

SALISBURY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023

Constitution and Public Benefit

Salisbury Assemblies of God Church is a registered charity (number 1059654) governed by a model deed which has been adopted by many AoG churches. Our main object is the advancement of the Christian faith. This gives meaning to our lives and encourages living in such a way as to benefit the wider society. Within our community it also has a positive impact on the moral and ethical behaviour of those with whom we come into contact.

Officers

The trustees form a Church Council who are Terry Chainey from the Winchester church, Julian Downward from the Bournemouth church, Tony Wilson, the former pastor, and John Holme the current pastor. A further two trustees have been appointed and asked to serve for an initial period of 12 months, they are Andrew Bugg our Treasurer and Stuart Rivers, a friend of the fellowship and a man who brings his vast experience of managing other charities to the mix. Others from within the church take responsibility for different aspects of our work.

Property

We continue to hold the proceeds of our former building sale in a readily accessible account with The Kingdom Bank. Though this does not provide a great deal of income in the way of interest, it does serve to benefit other Church charities through the provision of mortgages which Kingdom Bank provides. We receive nominal interest on our investment, but the funds are readily available should we require to use them at any time. We continue to function without dedicated office space, and the equipment we use is currently being stored at the school which we rent space from each Sunday. We continue to have the use of a church building close to Salisbury in the village of Coombe Bissett; this is likely to come to an end in the Autumn of 2023 as the covenant which was drawn up in the latter part of the 19th century between a local Lord and the Baptist Church in the village of Coombe Bissett is due to be dissolved and the land will return to the state of the original Lord's successors.

Church ministry

Our church ministry continues unabated, we have seen some growth during the last year in terms of numbers, also there has been a consolidation of the fellowship under the new leadership which has resulted in only one person leaving who was attending under the former leadership. The main aim of the fellowship has been to 'make disciples' of the attendees (both young and old) to empower them to become increasingly effective witnesses for the Kingdom of God in an increasingly secular generation. This is proving to bear fruit and will remain the main focus of the fellowship moving forward under the current leadership.

We continue to invite visiting speakers, itinerant ministers and representatives of charities who share our values to address our meetings and we endeavour to support them in their aims both materially and spiritually. Furthermore, and in many ways most importantly, we give opportunity and encourage those from amongst the congregation to exercise their ministry gifts by speaking and leading different aspects of Church activity. The aims of this are to either raise them up to take more and more responsibility for the running of the fellowship in time, or to release them to start works in other places either on their own volition, or as a plant from our fellowship.

Looking to the future.

With the increase in the cost of living, the hardship which this has caused for many in our nation, the continuing war in Ukraine and the many pressures of life which people contend with both home and abroad, we have decided to 'look outside ourselves' and just our immediate surroundings in Salisbury. Five members of the fellowship are intending to travel to Romania during the Autumn to minister both practically and spiritually to some of the most marginalised and ostracised members of Romanian society - the Romany communities. We will be helping build houses for those who wish to settle in one place and who have displayed their willingness to be good, hard working and conscientious citizens; we will be working with mothers and children to teach them life skills and encouraging men to be better husbands and fathers to their families than their culture teaches. We are also beginning to establish a ministry in Kenya through a member of our fellowship who is of mixed Kenyan / British birth and who is currently visiting the country and establishing a work there in evangelising people in the villages. Perhaps we will send out others from the fellowship to support her if the need and the opportunity arises. Of course, none of these activities will jeopardise the work we do in our local fellowship in supporting those in our congregation whilst at the same time reaching out (through them) to others in the locale.

John Holme (Pastor) July 2023

SALISBURY A.O.G. CHURCH - Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2021/22</u>
<u>Revenue Account</u>		
INCOME		
Gifts and offerings	19807.92	20797.09
Gift Aid	4761.20	4160.76
Restricted gifts	1040.00	
Interest	1369.67	674.96
Loan repayment		120.00
	<u>26978.79</u>	<u>25752.81</u>
EXPENDITURE		
Insurance	263.54	263.54
Hire of premises	5460.00	
Church ministry	21250.50	10902.06
Outreach		
Children's ministry	20.00	
Internal Gifts	11796.37 *	
External gifts	4685.00 *	11624.71
Loan	1000.00	
	<u>44475.41</u>	<u>22790.31</u>
SURPLUS	<u>-17496.62</u>	<u>2962.50</u>
Accumulated surplus	77515.80	95012.42
 <u>Balance Sheet at Year End</u>	 03/31/23	 <u>31/3/22</u>
ASSETS		
Cash - Kingdom Bank	208551.40	###
Barclays Bank	14255.99	33104.61
Cash in hand	67.71	85.38
	<u>222875.10</u>	<u>240371.72</u>
LIABILITIES		
Capital Account	145359.30	###
Revenue Account - Unrestricted	77307.37	94803.99
- Restricted for Youth Club	208.43	208.43
	<u>222875.10</u>	<u>240371.72</u>

* Split between internal (gifts within fellowship) and external gifts.

Internal Gifts includes a sum of £4067 for Tony's ministry trip to Israel.

Church ministry now includes payments being made to John as pastor.

There was no expenditure on Hire of Premises in 2121/22 due to Covid-19 restrictions.



Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees/
members of

Charity Name
Salisbury Assemblies of God Church

On accounts for the year
ended

31 March 2023

Charity no
(if any)

1059654

Set out on pages

(remember to include the page numbers of additional sheets)

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended DD / MM / YYYY.

Responsibilities and
basis of report

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

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

Independent
examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention (other than that disclosed below *) in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Act or
- 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.

* Please delete the words in the brackets if they do not apply.

Signed:

Date:

26/07/2023

Name:

Daniel Socorro

Relevant professional
qualification(s) or body
(if any):

Address:

26 St Clair Road, Salisbury, SP2 8AE

Only complete if the examiner needs to highlight matters of concern (see CC32, Independent examination of charity accounts: directions and guidance for examiners).

Give here brief details of any items that the examiner wishes to disclose.