

SALISBURY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024

Constitution and Public Benefit

Salisbury Assemblies of God Church is a registered charity (number 1059654) governed by a model deed 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 a way that benefits 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 who were appointed last year have been asked to serve for an additional 12 months, namely, Andrew Bugg our Treasurer, and Stuart Rivers, who brings vast experience in managing charities to the mix; for the last few years, Stuart has been employed as the CEO of a maritime charity which provides welfare care to merchant seamen from around the world.

Others from within the church take responsibility for different aspects of the 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 stored at the school we rent space from each Sunday.

We no longer have the use of a church building close to Salisbury, in the village of Coombe Bissett; this came 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, was dissolved; the land was returned to the estate of the original Lord's successors. Our Sunday meetings continue to be held on the school premises we rent each week, and other meetings are usually held at the homes of congregational attendees. If required, we rent commercial premises for one-off meeting purposes.

Church ministry

As a fellowship, our emphasis continues to be both the spiritual development of the people who attend the church, whether they be regular attendees, occasional attendees, or people visiting the city short term, and also to further the Kingdom of God by reaching out to those who are yet to embrace the life-changing message of the Gospel Jesus Christ. Outside of our local geographic sphere of influence, we have this last year, sent a team to Romania to work with a Christian mission helping to build homes for orphans who have grown up, married and need accommodation suitable for

raising their own families. We also visited a nearby Roma community outside of the city of Oradea in northwestern Romania to practically and spiritually minister to what are a despised and underprivileged minority in that country. Six people from the congregation visited the country in October 2023. The benefits to both the people we ministered to, and the positive effect it had on those who gave of their time and money to make the trip was evident. We also plan to send out a team at the end of 2024. As in previous years, we continue to invite visiting speakers, itinerant ministers and representatives of charities who share our values to address our meetings and encourage our congregation; we endeavour to support their missions, both spiritually and materially, where appropriate. 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 encourage them to take more and more responsibility for the operation of the fellowship, or to release them to start similar ministry elsewhere, either of their own volition or as a plant-out from our fellowship.

Looking to the future.

As the congregation of our fellowship is mainly composed of people in their middle or late years of life, it is essential that for the work to continue, we raise a new generation of leadership. To this end, we have identified at least one person with the necessary character and gifts to grow into a leadership role. As Salisbury AOG is a member of the Assemblies of God denomination in the UK, we are required by the rules of membership to ensure that there is at least one accredited minister in the congregation who plays an active part in the life of the church. We fulfil this criterion through the presence and participation of Tony Wilson, the church's Founding Pastor. John Holme, the current Pastor, is also due to receive his accreditation next May, which would release Tony Wilson from further participation if he so wished. However, if we are to expand as a fellowship and possibly plant new churches, we would require further accredited ministers, and to this end, we are growing our leadership base now.

October 2024



SALISBURY A.O.G. CHURCH - Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024

| | <u>2023/24</u> | <u>2022/23</u> |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Revenue Account</u> | | |
| INCOME | | |
| Gifts and offerings | 22787.70 | 19807.92 |
| Gift Aid | 4389.24 | 4761.20 |
| Restricted gifts | 2400.00 | 1040.00 |
| Interest | 4851.92 | 1369.67 |
| Loan repayment | 1000.00 | |
| | <u>35428.86</u> | <u>26978.79</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Insurance | 265.00 | 263.54 |
| Hire of premises | 1080.00 | 5460.00 |
| Church ministry | 36120.10 | 21250.50 |
| Outreach | | 20.00 |
| Children's ministry | | 11796.37 |
| Internal Gifts | 6983.63 | 4685.00 |
| External gifts | 3375.00 | 1000.00 |
| Loan | <u>47823.73</u> | <u>44475.41</u> |
| SURPLUS | <u>-12394.87</u> | <u>-17496.62</u> |
| Accumulated surplus | 65120.93 | 77515.80 |

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|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| <u>Balance Sheet at Year End</u> | <u>31/03/24</u> | <u>31/3/23</u> |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash - Kingdom Bank | 203403.32 | 208551.40 |
| Barclays Bank | 7061.07 | 14255.99 |
| Cash in hand | 15.84 | 67.71 |
| | <u>210480.23</u> | <u>222875.10</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital Account | 145359.30 | 145359.30 |
| Revenue Account - Unrestricted | 64912.50 | 77307.37 |
| - Restricted for Youth Club | 208.43 | 208.43 |
| | <u>210480.23</u> | <u>222875.10</u> |



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 2024

**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:

26/10/2024

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.