

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

England & Wales · Charity number 1056207

Details

Status Registered

Legal form Other

Registered 1996-06-17

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

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Activities

Objects: A) TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH. B) TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED, HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY. C) TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID COUNTY AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD.

Activities: To advance the Christian faith in accordance with our statement of beliefs in the county of Yorkshire and in other parts of the the United Kingdom or the world. To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship, or who are aged or sick, and to relieve their distress. To promote and fulfill charitable purposes beneficial to the community and other parts of the UK and the world

Classification

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

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** YORKSHIRE,U.K. AND WORLDWIDE
- City Of Wakefield

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£41,950	£39,602	-	-
2024-03-31	£39,731	£34,561	-	-
2023-03-31	£34,991	£35,144	-	-
2022-03-31	£37,222	£28,856	-	-
2021-03-31	£31,130	£29,658	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Joel Hadgie Guest	Chair	2023-12-04
Maryna Hanks		2023-02-19
NEILL GARDINER		2023-08-23

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Report and Accounts
Year ended 31 March 2025

Stewardship 
Active generosity

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ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	15 Beech Street South Elmsall Pontefract WF9 2HG
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Declaration of Trust dated May 1996 as amended December 2020
CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER	1056207
TRUSTEES RESPONSIBLE FOR MANAGING THE CHARITY	Neill Gardiner Alyn Griffith (resigned March 2025) Joel Guest Maryna Hanks
BANKERS	Barclays Bank plc Kingdom Bank Limited
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Jaimée Young Stewardship 1 Lamb's Passage LONDON EC1Y 8AB

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ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

Objectives of the charity

1. To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the statement of beliefs shown in the Declaration of Trust, in the county of West Yorkshire and in other such parts of the UK or the world mission field (operating area) as the trustees from time to time think fit.
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3. To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the area of operation as the trustees think fit.

Governance

The names of the trustees as the time of this report are: Neill Gardiner, Joel Guest, and Maryna Hanks. Alyn Griffith resigned as a trustee and chair of trustees on 03 March 2025. Joel Guest has been appointed chair of trustees.

The governing document of the charity is a Declaration of Trust which has been in place since 1996, the church was founded in 1991. The charity has 3 trustees selected from the body of the church depending upon their reputation and experience. The power to appoint trustees lies with the trustees. The day to day running of the church is managed by 4 elders, one of whom, Michael Bellamy, is full time and paid by the church. The elders make financial decisions about the management of the church with reference to the trustees for significant sums. One of the elders is also a trustee.

Ashley Guest resigned from his position as lead elder. A new lead elder, Michael Bellamy was appointed and started in his role on 01 August 2024.

Review of the charity's main activities and achievements

To further the above objects and vision, the charity's main activities and achievements were as follows:

We have run a weekly Toddler Group, called Little Oaks, which has provided a connection to the community and a support for local parents and families. In the Spring we met with some of the parents and children for a Forest Church on a Sunday afternoon and again in late summer for a picnic and games afternoon.

We have worked with Churches Together in Ackworth, to support outreach to the local community in particular at Easter and Christmas. This included short services in the local Co-op on Good Friday and in the lead up to Christmas.

We have supported the local foodbank with a collection at church in Winter.

As well as normal Sunday services we encouraged discipleship through weekly Bible studies and prayer meetings.

In planning the activities the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Financial review

There was an increase in the general reserve of just over £2,300, plus increases in giving and expenditure. The trustees and elders retained the £25,000 in a 6 month savings bond with Kingdom Bank, which attracts a significantly better rate of interest than those offered by Barclays. This reserve will be used to fund the employment of the new lead elder in future years, and as such has been designated for this purpose. For other designated funds:

- the Little Oaks Parent and Toddler group funds increased by £550;
- the Needs fund provided

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- To ensure that the church and charity has sufficient funds to meet its financial commitments;
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- To ensure that the church and charity is able to manage future unforeseen financial difficulties;
- To ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable purpose.

Reserves policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £8,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £40,865 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy.

Mission

We support the work of missionaries to churches in Malawi, both in prayer and financially. We also continued with our support of Your Mission, a charity who run missions training courses and often facilitates mission trips.

Responsibilities of trustees

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Joel Guest

Joel Guest (Jul 30, 2025 15:55:46 GMT+1)

Joel Guest

Date: Jul 30, 2025

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ackworth Community Church Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2025 on pages 5 to 8 following.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

J. Young
J. Young (Aug 12, 2025 12:05:11 GMT+1)
Jaimée Young

Stewardship
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EC1Y 8AB

Date: Aug 12, 2025

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		General Funds	Designated Funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
<i>Income receipts</i>						
Donations		12,290	-	-	12,290	12,791
Gift aid receipts		2,290	-	-	2,290	1,543
Charitable donations		24,580	-	-	24,580	23,221
Charitable activities		-	1,325	-	1,325	1,794
Bank interest		996	-	-	996	132
Other		469	-	-	469	250
<i>Total receipts</i>		40,625	1,325	-	41,950	39,730
<i>Payments</i>						
Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly	2	36,127	1,074	-	37,202	32,160
Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others	3	2,400	-	-	2,400	2,400
<i>Total payments</i>		38,527	1,074	-	39,602	34,560
Net of receipts / (payments) before transfers		2,098	250	-	2,348	5,170
Transfers between funds	5	(300)	300	-	-	-
Net movement in funds		1,798	550	-	2,348	5,170
Cash funds as at last year end		11,372	27,145	-	38,517	33,347
Cash funds at this year end	A	13,170	27,695	-	40,865	38,517

The notes on pages 7 - 8 form part of these accounts.

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS AT THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
	General funds	Designated funds			
	£	£	£	£	£
A Cash funds					
Barclays Community	8,872	-	-	8,872	6,597
Barclays Business	4,296	-	-	4,296	4,234
Barclays Little Oaks	-	2,251	-	2,251	1,701
Barclays Needs	-	445	-	445	445
Kingdom Bank 6 month Savings Bond	-	25,000	-	25,000	25,000
Cash in hand	1	-	-	1	541
	<u>13,170</u>	<u>27,696</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,866</u>	<u>38,517</u>
B Other monetary assets					
Gift aid due to charity	564	-	-	564	-
	<u>564</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>564</u>	<u>-</u>
C Liabilities					
Falling due within one year:					
Pension	173	-	-	173	186
Accrued expenses	-	-	-	-	720
	<u>173</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>173</u>	<u>906</u>
D Assets retained for charity's own use					
			Fund to which asset belongs	Value 2025	
				£	
Contents and equipment			General	5,860	
				<u>5,860</u>	

The trustees have used insurance values as the trustees are unable to reliably estimate current values; insurance values may differ materially from current values.

The accounts were approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf

by Joel Guest date Jul 30, 2025
Joel Guest (Jul 30, 2025 15:55:46 GMT+1)
Joel Guest

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ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1 Accounting policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and comprise a statement that shows the charity's receipts and payments, a statement that summarises the charity's assets and liabilities and related notes. The accountancy profession have determined that only accounts prepared in accordance with applicable accounting standards present a 'true and fair' view and, as these receipts and payments accounts have not (and cannot) be prepared in accordance with accounting standards, these accounts do not present (and are not intended to present) a 'true and fair' view of the charity's financial activities and state of affairs.

General funds are unrestricted funds which are available for use at the discretion of the trustees in furtherance of the general objectives of the charity. Designated funds comprise unrestricted funds that have been set aside by the trustees for particular purposes. Restricted funds are donations which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by donors; they include donations received from appeals for specific activities or projects.

		<u>Unrestricted Funds</u>		Restricted Funds	Total 2025	Total 2024
		General funds	Designated funds			
		£	£	£	£	£
2 Payments in relation to charitable activities undertaken directly						
Staff Salary	Note 4	27,479	-	-	27,479	21,088
Pension		1,208	-	-	1,208	1,898
Churches Together		-	-	-	-	70
Outreach		100	-	-	100	450
Children's work		225	-	-	225	197
Books, Conferences and Training		-	49	-	49	188
Premises Hire		1,663	695	-	2,358	2,210
Insurance		314	-	-	314	601
Visiting Speakers		1,217	-	-	1,217	1,104
Sundry Expenses		1,031	-	-	1,031	706
Ministry gifts		-	300	-	300	750
Accounts Examination		720	-	-	720	690
Payroll Fee		583	-	-	583	565
Stationery, Postage and Equipment		1,139	30	-	1,169	1,244
Copyright		450	-	-	450	399
		<u>36,127</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>37,202</u>	<u>32,160</u>

3 Grants paid in relation to charitable activities undertaken by others

Organisations:						
Salt Malawi		1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
Your Mission		600	-	-	600	600
		<u>2,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>2,400</u>

ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST
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FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

4 Transactions with related parties

A relative of trustee Joel Guest served as a church leader and was paid £10,535 [2024: £22,986] for serving in that capacity. These payments include employer pension contributions and are permitted by the charity's governing document.

No payments were made to any other trustees or persons related to them, except for reimbursement of expenses paid out on behalf of the charity.

5 Movement of funds

	Opening balance £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Closing balance £
General funds	11,372	40,625	(38,527)	(300)	13,170
Designated funds					
Little Oaks Toddler Group	1,700	1,325	(774)	-	2,250
Needs Fund	445	-	(300)	300	445
Reserve for full time worker support	25,000	-	-	-	25,000
Total unrestricted funds	38,517	41,950	(39,602)	-	40,865
Total restricted funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total funds	38,517	41,950	(39,602)	-	40,865

Reserve for full time worker - funds set aside for future full time worker support

The Little Oaks Toddler Group is a Parents and Toddler Group run by members of the church

The Needs Fund relates to a fund set aside to meet urgent financial needs of church members, their

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Ackworth Community Church

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2024

ASSETS	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Monetary Assets		
Petty Cash (Little Oaks)	1	1
Cash to be banked	540	
Barclays Community Account	6597	16129
Barclays Business Premium Account	4234	15102
Barclays Little Oaks Account	1701	1221
Barclays Needs Account	445	895
Kingdom Bank Savings Bond	25000	
	<u>38517</u>	<u>33347</u>
<u>Representing Balances on the following accounts</u>		
General Fund	11372	31232
Designated Funds	27145	2115
Restricted Funds	0	0
	<u>38517</u>	<u>33347</u>
Non-Monetary Assets		
There was a small amount of Fixtures, furniture and equipment at the church premises		
LIABILITIES		
Accrual for Accounts Examination by Stewardship	720	690
Pension	186	186
	<u>906</u>	<u>876</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Signed: JOEL GUEST

Position: Trustee

Date: 30/09/2024

ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Trustee: JOEL GUEST

Date: 30/09/2024

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TO THE TRUSTEES OF
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J. Young

Jaimée Young

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Date: 04 October 2024

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Ackworth Community Church Trust

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st March 2023

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Donations Paid

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total 2023 £	Total 2022 £
Salt Malawi	1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800
Your Mission	600	-	-	600	600
Other gifts	250	-	1,120	1,370	450
	2,650	-	1,120	3,770	2,850

3. Related Parties

The charity has 1 employee, Mr A Guest, to whom the employment costs refer. Mr A Guest, is related to Mr J Guest, who served as a trustee from 07 June 2022 to 23 August 2023. Mr A Guest and was paid only for serving in his capacity as church leader.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustees.

4. Movement of Funds

	Balance at 01Apr2022 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31Mar2023 £
RESTRICTED					
Turkey & Syria earthquake appeal	-	560	(1,120)	560	-
	-	560	(1,120)	560	-
DESIGNATED					
Little Oaks Toddler Group	913	1,970	(1,663)	-	1,220
Needs Fund	1,405	-	(250)	(260)	895
	2,318	1,970	(1,913)	(260)	2,115
GENERAL FUNDS	31,183	32,461	(32,112)	(300)	31,232

The Little Oaks Toddler Group is a Parents and Toddler Group run by members of the church

The Needs Fund relates to a fund set aside to meet urgent financial needs of church members, their friends and family or Christians in need in the UK or around the world.

Ackworth Community Church Trust
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31 March 2023

The name of the trust is Ackworth Community Church Trust, the registration number is 1056207.

The principal office of the charity is 15 Beech Street, South Elmsall, Pontefract, WF9 2HG.

The names of the trustees as the time of this report are: Alyn Griffith, Neill Gardiner, and Maryna Hanks.

Changes in trustees between 01 April 2022 and the time of this report are:

Tony Horsfall resigned as a trustee on 7th June 2022, Joel Guest was appointed as trustee on the same date.

Brenda Mallinson resigned as a trustee on 27 February 2023, after serving for nearly 30 years as a trustee, Maryna Hanks was appointed as a trustee on the same date.

Joel Guest stood down as a trustee on 23 August 2023, as he is related to a connected person, Ashley Guest, who is paid by the charity, such payments are not permitted by the Charity Commission. Neil Gardiner kindly replaced Joel as a trustee on 23rd August. It is intended that Joel will resume his duties as a trustee when Ashley stands down from being leader of the church and being paid by the charity.

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Ashley Guest has decided that he should stand down from being a full-time leader, so the elders have started the process of recruiting a new leader, this is currently in the planning and information gathering stage, it is likely that the new leader will be appointed in the 2024/25 financial year.

There was no significant change in the general reserve held by the charity increased during the financial year, as expenditure matched the income received, which had remained the same as the previous year. For designated funds: the Little Oaks Parent and Toddler group increased by £307; the Needs fund provided gifts of £250

to the local Anglican Church who hosted a daily 'Warm Spaces' event for the local community on behalf of Churches Together in Ackworth, and a gift to Tear Fund for support of Syria churches after the Turkey/Syria earthquake in February March 2023, this was match funding to the amount given by church members in an offering that we held for that purpose; this is shown in restricted funds in the accounts

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Approval

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____ Maryna Hanks _____

Date: _30/10/23_

Trustee

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Date: 01 November 2023

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Since the end of the financial year, Tony Horsfall has resigned as an elder of the church (a role he has held since its inception) and as a trustee. His resignation as a trustee was received on 7th June 2022. The eldership will continue as a team of 4 people for the foreseeable future and Joel Guest has accepted the role as trustee in Tony's place.

The general reserve held by the charity increased during the financial year, which is remarkable during a period in which the church had not met together. Giving increased by £4,729, which included a one-off gift of £3,600; and expenditure decreased by £803, which was primarily due to room hire costs not being incurred. The designated fund for the Little Oaks Parent and Toddler group increased by £656 as they resumed meeting after the pandemic restrictions were lifted in September 2021; the Needs fund provided gifts of £450 to church members and contacts in need and to a local church supporting Afghan refugees. Our policy is to retain sufficient reserves:

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- To demonstrate that the church and charity is sustainable into the future;
- To ensure that the church and charity is able to manage future unforeseen financial difficulties;

- To ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable purpose.

In planning the activities of the church, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £8,000 (which equates to about 3 months' of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £33,502 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy, holding excess funds for the purpose of our desire to own or rent our own premises.

Impact of Covid-19

The church and the toddler group followed the lockdown and re-opening guidelines set out by the government during the pandemic.

Following the cessation of meeting together on Sunday 15th March 2020, the church established Sunday meetings on Facebook Live, these which were also made available on YouTube, midweek meetings were conducted on Zoom. This continued until July 2021 when we started to meet together again On Sunday mornings, wearing facemasks and observing social distancing. Mid-week meetings continued on line. We followed the government's advice on wearing face masks for the remainder of the period, but relaxed the observance of social distancing as the rules allowed this. We record Sunday meetings and make them available on YouTube.

When we returned to meeting together, many people in church who had been regular attendees prior to the pandemic and were present on our Facebook meetings didn't return to regular Sunday worship meetings, as a result our attendance dropped from between 40-45 pre-pandemic to around 25 per week post-pandemic. This is in line with national trends, we have had some new people join us since January 2022.

The reduction in attendance has had minimal impact on the church finances, and our cost base remains lower than pre-pandemic as we have not resumed mid-week face-to-face meetings in the Parish Rooms. People give to church via two main avenues: regular giving via an account with Stewardship, on which Stewardship claim the gift aid and then grant funds to the church; or giving by Standing Order or through the offerings box. The giving through the offerings box has reduced but some people who give regularly in this way have made occasional gifts. We have also established our own Gift Aid scheme with a view to claiming through the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme in the future.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to the church leaders (which includes two of the trustees) who meet regularly. The trustees are fully involved in the decisions reflecting the impact of the pandemic on the life of the church.

Mission

We have continued to support the work of Salt Malawi, both in prayer and financially, as they continue their missionary work in Malawi. We also continued with our support

of Your Mission, a charity who run missions training courses and often facilitate mission trips.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Brenda Mallinson

Date: __ 11/09/22

Trustee

Ackworth Community Church**Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2022****Receipts and Payments Account**

	Notes	2022			2021
		Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	General Funds	Total for year
Receipts					
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts					
Weekly Offering				13029	13029
Charitable Donations				22709	22709
Gifts for Missions		0		0	0
Operating Activities to Further Charitable Objectives:	4		1408		1408
Investment Income Receipts:					
Bank Interest				2	2
Other Income					
Miscellaneous Income				75	75
		0	1408	35814	37222
					31130
Payments					
Payments for Generating Funds:					
Charitable Payments:					
Designated and undesignated donation to Missions	2		0	2400	2400
Gifts			450	0	450
Charitable Activities:					
Staff Salary and Pension	3			20270	20270
Pension				1622	1622
Churches Together				70	70
Outreach				0	0
Support Costs:					
Children's work				129	129
Books, Conferences and Training			143	0	143
Premises Hire			426	490	916
Insurance			182	354	536
Equipment			0	0	0
Sundry Expenses			0	476	476
Management and Administration Costs:					
Accounts Examination				660	660
Payroll Fee				526	526
Stationery, Postage and Equipment				292	292
Copyright				366	366
		0	1201	27655	28856
					29659
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year					
Balance brought forward from previous year		0	207	8159	8366
Transferred between funds		0	1812	23324	25135
Balance carried forward at the end of the year		0	300	-300	0
		0	2318	31183	33502
					25135

Ackworth Community Church

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2022

ASSETS	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Monetary Assets		
Petty Cash (Little Oaks)	1	1
Barclays Community Account	16113	8255
Barclays Business Premium Account	15069	15067
Barclays Little Oaks Account	914	257
Barclays Needs Account	1405	1555
	<u>33501</u>	<u>25135</u>
<u>Representing Balances on the following accounts</u>		
General Fund	31183	23324
Designated Funds	2318	1812
Restricted Funds	0	0
	<u>33501</u>	<u>25135</u>
Non-Monetary Assets		
	0	
There was a small amount of Fixtures, furniture and equipment at the church premises		
LIABILITIES		
Accrual for Accounts Examination by Stewardship	660	660
Pension	162	162
Rent creditor (Jan to Mar 22)	326	
	<u>1148</u>	<u>822</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Benda Mallinson

Position: Trustee

Date 11/09/22

Ackworth Community Church Trust

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

31st March 2022

1. Accounting Policies

The accounts have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis with a statement of assets and liabilities.

2. Donations Paid

	General Funds £	Designated Funds	Restricted Funds £	Total 2022 £	Total 2021 £
Salt Malawi	1,800	-	-	1,800	2,300
Your Mission	600	-	-	600	600
Missionary support					300
Gifts		450		450	
	2,400	450	-	2,850	3,200

3. Employees

The charity has 1 employee, to whom the employment costs refer.

No amounts were paid or are payable to any trustee or to any person connected to them.

4. Movement of Funds

	Balance at 01Apr2021 £	Receipts £	Payments £	Transfers £	Balance at 31Mar2022 £
RESTRICTED					
Missionary support	-	-	0	-	-
	-	-	0	-	-
DESIGNATED					
Little Oaks Toddler Group	257	1,408	(751)	-	914
Needs Fund	1,555	-	(450)	300	1,405
	1,812	1,408	(1,201)	300	2,319
GENERAL FUNDS	23,324	35,814	(27,655)	300	31,183

The Missionary Support Fund relates to donations given for the support of missionaries.

The Little Oaks Toddler Group is a Parents and Toddler Group run by members of the church

The Needs Fund relates to a fund set aside to meet urgent financial needs of church members or their friends and family.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ACCWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ackworth Community Church Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
LONDON
EC1Y 8AB

Date: 16 September 2022

Accounts

Ackworth Community Church Trust
Report of the Trustees
Year ended 31 March 2021

The name of the trust is Ackworth Community Church Trust, the registration number is 1056207.

The principal office of the charity is 15 Beech Street, South Elmsall, Pontefract, WF9 2HG.

The names of the trustees as the time of this report are: Alyn Griffith, Tony Horsfall, Brenda Mallinson.

The objectives of the charity are:

1. To advance the Christian faith, in accordance with the statement of beliefs shown in the constitution, in the county of West Yorkshire and in other such parts of the UK or the world mission field (operating area) as the trustees from time to time think fit.
2. To relieve persons in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged and infirm and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the same operating area as the trustees from time-to-time think fit.
3. To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the area of operation as the trustees think fit.

The governing document of the charity is a constitution which has been in place since 1996, the church was founded in 1991. The charity has 3 trustees selected from the body of the church depending upon their reputation and experience. The power to appoint trustees lies with the trustees. The day to day running of the church is managed by 5 elders, one of whom, Ashley Guest the Pastor, is full time and paid by the church. The elders make financial decisions about the management of the church with reference to the trustees for significant sums. Two of the elders (excluding Ashley Guest) are also Trustees, the trustees are fully involved in the decisions reflecting the impact of the pandemic on the life of the church.

The general reserve held by the charity increased during the financial year, which is remarkable during a period in which the church had not met together. Regular giving increased by £870 and unrestricted expenditure excluding donations decreased by £4341, which was primarily due to room hire costs not being incurred. The designated fund for the Little Oaks Parent and Toddler group decreased by £587 as they did not meet during the year; and the designated fund for the Needs account reduced by £400 as we made gifts to church members in need because of the pandemic. The Pastor has continued to work fulltime and be salaried throughout. There has been no negative impact on the Reserves. During the year, £500 was paid to trustee Tony Horsfall. Tony was not involved in the decision-making for this gift.

The Trustees have approved a budget for the church for the 2021/22 financial year with income of £33,760 and expenditure £33,278. This assumes that we will be able to start meeting together in July 2021.

In planning the activities of the church, the Trustees have applied the guidance on public benefit issued by the Charity Commission.

Responsibility for the day-to-day operation of the charity is delegated to the church leaders (which includes two of the trustees) who meet regularly.

Reserves Policy

The trustees have determined that the charity should aim to hold unrestricted cash of no less than £8,000 (which equates to about 3 months of unrestricted expenditure) so that the charity could continue to operate should income and / or expenditure vary adversely. At the year end, the charity held unrestricted cash of £25,135 and the charity is complying with its reserves policy, holding excess funds for the purpose of our desire to own or rent our own premises.

Our policy is to retain sufficient reserves:

- To ensure that the church and charity has sufficient funds to meet its financial commitments;
- To demonstrate that the church and charity is sustainable into the future;
- To ensure that the church and charity is able to manage future unforeseen financial difficulties;
- To ensure that excessive funds are not held without any identifiable reason or for any identifiable purpose.

Impact of Covid-19

Sunday 15th March 2020 was the last time that the church met together prior to the lockdown.

The impact of the lockdown restrictions on the church was immediate as the Ackworth Parish Council, in whose building the church meets, closed the premises with immediate effect. This meant that we could no longer meet on Sundays, mid-week for bible studies, toddlers, Messy Church or coffee afternoons. We also followed the guidance issued by the Government on faith groups meeting together.

Within 3 days of the decision curtailing our meeting together, we had formed pastoral groups, so that each of the elders had a group of people to contact regularly, to ensure that they were well, coping in the strange circumstances and to assess whether they needed pastoral support.

The elders also considered who would require help from the Needs Fund as they were no longer able to work due to the lockdown.

We have become more adept at using technology for our meetings. On 29th March we started meeting by Facebook Live from the Pastor's living room. This service continues and is also available on You Tube for those who don't have access to Facebook. This format of service is being watched by about 50 people per week, many of whom aren't regular attendees at church.

In July we started meeting via Zoom for our mid-week meetings: prayer, two bible studies and post-Alpha groups.

During the second lock down, the elders who were sharing the word couldn't travel to the Pastor's house to speak, so they recorded their message in their own homes and sent it to the Pastor for inclusion in the meeting.

The Toddler group also has a weekly online Facebook Live time.

During the first lockdown we joined with our friends in Churches Together in Ackworth in providing a service of delivering prescriptions to those in the village who were self-isolating or shielding. This became a regular service to many in the village and extended beyond delivering prescriptions to fetching groceries and taking letters to the post box etc.

One of our members took the lead in providing a food bank to those in Ackworth who has suffered financially due to the lockdown. This service continues today.

Mission

We have continued to support the work of Salt Malawi, both in prayer and financially, as they continue their missionary work in Malawi. We also continued with our support of Your Mission, a charity who run missions training courses and often facilitate mission trips.

Trustees' Responsibilities

Charity law requires us as Trustees to prepare financial statements for each accounting year which record the receipts and payments of the charity for the year.

We are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable us to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011.

We also have a responsibility to safeguard the assets of the charity and to take reasonable steps to prevent fraud or any other irregularities.

Approval

This report was approved by the trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tony Horsfall

Date: __25 Aug 21__

Chair of Trustees

Ackworth Community Church**Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2021****Receipts and Payments Account**

	Notes		2021			2020
		Restricted Funds	Designated Funds	General Funds	Total for year	Total for year
Receipts						
Donations, Legacies and Other Similar Receipts						
Weekly Offering				5,856	5,856	7,147
Charitable Donations				25,153	25,153	22,992
Gifts for Missions		0		0	0	430
Operating Activities to Further Charitable Objectives:	4		114		114	1,823
Investment Income Receipts:						
Bank Interest				7	7	28
Other Income						
Miscellaneous Income				0	0	255
		£0	£114	£31,016	£31,130	£32,675

Payments**Payments for Generating Funds:****Charitable Payments:**

Designated and undesignated donation to Missions	2	0	0	2,400	2,400	3,200
Gifts			700	0	700	0

Charitable Activities:

Staff Salary and Pension	3			20,378	20,378	20,378
Pension				1,622	1,622	1,568
Churches Together				70	70	70
Outreach				0	0	0

Support Costs:

Children's work				230	230	157
Books, Conferences and Training			0	0	0	310
Premises Hire			800	1,358	2,158	4,442
Insurance			0	328	328	507
Equipment			0		0	98
Sundry Expenses			0	240	240	2,615

Management and Administration Costs:

Accounts Examination				660	660	480
Payroll Fee				382	382	382
Stationery, Postage and Equipment				206	206	319
Copyright				284	284	278
		£0	£1,500	£28,158	£29,658	34,804

(Deficit)/Surplus for the year

Balance brought forward from previous year		0	(1,386)	2,858	1,471	-2,129
Transferred between funds		0	2,798	20,866	23,664	25,793
Balance carried forward at the end of the year		0	400	(400)	0	0
		£0	£1,812	£23,324	£25,135	£23,664

Ackworth Community Church

Financial Statement for the year ended 31st March 2021

ASSETS	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
Monetary Assets		
Petty Cash (Little Oaks)	1	1
Barclays Community Account	8,255	5704
Barclays Business Premium Account	15,067	15161
Barclays Little Oaks Account	257	843
Barclays Needs Account	1,555	1955
	<u>£25,135</u>	<u>£23,664</u>
<u>Representing Balances on the following accounts</u>		
General Fund	23,324	20,866
Designated Funds	1,812	2,798
Restricted Funds	0	0
	<u>£25,135</u>	<u>£23,664</u>
Non-Monetary Assets	£0	
There was a small amount of Fixtures, furniture and equipment at the church premises		
LIABILITIES		
Accrual for Accounts Examination by Stewardship	660	540
Pension	162	162.17
Rent creditor (Oct to Dec 2019)		594
Rent creditor (Jan to Mar 2020)		912
	<u>£822</u>	<u>2208</u>

These accounts were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

Tony Horsfall

Position: Chair of Trustees

Date 25 August 2021

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT
TO THE TRUSTEES OF
ACKWORTH COMMUNITY CHURCH TRUST

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of Ackworth Community Church Trust ('the charity') for the year ended 31 March 2021 on pages 1 to 3.

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

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

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with the accounting records.

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

Jaimée Young

Stewardship
1 Lamb's Passage
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Date: 31 August 2021