

Sherwood Forest Community Church, Blidworth

Trustees report for end of year 2024

We have been a charity operating under the governing document 'Model Constitution with Trust Deed for Local Assemblies of God' in Great Britain. Our Charity number is 1052610. We claim Gift Aid back from the Inland Revenue for valid donations under reference XN71038.

The objects of the Sherwood Forest Community Church Charitable Trust are for the benefit of the public:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Faith of Assemblies of God 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.
- To relieve sickness and financial hardship and to promote and preserve good health by 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
- To advance education in such ways and in such parts of the United Kingdom or the world as the Church Council from time to time may think fit.

The Church Trustees in this period were:

Glenn Tyers (Chair), Mark Himsworth (Treasurer), John Bryant, Robert Rhodes and Lorraine Whitchurch.

Whose structure is:

Eldership – who watch over the spiritual welfare of the church and its activities.

Church Council – who meet quarterly as trustees (or more often if deemed appropriate) to consider all matters relating to the proper operation of the trust and its finances.

Leadership/Ministry Team – who make all necessary arrangements for the day-to-day operation of the Church activities including the running of smaller group situations operating under the Church banner. The administration of the Church is operated from within this team.

2024 Activities – a brief report

The Church undertakes an annual AGM with church members in attendance. This is done under prior notice to all to ensure the widest possible circulation. The next meeting will be scheduled using the latest accounts to December 2024 and this meeting is scheduled for January 2026, running alongside our vision meeting for the coming year. As is usual, the presentation will be circulated by Mark Himsworth (Trustee and Treasurer) ahead of the AGM and will include details of income and expenditure for the period and a summary of the position to date. The Church remains in a strong position financially.

At the AGM held in early 2025 on Vision Sunday Glenn Tyers, Church Leader, continued to expand the church vision. The proposed change of Church name and charity structure change occurred as of 1st July 2024, and this is reflected in the accounts for Sherwood Forest

community Church as of 31st December 2024. At the AGM the accounts were presented for both the 'old' charity (Sherwood Forest Community Church) and the 'new' Charity (Passion Church – Blidworth). Effectively not much altered operationally under the new CIO with many Gift aid arrangements from Church members being transferred to the new bank account for Passion Church. In addition, the regular support given to various mission charities have been retained but will remain under review to be completed by January 2026. The Church will continue to seek new opportunities to increase its impact within our local community. The 5 Core values for the Church were outlined again:

1. Generous – Freely giving of our time, talent and treasure
2. Relevant – Making God's timeless message applicable to everyday life
3. Authentic – We believe in journeying together and allowing people to be real about where they are at.
4. Connecting – Connecting and reaching out. to our local community and wider world.
5. Excellent - Aiming to be the best we can be.

Income has continued to recover slowly following the pandemic and credit crunch. The value of Gift Aid donations for the first six months of 2024 was £41199 compared with the full previous 12 months of £73140. Cash donations have not returned to pre-pandemic levels with a slight downward trend against 2023 receipts.

Glenn Tyers remains as the senior leader for the church, and chair of trustees for the charity. Glenn who had graduated in May 2023 is now operating as a full status minister with Assemblies of God. (AOG). He works part-time within the Church and is now supported by Daniel Sunwar whose job title is Associate pastor. Daniel commenced his role with the church in September 2022, has continued to progress his training toward Full ministerial status – he is due to complete this training by early 2026. His skills have proved invaluable to the continued progress of the Church in areas of media, worship, preaching and developing networks in the community as well as with other Church leaders. The Church now has succession planning in place for such time as when Glenn Tyers seeks to step back from his role.

We remain active with other local Churches holding regular quarterly meetings in 2024.

Along with the support we give to local activities, the church supports several overseas projects financially. We are kept up to date on all these projects by newsletter, personal contact, and visits to the church to give personal updates. The Trustees keep under review the regular support provided to all the projects we support at home and abroad to ensure they remain relevant, or if they are strong enough now to support themselves; this may give us opportunities to support new projects.

We continue to develop home groups within our community to give a more personal opportunity for people to develop and grow in their Christian faith. The Church has continued to see a steady growth in the numbers attending Church on a Sunday morning as well as a deepening faith within the regular members. The commitment of the church leadership is to develop to the best of its ability strong links with other stake holders in the community to ensure all needs are being met. It is important to the church leadership that we are a church full of faith and remain vibrant through the outworking of God's love within our communities here at home and overseas. We want to be 'salt and light' in our communities to help push back the darkness and bring the light of Christ into people's lives.

The Church vision statement continues to be helping people to “FIND” Jesus, guiding them to discover that they do “FIT” into Gods family and that God has a plan for their life and that as they begin to “FUNCTION” with in the family of God they will discover and become everything God as created them to be. As we move toward 2026 the leadership continues explore plans for future church planting as numbers grow and resources become available.

The Charity trustees and leadership team affirmed its links to the Assemblies of God denomination and to be outward looking in its approach.

28th October

Prepared by Mark Himsworth – Trustee and Treasurer and shared with all Trustees prior to submission of the annual Charity Return

SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Trustees The Trustees who served during the year were as follows:

M Himsworth*
J Bryant*
G Tyers*
R Rhodes
L Whitchurch

* Indicates Property Trust Holding Trustees

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Charity Number 1052610

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Independent Examiner Mr N Flaxman
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Activities

The Sherwood Forest Community Church aim is the advancement of the Christian Religion by the proclamation and furtherance of The Gospel of God concerning His son Jesus Christ The Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God and other such charitable purposes and the furtherance of the charitable work of the Church.

**SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF THE TRUSTEE'S RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The purpose of this statement is to distinguish the trustee's responsibilities for the financial statements from those of the Independent Examiner as stated in their report.

The Charities Act 1993 requires the Trustees to keep proper books of account with respect of the affairs of the charity, and to prepare statements of account for each accounting period consisting of a statement of the financial activities and a balance sheet. The Trustees are also responsible for safeguarding the Charity's assets, and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of error, fraud and other irregularities.

In preparing the financial statements the Trustees are expected to :

Select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently making judgement and estimates that are reasonable and prudent ;

Follow the recommendations of The Charities Commission and of the accounting profession with regard to the form and content of financial statements, or to disclose and explain any departures there from: and

Prepare the financial statements on an ongoing basis unless it is inappropriate to assume that the Charity will be able to meet its objectives.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees

G Tyers



Trustee

R Rhodes



Trustee

27 October 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

We report on the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 5 to 12.

RESPECTIVE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE TRUSTEES AND EXAMINER

As the Charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts, you consider that the audit requirement of section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 does not apply. It is our responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by The Charities Commissioners under section 43(7) (b) the Charities Act 1993, whether particular matters have come to our attention.

BASIS OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

Our examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by The Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the Charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as Trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S STATEMENT.

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

Which gives us reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirement

To keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the Charities Act 1993; and

To prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the Charities Act 1993 have not been met; or

To which, in our opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

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27 October 2025

**SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

Year ended 31 December 2024

2023

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £	£
INCOMING RESOURCES				
Collections	4,142		4,142	8,509
Gift Aid	41,199		41,199	73,140
Room Hire	660		660	0
Income Tax Refunds	9,346		9,346	18,398
Charitable Trading Shops	-		-	15,628
Miscellaneous Donations	5,196		5,196	7,733
Investment Income	1,537	176	1,713	3,115
TOTAL INCOMING RESOURCES	62,080	176	62,256	126,523

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	2023
	£	£	£	£
CHARITABLE EXPENDITURE				
Ministers within Church Salary	19,640	-	19,640	38,280
Salaries	11,390	-	11,390	23,257
Speakers	150	-	150	-
Education, Lodging and Welfare	2,902	-	2,902	3,195
Missions and Outreach	14,155	-	14,155	33,571
Cleaning	1,549	-	1,549	2,637
Lighting, Heat and Water	3,778	-	3,778	5,887
Insurance	-	-	-	1,489
Refreshments	3,092	-	3,092	4,969
Sundry Equipment Purchases	750	-	750	865
Repairs and Ground works	11,761	-	11,761	12,410
Stationery and Advertising	524	-	524	547
Subscriptions and Misc. Expenditure	918	-	918	4,231
Depreciation	863	-	863	1,151
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	71,472	0	71,472	132,489

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Year ended 31 December 2024

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL £	2023 £
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS	(9,392)	176	(9,216)	(5,966)
FUND BALANCES				
BROUGHT FORWARD	255,814	340,020	595,834	616,810
TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO PASSION CHURCH BLIDWORTH	(246,422)	(340,196)	(586,618)	(15,010)
TRANSFER OF FUNDS	-	-	-	-
FINAL FUND BALANCES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>595,834</u>

SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH
BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024

Year ended 31 Decenber 2024

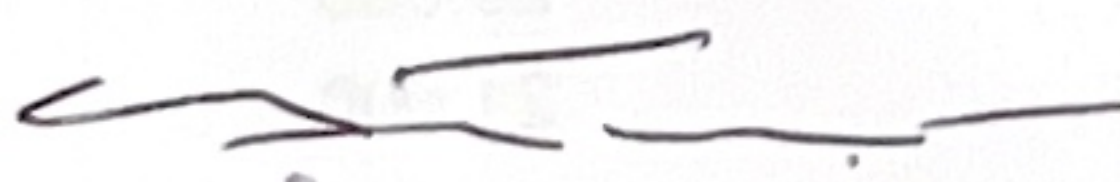
2023

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	TOTAL	
	£	£	£	£
TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	0	0	0	<u>342,653</u>
CURRENT ASSETS				
Short Term Investments	0	0	0	254,770
Passion Church Blidworth	0	0	0	1,940
Total Current Assets	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>256,710</u>
LIABILITIES				
PAYE Liability	0	0	0	719
Payroll	0	0	0	2,810
Amounts due within one year	0	0	0	<u>3,529</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS	0	0	0	<u>253,181</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES	0	0	0	<u>595,834</u>
LONG TERM LIABILITIES	-	-	-	-
NET ASSETS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>595,834</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>595,834</u>

Approved by the Board of Trustees on 27 October 2025 and signed on their behalf by:

G Tyers

Trustee



R Rhodes

Trustee



**SHERWOOD FOREST COMMUNITY CHURCH
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2024**

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PREPARATION

The accounts have been prepared under the Historical Cost Convention and in accordance with the Statement Of Recommended Practise on Accounting By Charities.

CHANGE OF BASIS

There has been no changes in the valuation rules and the methods of accounting since last year.

CHANGES IN PREVIOUS ACCOUNTS

There have been no changes to the previous years accounts.

DEPRECIATION

Depreciation is calculated to write down the cost of assets over their estimated useful lives.

The rates are as follows :-

Furniture, Fittings and Equipment	25% Reducing Balance
Freehold Land and Buildings	Nil provided

INTEREST RECEIVED

Deposit account interest is received gross and is credited on a receivable basis.

FIXED ASSETS

Assets purchased by the Trust during the year are shown at cost.

TAXATION

The Charity was exempt from all charges to direct taxation during the year under review and any indirect taxation is paid as part of the cost of the particular expenses incurred.

UNRESTRICTED RESERVES

The Charity have accepted a policy that it will not hold more than twenty percent of its annual income, for undesignated purposes.

2. TRUSTEES

During the year the following remuneration was paid to the trustees as follows:

Name	2024	2023
M Himsworth	10,042	20,085
G Tyers	10,500	21,000
	<u>20,542</u>	<u>41,085</u>

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3. EXPENDITURE

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEES

The fees paid to the independent Examiner were as follows:

	2024	2023
Examination Fees	0	0
Other Fees	0	0
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>

4. FUNDS

Name of Fund	Type of fund	Purpose of Fund
Building Fund	Restricted	To receive income specifically for the purchase of, building and maintenance of the church building

The movement on these funds are shown in the Financial Activities Statement.

5. INVESTMENTS

The short term investment held by the charity consist of monies held in reserve bank accounts. These accounts require no notice to be given for withdrawal.

	2024		2023	
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total	
Current and Reserve Account	-	-	0	234,924
Building Fund Reserve Account	-	-	0	19,846
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>254,770</u>

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold Property	Fixtures Fittings & Equip.	TOTAL
	£	£	£
Cost or Valuation			
At 31 December 2023	339,201	95,817	435,018
Additions	-	-	0
Transfer of assets to Passion Church Blidwort	(339,201)	(95,817)	(435,018)
At 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Depreciation			
At 31 December 2023	0	92,365	92,365
Transfer of assets to Passion Church Blidwort	-	(93,228)	(93,228)
Charge for the year	-	863	863
At 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Book Value			
At 31 December 2024	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>339,201</u>	<u>3,452</u>	<u>342,653</u>
Depreciation Rate	NIL provided	25% Reducing Balance	

7. TURNAROUND SHOP

The charity has a trading division of a shop selling donated goods.

The charity shop ceased trading on 18 January 2023, all residual expenses and income have been included in the attached accounts. The residual assets have then been transferred to Sherwood Forest Community Church for use within Charitable purposes.

The results can be found in appendix I and II

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8. TRANSFER OF ASSETS TO PASSION CHURCH BLIDWORTH

On the 1 July 2024 all of the assets and liabilities of Sherwood Forest Community Church were transferred into Passion Church Blidworth, a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

Passion Church Blidworth is registered with the Charities Commission and will continue to carry out the same activities of that of Sherwood Forest Community Church.

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