

**SHELDON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**189 WHITECROFT ROAD**

**SHELDON**

**BIRMINGHAM**

**B26 3RL**

**Registered Charity: 1069691**

**STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT**

**AND**

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION REPORT**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 JANUARY 2024**

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# **INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS**

## **Receipts and Payments Accounts**

**Report to the trustees/members of Sheldon Community Church**

**Registered Charity number 1069691**

**On the accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024**

**Set out on the following pages**

### **Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner**

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144(2) of the Charities Act 2011 (the 2011 Act) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- Examine the accounts (under section 145 of the 2022 Act;
- To follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the 2011 Act; and
- State whether particular matters have come to my attention.

### **Basis of independent examiner's report**

My 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 no opinion is given as to whether the accounts a 'true and fair view' and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

### **Independent examiner's statement**

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

- (1) which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements
  - to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the 2011 Act; and
  - to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 2011 Act

have not been met: or

- (2) to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

**Signed *L A Silver***

**Date: 22 October 2024**

Luke Silver, HNC Business & Finance

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SHELDON COMMUNITY CHURCH

## **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND THE CHURCH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2024**

The Church Council (CC) of Sheldon Community Church (SCC) is committed to enabling as many people as possible to worship and become part of our church community.

### Objectives

When planning our activities for the year, the CC have considered the Charity Commission's guidance on public benefit and, in particular, the specific guidance on charities for the advancement of religion.

In accordance with our Constitution, SCC's purposes (or objects) for the benefit of the public are:

1. To advance the Christian Faith
2. To relieve sickness and financial hardship, and to promote and preserve good health by the provision of funds, goods or services of any kind including through the provision of counselling and support
3. To advance education in such parts of the United Kingdom (UK) or the world as the CC from time to time may think fit.

### Activities

At SCC, we purpose to equip and empower church members to live out and share their faith through:

- Worship and prayer; learning about the Gospel; and developing their knowledge and trust in Jesus
- Pastoral care
- Community provision; missionary and outreach work

Our weekly Family Service incorporates worship, spiritual encouragement and ministry, whilst opportunities are provided for prayer. The launch of 'Glow Kids' during the year facilitates an age-related environment for children to worship and learn from the Bible. Communion is taken on the first Sunday of the month. All are welcome to attend SCC services.



Young people have enjoyed social events, combined worship services with other youth groups organised by Assemblies of God (AoG) and Birmingham City Mission (BCM), and attended a summer camp.

The CC value Safeguarding as an important aspect of our culture. Through our Policy, regular training and 'Safeguarding Sunday' each year, we are able to positively communicate this principle to our church community.

The recent introduction of Shared Interest Groups has provided our church community with space to build personal relationships, be accountable and grow in faith together. 'Party in the Park' during summer months, annual conferences and various social events compliment pastoral care.

Helping those in need is a demonstration of our faith. Hope Community Shop was officially opened on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, with the aim of bringing hope to the Sheldon community – both practically and spiritually.

Relying solely on donations, we have provided: quality clothes, toys, books and gifts at bargain prices; services and activities to support the needs of local people; community events at Christmas and Easter; and funding for local projects from any profits.

With the lease on the premises due to expire in 2023, the CC decided not to renew the lease. Therefore, Hope Community Shop closed its doors for the last time on the 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

SCC continues to partner with several charities, disaster relief agencies and missionary organisations in the UK and around the world, in line with the CC's Missions Policy. SCC remains a member of Hatchford Brook Churches Together as well as part of various missional collaborations around the city.

### Volunteers

The CC would like to thank all of our volunteers at SCC who work so hard to ensure we are able to function as a vibrant church community.

### Financial Review

The primary sources of funding for SCC are the free will offerings of church members. This is supplemented by income tax recovered under the HMRC Gift Aid scheme. We are thankful to every person who gives within the life of our church.

The CC recognise the importance of a Reserves Policy to help practise good stewardship and financial management. It is CC policy to maintain a balance on unrestricted funds which equates to three months of operating costs, or a minimum of £7,500.

Financial assets in excess of agreed reserves will generally be held in liquid form, but may be invested in accordance with the church's risk profile, as per the CC's Investment Policy. Restricted funds on deposit are designated to purchase land / buildings for SCC in accordance with our Charitable Articles.

The financial results are set out in the enclosed accounts.

### **CHURCH COUNCIL AND TRUSTEES**

Matthew Atkins (Chair)

Tim Peel

Nathan Atkins

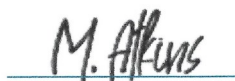
Rachel Sizer

Esther Atkins

### **STATEMENT**

We certify that that the books, vouchers and information produced to enable the independent examination of our accounts to be conducted contain a full and correct record of our financial transactions and activities to the best of our knowledge and belief.

### **SIGNED ON BEHALF OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Atkins', is written over a horizontal blue line.

Print name: M. ATKINS

Date: 17/09/2024

**Sheldon Community Church**  
**Registered Charity No 1069691**  
**Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31 January 2024**

Receipts	2023/24 £	2022/23 £	Payments	2023/24 £	2022/23 £
Donations - tithes, offerings and other income	49,007	52,838	Ministry expenses	43,504	38,217
Gift Aid on Donations Recovery from HMRC	10,698	14,140	Missions	5,650	4,597
Funding (Unrestricted) - Church / Other	-	-	Funding (Unrestricted) - Church / Other	-	1,220
Funding (Restricted) - Church	-	-	Funding (Restricted) - Church	-	-
Funding (Restricted) - Shop	-	-	Funding (Restricted) - Shop	-	-
Funding (Restricted) - Youth	-	-	Funding (Restricted) - Youth	-	-
SAMC (No. 3 Funding)	877	1,105	SAMC (No. 3 Funding)	951	765
Appeals (Restricted) - Building Fund	-	-	Appeals (Restricted) - Building Fund	-	-
Appeals (Restricted) - Other	505	1,302	Appeals (Restricted) - Other	505	2,500
Hope Community Shop	13,360	6,983	Hope Community Shop	15,178	17,592
Youth activity income (camp, subs)	-	-	Youth activities	-	-
Minibus Hire	-	-	Minibus expenses	-	-
Savings Interest	11,331	3,244	Establishment & Administrative expenses	4,473	4,106
Government Grants	-	-	Church Activities & Projects	1,865	2,966
			Miscellaneous	2,153	390
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,778</b>	<b>79,612</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>74,279</b>	<b>72,353</b>

Balances at 1.2.23	£	Balances at 31.1.24	£
Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	153,078	Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	158,024
Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925	Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925
Hampshire Trust Bank - Savings	-		
Lloyds *4604 - Church	18,515	Lloyds *4604 - Church	27,263
Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301	Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301
Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	781	Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	657
Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	15,760	Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	13,689
Hope Shop PayPal account	306	Hope Shop PayPal account	306
Zettle Account (by PayPal)	10	Zettle Account (by PayPal)	10
Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000	Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>413,676</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>425,175</b>

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Statement of Assets and Liabilities for the year ended 31 January 2024

<b>Fixed Assets</b>	<b>£</b>	<b>£</b>
Church Premises - insurance value	Nil	
Equipment	8,292	
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>		<b>8,292</b>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Kingdom Bank Ltd - Savings	158,024	
Redwood Bank - Savings	134,925	
Cambridge & Counties - Savings	90,000	
Lloyds *4604 - Church	27,263	
Lloyds *9568 - Youth	301	
Lloyds *7568 - Funding Account	657	
Lloyds *3768 - Hope Shop	13,689	
Hope Shop PayPal account	306	
Zettle (by PayPal)	10	
<b>Total Current Assets</b>		<b>425,175</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>433,467</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>NIL</b>	
<b>Net Assets</b>		<b>433,467</b>