

# SOUTHERN LIGHT COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1052582

## Details

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**Other names** ZION CHAPEL, Now Church Woodhouse

**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Trust

**Registered** 1996-02-03

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

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## Activities

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**Objects:** 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.

**Activities:** Community-focussed Christian church

## Classification

- **How:** Provides Human Resources, Provides Buildings/facilities/open Space, Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities, Economic/community Development/employment
- **Who:** Children/young People, Elderly/old People, Other Defined Groups, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** IN PRACTICE SHEFFIELD
- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Rotherham
- Sheffield City

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-12-31	£4,698	£25,752	-	-
2023-12-31	£50,841	£47,726	-	-
2022-12-31	£53,505	£54,779	-	-
2021-12-31	£75,366	£61,115	-	-
2020-12-31	£46,223	£45,838	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Professor Andrew Davies	Chair	
MARK ASHLEY BAGNALL		
Stephen Leslie Prosser		2020-06-01

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# Accounts

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**Southern Light Community Church**  
**Annual Report of Trustees**  
**2023 Financial Year**

In the 2023 financial year, though SLCC remained operative as a separate charity, its operations merged with those of Now Church, and during 2024 the two charities will merge into a new CIO. Therefore as Chair of SLCC's trustees, I wish to express my immense gratitude to my co-Trustees for their dedicated and committed service, as we hand over those responsibilities to the new organisation.

In all, we believe these accounts show the Trustee's ongoing commitment to managing the church effectively and supporting its activities astutely, and we are grateful to you all for your generosity, commitment and support and to God for his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Professor Andrew Davies  
Chairman of Trustees, Southern Light Community Church  
31 October 2024

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# Profit and Loss

January - December 2023

	<b>Total</b>
<b>INCOME</b>	
2100 Giving	
2110 Tithes and Offerings	37,755.42
2120 Building Fund (Designated)	720.00
<b>Total 2100 Giving</b>	<b>38,475.42</b>
2200 Community	255.00
2210 Foodbank (Designated)	3,424.59
2211 Bread/Butter (Designated)	1,470.00
2212 Foodbank Utilities (Designated)	300.00
<b>Total 2210 Foodbank (Designated)</b>	<b>5,194.59</b>
2220 Community - FoodWorks	30.00
2240 Food Hub	2,162.66
<b>Total 2200 Community</b>	<b>7,642.25</b>
2230 Cafe	996.04
2300 Missions	35.00
2301 Missions - General (Designated)	1,014.00
2310 NLCC, Gambia (Designated)	225.00
2320 WOW (Designated)	725.00
<b>Total 2300 Missions</b>	<b>1,999.00</b>
2400 Other Income	
2420 Room Hire	1,019.00
2430 Interest	444.09
2440 Miscellaneous Income	240.01
2460 Voided	25.00
<b>Total 2400 Other Income</b>	<b>1,728.10</b>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>50,840.81</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	
	<b>50,840.81</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
1100 Ministry and Staff	145.00
1110 Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	1,060.72
Wages	3,438.26
<b>Total 1110 Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>4,498.98</b>
1120 Ministry Gifts	9,700.00
1130 Travel and Accommodation	70.00
1140 Ministry resources	1,684.75
<b>Total 1100 Ministry and Staff</b>	<b>16,098.73</b>
1200 Community - General	109.50
1210 Foodbank	2,646.66
1211 Bread & Butter (Global Windows)	291.79
1212 Foodbank utilities	400.00
1213 Delivery Drivers	225.00
<b>Total 1210 Foodbank</b>	<b>3,563.45</b>
1220 Food Works	110.00

	<b>Total</b>
1230 Hospitality	905.38
1240 Cafe	396.52
1250 Gift	611.74
<b>Total 1200 Community - General</b>	<b>5,696.59</b>
1300 Missions	
1310 NLCC Gambia	1,090.00
1320 WoW	1,750.00
1330 CAM International	600.00
1340 Steve & Hannah Prosser	840.00
1350 Light of the Gospel	600.00
1380 Ukraine appeal	10.00
<b>Total 1300 Missions</b>	<b>4,890.00</b>
1400 Administration	
1410 Assemblies of God	840.00
1420 Office/General Admin	677.30
1430 Computer Costs	441.91
1440 Professional Services	1,376.00
1450 Equipment	3,851.95
<b>Total 1400 Administration</b>	<b>7,187.16</b>
1500 Building	
1510 Building - Maintenance	1,260.68
1520 Insurances	1,278.96
1530 Utilities	2,638.28
<b>Total 1500 Building</b>	<b>5,177.92</b>
1600 Miscellaneous Expenses	
1630 Voided	25.00
<b>Total 1600 Miscellaneous Expenses</b>	<b>25.00</b>
Payroll Expenses	
Taxes	58.80
Wages	8,591.64
<b>Total Payroll Expenses</b>	<b>8,650.44</b>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>47,725.84</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>3,114.97</b>
<b>OTHER EXPENDITURES</b>	
Now Church (Co-op bank)	45,050.00
<b>Total Other Expenditures</b>	<b>45,050.00</b>
<b>NET OTHER INCOME</b>	<b>-45,050.00</b>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	<b>£ -41,935.03</b>

# Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2023

	<b>Total</b>
<b>FIXED ASSET</b>	
<b>Total Fixed Asset</b>	
<b>CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND</b>	
Bank	-1,548.52
<b>Total Cash at bank and in hand</b>	<b>-1,548.52</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>-1,548.52</b>
<b>CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR</b>	
<b>Current Liabilities</b>	
Payroll Liabilities	
HMRC	1,154.40
<b>Total Payroll Liabilities</b>	<b>1,154.40</b>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<b>1,154.40</b>
<b>Total Creditors: amounts falling due within one year</b>	<b>1,154.40</b>
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>-2,702.92</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>-2,702.92</b>
<b>TOTAL NET ASSETS (LIABILITIES)</b>	<b>£ -2,702.92</b>
<b>CHARITY FUNDS</b>	
Opening Balance Equity	17,394.49
Retained Earnings	21,837.62
Surplus/(Deficit)	-41,935.03
<b>Total Charity funds</b>	<b>£ -2,702.92</b>

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# Southern Light Community Church

## Annual Report of Trustees 2022 Financial Year

The challenging season of the 2020s globally continued this year and continued to affect the lives of ordinary people in the Woodhouse district. Once again, our Church had to step up and play its part in addressing this need. And although our accounts for this year show a small deficit, because of a fall in income and small rise in expenditure. The fall in income is easily explained:

- a) The previous accounts featured a gift aid repayment of £16,391.21, and no claim has been made this year.
- b) The Church did not hold a gift day in 2022 (and the 2021 gift day resulted in additional giving of some £2,765).
- c) Designated giving to the Foodbank, Building Fund and Global Missions fell quite significantly.

Despite these factors, regular, non-designated giving increased by approximately £5,000 or almost 15%, so there is no cause for concern in the underlying trend, and as always, we are immensely grateful to God and our congregation for the generous giving, dedication and commitment of our members.

Expenditure also increased by around £2,500 to £54,833.62, an increase of just under 5%. There were a few different reasons for this but the two most important were an increase in ministry costs and additional expenditure on the building to ensure the ongoing building project will be delivered effectively, efficiently and economically whilst adding as much additional value as possible. As with last year, over 1/3rd of our expenditure now supports international missions and our support for the local community. We are, therefore, genuinely demonstrating our commitment to being a community church and are incredibly grateful to all our members (and indeed external donors beyond the church too) for their generosity and support.

Though it is no longer separately identified in the income and expenditure sheet, the vast majority of our regular giving continues to be Gift Aided. The gift aid tax refund claimed from HMRC added substantially to our income in the 2021 financial year, as noted above. This is likely to be the last full year's report from the trustees of SLCC, giving our impending merger with Now Church into the new CIO, and as Chair I wish to express my immense gratitude to my co-Trustees for their dedicated and committed service, as we hand over those responsibilities to the new organisation.

In all, we believe these accounts show the Trustee's ongoing commitment to managing the church effectively and supporting its activities astutely, and we are grateful to you all for your generosity, commitment and support and to God for his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,



Professor Andrew Davies, Chairman of Trustees, Southern Light Community Church  
31 October 2023

# Southern Light Community Church

Income and Expenditure by Category, 2022

## INCOME

	2022		2021	
Regular giving	£	38,324.65	£	33,456.40
Building Fund (Restricted)	£	3,680.00	£	7,479.00
Gift Aid repayment	£	0.00	£	16,391.21
Gift Day	£	0.00	£	2,765.00
Food Bank (Restricted)	£	6,539.46	£	8,978.06
Community (Restricted) incl. café	£	1,014.42	£	1,775.12
Missions (Restricted)	£	2,576.86	£	3,948.50
Miscellaneous	£	1,424.89	£	681.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>53,560.28</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>75,475.12</b>

## EXPENDITURE

	2022		2021	
Church Ministry	£	24,129.53	£	21,579.28
Foodbank	£	8,253.68	£	9,000.08
Community	£	371.55	£	1,359.76
Global Missions	£	6,300.00	£	9,515.90
Administration	£	6,698.02	£	7,268.76
Building and Maintenance	£	8,936.84	£	3,640.38
Miscellaneous	£	144.00	£	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>54,833.62</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>52,364.16</b>

## BALANCES

	2022		2021	
Year Start Current Account Balance	£	15,842.91	£	5,733.78
Year Start Savings Balance	£	24,032.94	£	10,761.11
Year Start Cash Balance	£	473.28	£	743.28
Year End Current Account Balance	£	9,816.69	£	15,842.91
Year End Savings Balance	£	29,086.82	£	24,032.94
Year End Cash Balance	£	629.60	£	473.28
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>(1,273.34)</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>23,110.96</b>

31 October 2023

To Whom It May Concern:

I certify that I have examined the accounts for Southern Light Community Church for the financial year ending 31 December 2022 and that they have been completed to my satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

Revd Marcus Wichmann MA

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# **Southern Light Community Church**

## **Annual Report of Trustees 2021 Financial Year**

2021 was another challenging year globally, with the end of national restrictions after the worst of the pandemic still not resulting in any full return to normality. Our community was, and continues to be, heavily impacted by the global crisis, and as I write it is clear that those challenges are only getting more immediate and significant. Once again, our Church had to step up and play its part in addressing this need. And so we're immensely grateful to God and the generous giving, dedication and commitment of our members to report that in a further year when many charities and churches were reporting significant falls in income, on top of the financial challenges many faced in the previous year, our income again rose year on year and we were able to retain a positive balance, with our income of £75,475.12 significantly exceeding expenditure of £52,364.16. £16,391.21 of this increase was because of a major Gift Aid repayment, where we claimed for three years; future refunds will not be so significant. But the remaining increase in income came from generous additional giving which was designated to the foodbank (almost £9,000) and to missions (almost £4,000).

Changes to our accounting system this year made our day-to-day financial management speedier and much more effective, though with the knock-on effect of making a direct comparison with 2020's figures a little more challenging. We are able though to track restricted giving much more easily and can present these figures separately in accounts going forward (though we always, of course, retained the information).

Expenditure also increased quite substantially from £45,837.64 to £52,364.16, principally driven by three main factors – additional giving to missions, which rose to over £9,500 and is now included as a separate line in our expenditure account; additional administrative costs, which include additional equipment purchases and our commitments to Assemblies of God; and new costs of some £9,000 associated with the delivery of the food bank. We are thrilled to be able to report that over 1/3rd of our expenditure now supports international missions and our support for the local community. We are, therefore, genuinely demonstrating our commitment to being a community church and are incredibly grateful to all our members (and indeed external donors beyond the church too) for their generosity and support.

Though it is no longer separately identified in the income and expenditure sheet, the vast majority of our regular giving continues to be Gift Aided. The gift aid tax refund claimed from HMRC added substantially to our income in the 2021 financial year, as noted above. In all, we believe these accounts show the Trustee's ongoing commitment to managing the church effectively and supporting its activities astutely, and we are grateful to you all for your generosity, commitment and support and to God for his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,



Professor Andrew Davies, Chairman of Trustees  
31 October 2022

# Southern Light Community Church

Income and Expenditure by Category, 2021

## INCOME

	2021	
Regular giving	£	33,456.40
Building Fund (Restricted)	£	7,479.00
Gift Aid repayment	£	16,391.21
Gift Day	£	2,765.00
Food Bank (Restricted)	£	8,978.06
Community (Restricted)	£	1,775.12
Missions (Restricted)	£	3,948.50
Savings interest	£	681.83
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>75,475.12</b>

## EXPENDITURE

	2021	
Church Ministry and Missions	£	21,579.28
Foodbank	£	9,000.08
Community	£	1,359.76
Missions	£	9,515.90
Administration	£	7,268.76
Building and Maintenance	£	3,640.38
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>52,364.16</b>

## BALANCES

	2021	
Year Start Current Account Balance	£	5,733.78
Year Start Savings Balance	£	10,761.11
Year Start Cash Balance	£	743.28
Year End Current Account Balance	£	15,842.91
Year End Savings Balance	£	24,032.94
Year End Cash Balance	£	473.28
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>23,110.96</b>

31 October 2022

To Whom It May Concern:

I certify that I have examined the accounts for Southern Light Community Church for the financial year ending 31 December 2021 and that they have been completed to my satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Francis Davis

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# **Southern Light Community Church**

## **Annual Report of Trustees 2020 Financial Year**

None of us could have imagined in December 2019 what the following year would hold. The pandemic and lockdown brought immense challenges to our world and community which the Church had to step up and play its part in addressing — no part of our lives and ministries was untouched by the crisis. And so we're immensely grateful to God and the generous giving, dedication and commitment of our members to report that in a year when many charities and churches were reporting significant falls in income, our income rose year on year and we were able to retain a positive balance, with our income of £46,223.16 exceeding expenditure of £45,837.64 by just under £400.

As can be seen from the statement of income and expenditure, Sunday offerings and activity income both fell significantly (by approximately half) but this was more than compensated for by a generous increase of approximately £10,000 in direct giving. Costs increased too, with the exception of utilities bills which fell largely because the building was used less frequently. There were three main reasons for this: one, we made a conscious decision to proactively increase our giving to international missions, given the global pandemic and pursuant economic crisis. We gave approximately £7,800 to our missions partners, amounting to about 17% of our expenditure (up from approximately 10% the year before). Two, the move to online worship required the purchase of additional equipment and software subscriptions at a cost of approximately £5,000 throughout the year. Three, our commitment to caring for those in our own community who were struggling increased exponentially, with food bank costs rising from, for example, £58 in February to over £600 in October, supported by generous designated giving from church members and friends and partners in the wider community.

Community and in-person church activities reduced significantly throughout the year, for obvious reasons, but the church's global impact and the contribution it makes to our community both increased equally significantly. We believe this is not in the least due to our conscious decision to increase our giving as a church and commitment to bless and serve the world directly outside our windows as well as those at the other side of the planet who are struggling.

It is again gratifying to note that some 2/3rds of our regular giving continues to be Gift Aided. The gift aid tax refund claimed from HMRC added substantially to our income in the 2021 financial year.

In all, we believe these accounts show the Trustee's ongoing commitment to managing the church effectively and supporting its projects, and we are grateful to you all for your generosity, commitment and support and to God for his blessing.

Respectfully submitted,



Professor Andrew Davies  
Chairman of Trustees  
28 October 2021

# Southern Light Community Church

Income and Expenditure by Category, 2020

## INCOME

	2020		2019		2018	
<b>Regular members' giving (Gift Aided)</b>	£	24,025.00	£	17,936.50	£	13,216.89
<b>Regular members' giving (non Gift Aided)</b>	£	8,069.00	£	4,646.00	£	3,172.00
<b>Sunday offerings</b>	£	4,316.01	£	7,544.65	£	5,000.34
<b>Special gifts</b>	£	80.00	£	3,876.00	£	1,670.00
<b>Activity Income</b>	£	5,822.67	£	9,922.58	£	7,020.68
<b>Gift Aid repayment</b>	£	0.00	£	0.00	£	5,177.19
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>	£	3,899.72	£	1,091.66	£	88.66
<b>Savings interest</b>	£	10.76	£	13.84	£	8.72
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>46,223.16</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>45,031.23</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>35,354.48</b>

## EXPENDITURE

	2020		2019		2018	
<b>Church Ministry and Missions</b>	£	25,423.67	£	19,877.45	£	16,759.97
<b>Building and Equipment</b>	£	13,136.44	£	12,898.89	£	7,426.09
<b>Utilities</b>	£	2,373.86	£	2,954.11	£	1,928.39
<b>Community Activities</b>	£	2,692.12	£	1,407.06	£	1,261.55
<b>Administration</b>	£	2,097.80	£	1,946.70	£	356.95
<b>Misc</b>	£	113.75	£	952.66	£	15.48
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>45,837.64</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>40,036.87</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>27,748.43</b>

## BALANCES

	2020		2019		2018	
<b>Year Start Current Account Balance</b>	£	4,510.67	£	2,235.60	£	1,345.58
<b>Year Start Savings Balance</b>	£	12,050.35	£	9,489.61	£	2,700.83
<b>Year Start Cash Balance</b>	£	300.87	£	128.48	£	201.13
<b>Year End Current Account Balance</b>	£	5,733.78	£	4,510.67	£	2,235.60
<b>Year End Savings Balance</b>	£	10,761.11	£	12,050.35	£	9,489.61
<b>Year End Cash Balance</b>	£	743.28	£	300.87	£	128.48
<b>EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>385.52</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>4,994.36</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>7,606.05</b>

# Southern Light Community Church

Income and Expenditure by Month, 2020

## MONTHLY INCOME

	2020		2019		2018
<b>January</b>	£	2,795.36	£	2,165.94	£ 7,128.06
<b>February</b>	£	3,596.54	£	3,140.46	£ 1,743.76
<b>March</b>	£	5,107.36	£	4,250.82	£ 1,751.78
<b>April</b>	£	2,100.97	£	2,755.31	£ 2,790.93
<b>May</b>	£	3,911.65	£	5,127.98	£ 1,839.97
<b>June</b>	£	3,385.86	£	4,409.55	£ 5,658.53
<b>July</b>	£	2,660.09	£	5,016.00	£ 2,236.23
<b>August</b>	£	2,995.09	£	2,303.80	£ 2,299.03
<b>September</b>	£	4,075.09	£	3,580.74	£ 2,714.88
<b>October</b>	£	6,595.09	£	3,562.27	£ 2,883.07
<b>November</b>	£	3,535.22	£	4,123.68	£ 1,981.48
<b>December</b>	£	5,464.84	£	4,594.68	£ 2,326.86
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL INCOME</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>46,223.16</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>45,031.23</b>	<b>£ 35,354.58</b>

## MONTHLY EXPENDITURE

	2020		2019		2018
<b>January</b>	£	3,922.98	£	3,981.65	£ 2,985.76
<b>February</b>	£	3,217.37	£	3,309.56	£ 1,844.52
<b>March</b>	£	4,999.07	£	2,373.31	£ 1,588.14
<b>April</b>	£	5,728.90	£	6,220.89	£ 2,379.45
<b>May</b>	£	3,287.98	£	2,268.87	£ 1,744.54
<b>June</b>	£	2,522.08	£	2,834.99	£ 1,595.74
<b>July</b>	£	2,369.74	£	2,436.67	£ 2,166.05
<b>August</b>	£	4,016.98	£	2,154.18	£ 2,552.99
<b>September</b>	£	3,669.59	£	2,525.62	£ 4,496.05
<b>October</b>	£	3,361.74	£	3,775.06	£ 1,759.61
<b>November</b>	£	4,758.38	£	4,079.30	£ 2,319.37
<b>December</b>	£	3,982.83	£	4,076.77	£ 2,316.21
<b>TOTAL ANNUAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>45,837.64</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>40,036.87</b>	<b>£ 27,748.43</b>



29 October 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I certify that I have examined the accounts for Southern Light Community Church for the financial year ending 31 December 2020 and that they have been completed to my satisfaction.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Maryyum Mehmood', with a decorative flourish underneath.

Dr Maryyum Mehmood