monies, and the proceeds from the PCC sale our finances are in a healthy position. However we do show a deficit for 2020 of £9178 with our day-to-day running

We are thankful for the faithful support given especially throughout 2020 and the affects of the pandemic.

MISSIONS

David Potts

In 2020 we supported the following Missionaries and Missionary organisations: -

Financial Support		
Gabriel & Daniela Corradini	Asturias, Spain	£ 720
Veronica Doyle-Davidson (Vee)	China & Asia	£ 720
John & Liz	EAB, Brazil	£ 720
Ginny Perkins & Carol Seymour	CAMI, Congo	£ 720
Shadrack Nyota	Kenya	£ 720
Richard Ouko Otieno	Kenya	£ 750 (30 admin charge)

Non-financial Support	
Jason & Rachel Kane	Afghanistan
Platform 67	Least-reached communities around the world
Claire Kinkead	Jamaica
Biju Thampy	Vision Rescue, India
Dave Taylor	Colombia Child Care UK
Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW)	
Bible Society	

In January 2021, I attended our church leadership annual business meeting to discuss the Missions work.

At the end of January, we held another Missions night with a missionary quiz and presentation. Information was available of all our Missionaries and Missionary organisations that we support here at WVCC. It was a great night and helped focus our thoughts and prayers on the many ministries involved.

At the beginning of last year, we gave a one-off gift of £300 to Platform 67. The total amount of Missions giving by WVCC in 2020 was £4650. The General accounts also include the gift given to Bishop Auckland Passion Play.

In March 2020, the Covid-19 virus hit with devastating and life-changing effects. We are all suffering from the consequences of the terrible pandemic in some way or another. The plans we had for the church and Missions work went out of the window and major changes had to be put into place to cope with this crisis. Thank God for providing us with technology and enabling our church to carry on, even if in a totally different form.

In April 2020, Bob started the weekly church newsletter and asked me if I could share some Missionary information. At first, I thought I would struggle to find enough information to share every week. Just the opposite. On a daily basis I receive ample newsletters and prayer requests, which I strongly believe God is providing to help us keep focused on His Missions work.

We now receive information from Nic and Sarah McBride, who are good friends of Bob. They work for Sunrise Development Foundation in Yunnan, China. It is a non-profit, non-government charitable organisation that helps those in need. I will be sharing about them and their work soon.

Due to Covid, there were no Missionary visits in 2020 and at present we are unable to plan any in the near future. Current circumstances also affected the 'Shoebox Appeal' which meant we were unable to send the shoeboxes - monetary gifts of £605 were generously given instead.

Last year, we had news that Carol Seymour and Ginny Perkins are going to be retiring from working in the Congo for CAMI. They have spent many faithful years doing God's work, winning souls for Him and showing His love to many, many people. Carol and Ginny will return to the UK, leaving the Lighthouse Project and other ministries in capable hands.

In 2021 I will continue to share as much information as I can, to keep us up to date with all our Missions work from around the world.

On behalf of all the Missionaries and Missionary organisations, I would like to thank you so much for your continued prayers and support.

PASTOR Masai Kahindi

Brothers and sisters, as I contemplate all that has happened in 2020, I still find that there is so much to celebrate, rejoice, and give thanks for!

While it is true that 2020 was a very challenging year due to Covid-19 which led to a very long lockdown of the church, and that resulted in all the plans and dreams we had for the year being shelved.

But through that challenging time, we were forced by the circumstances to learn new skills and do things that in my opinion, would have taken a very long time to learn if it were not for the situation we were in.

Things like: Getting together through Zoom. Getting our services on YouTube. Streaming our services live which I believe is potentially very beneficial to our elderly and those who are housebound.

I want to thank you all for your support, prayers, and encouragement through that challenging time, especially for the leaders advising and making sure that even when we were not physically meeting, somehow we remained connected.

Thank you Bob for your wisdom, the Church Newsletter, which has kept us updated with one another, organising all the Zoom meetings and all the other very important things that you do in the background as our administrator that makes our church run smoothly.

Thank you David and Ken for all the wisdom, guidance, pastoral care and phone calls that you've made to encourage and minister to different people.

I know I cannot mention everyone here but there are a few people in our congregation I feel I should mention this year. And these are: Andrew, Adrian, Hill, Rachael, Alison, Dave & Karen.

I want to express my sincere thanks to

- Andrew for the many things he has been doing in this church in the background to make changes and improve the church that not even many people know about. Even the lighting and background for the recorded sermons were all due to his creativity and hard work carrying the furniture up and downstairs thank you!
- Adrian for His willingness to minister here in our church whenever we need you to and again for the practical support with things like setting the heating so we don't freeze during the meetings - thank you
- Hill for your willingness to minister here in our church whenever we need you to. Both you and Adrian have been a blessing.
- Rachael for her advice and help with the live streaming and for organising the banner again.
- Alison for all her hard work in cleaning and keeping the church running well and in order - we appreciate all you do for us.
- Dave for faithfully keeping us connected to our missionaries and keeping us so well informed.
- Karen for being willing and ready at any time to step in and help in the church if need be. Your passion and dedication to the Lord, and your church is amazing and all of you are such a blessing!
- Everyone who faithfully joins us in person or online for the services, Zoom meetings and for prayer. We appreciate your commitment and participation in what we are doing. Also for those who unknown to us but known to God, are being the hands, feet, eyes, shoulders, etc. that God has called you to be to your neighbours, friends and family!

In the coming months, we hope to start a weekly devotional which can go out online as a start of reaching outside the church whilst we are still in lockdown. Prayers for this would be appreciated.

I pray that "...the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit. All the while, you will grow as you learn to know God better and better"! (Colossians 1:10) And as our theme verse for the year says;

"Keep your eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished this race we're in. Study how he did it. Because he never lost sight of where he was headed - that exhilarating finish in and with God - he could put up with anything along the way: Cross, shame, whatever. And now he's there, in the place of honour, right alongside God." (MSG)

This year I believe God wants us to totally focus on Him. Grow in Him and prepare for when the time is right to go for Him.

May God bless you and build you up in His Spirit.

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