

SALISBURY ASSEMBLIES OF GOD CHURCH Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2025

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 objective 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 that form the Church Council are: Terry Chainey from the Winchester AOG 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 two years ago have agreed to remain as full-time trustees, 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 need to use them at any time. We continue to function without a dedicated office space, and the equipment we use is currently stored at the school we rent space from each Sunday. 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 in the 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 of Jesus Christ. Our pastor has developed a daily spiritual reflection over the last year, which is disseminated via WhatsApp to recipients in the UK, both nationally and locally. Some of whom would confess the Christian faith, and those who are still at an enquiring stage. This particular ministry aims to bring together those who would not normally attend a church meeting alongside those who would, to forge relationships, offer support where needed, and generally propagate the Christian message.

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.

We have identified a member of the congregation who we believe has the qualities required for future leadership within the AOG context. We have recommended her to the national leadership training academy, she has been accepted onto the three-year Ministry in Training programme, and as a fellowship, we have committed to sponsoring her through that process

As was stated in last year's report, as a congregation mainly composed of people in their middle or later years of life, we have recognised the importance of preparing for the future by training up new leadership. This is an essential step in that direction, and one which will allow us to remain with the Assemblies of God denomination by ensuring that we have an accredited minister in leadership. Since last year, John Holme, the current Pastor, has completed his 3-year Ministry in Training course. It only remains for him to be awarded the certificate of accreditation in May. Furthermore, this releases the former Pastor, Tony Wilson, should he ever wish to focus his efforts elsewhere, to do so without let or hindrance.

March 2025



SALISBURY A.O.G. CHURCH - Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2025

| | <u>2024/25</u> | <u>2023/24</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| <u>Revenue Account</u> | | |
| INCOME | | |
| Gifts and offerings | 22334.05 | 22787.70 |
| Gift Aid | 4948.70 | 4389.24 |
| Restricted gifts | | 2400.00 |
| Interest | 5091.14 | 4851.92 |
| Loan repayment | | 1000.00 |
| | <u>32373.89</u> | <u>35428.86</u> |
| EXPENDITURE | | |
| Insurance | 265.00 | 265.00 |
| Hire of premises | 3120.00 | 1080.00 |
| Church ministry | 33531.17 | 36120.10 |
| Outreach | | |
| Children's ministry | | |
| Internal Gifts | 1555.00 | 6983.63 |
| External gifts | 2225.00 | 3375.00 |
| | <u>40696.17</u> | <u>47823.73</u> |
| SURPLUS | <u>-8322.28</u> | <u>-12394.87</u> |
| Accumulated surplus | 56798.65 | 65120.93 |

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| <u>Balance Sheet at Year End</u> | 31/03/25 | <u>31/3/24</u> |
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash - Kingdom Bank | 188494.46 | 203403.32 |
| Barclays Bank | 13643.00 | 7061.07 |
| Cash in hand | 20.49 | 15.84 |
| | <u>202157.95</u> | <u>210480.23</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Capital Account | 145359.30 | 145359.30 |
| Revenue Account - Unrestricted | 54090.22 | 64912.50 |
| Restricted for Youth Club | 208.43 | 208.43 |
| Restricted for donors funeral | 2500.00 | |
| | <u>202157.95</u> | <u>210480.23</u> |

Restricted sum of £2,500 paid into church funds is being held to pay toward the donors funeral. Was actually paid in during 2023/24 financial year but not shown as a restricted sum in error.

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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 2025

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 31.03.2025.

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:

07/12/2025

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.