

HALE CHAPEL - HALE BARNES

Report of the Trustees for the Year ended 31st December 2024

The Trustees are responsible for two trusts:

Hale Chapel - Charity Commission Registration No. 1086832: and
The Trust for the Manse for the Minister - Charity Commission No. 252897

The Trustees present their report with the financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31st December 2024

1. The Trustees may be contacted through their secretary:

Miss Helen Wilson, 1 Fairywell Road, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire, WA15 6XA

2. The Trustees who served in the year were:

Alastair Brown (Chair)
Helen Wilson (Secretary)
Neil Waller (Treasurer)
Joanne Turner
Elizabeth Wilson
Barbara Waller
Patricia Head

3. The Trusts' Bankers are:
Barclays Bank UK PLC, , Leicester LE87 2BB

The Investment Manager:

Newton Investment Management Limited, Mellon Financial Centre, 160, Queen Victoria Street, London, EC4V 4LA.

The Independent Examiner:

Kenneth James Johnson FCA, 2 Kennerley Court, Kennerleys Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5EQ.

4. The purpose of the Chapel Trust is to hold freehold land and buildings and to make them available for use by a congregation dissenting from the Church of England. The Congregation is a member of The General Assembly of Unitarian and Free Christian Churches.

The funds of the Manse for the Minister are derived from a proportion of the proceeds of sale of a manse. The income from the invested funds, amounting in the year to £5,414.06 passed to the congregation to assist in the payment of the Minister's stipend, housing allowance and expenses.

The purposes of the Trustees of the two Trusts and the congregation are so similar that they are accounted for in one set of financial statements.

5. The Trustees take into account the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit and believe that the activities of the Trusts are in line with that guidance.

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6. The Trustees maintain under constant review, risks which may arise with regard to their funds and their general activities.
7. The Trustees believe they have sufficient reserves to maintain their present activities for the foreseeable future.
8. Chapel services take place at 9.30 am each Sunday. Average attendances are 20.

There are 21 members of the congregation, many of whom support the Chapel financially through planned contributions and Gift Aid.

The Reverend Jeffrey Lane Gould was appointed Minister of Hale Chapel and of Dean Row Chapel, Wilmslow, on 1st September 2012.

The remuneration and expenses of the Minister are administered by the Haldean Committee which comprises the Officers of the two Chapels. Hale Chapel provides 45% of the costs incurred by the Haldean Committee.

9. The financial statements produced by the Trustees comprise Receipts and Payments Accounts for the Chapel's activities and for those of the Hall and John Clark Room, respectively and a Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at the end of the year.

During the year under review, Payments exceeded Receipts on Chapel activities by £21,308.75

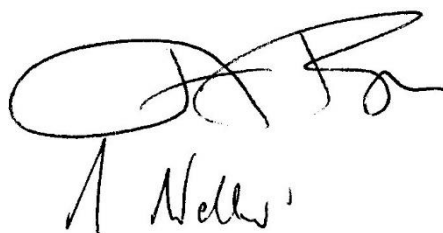
In the case of the Hall, Payments exceeded Receipts by £1,648.33, but still owes an insurance contribution of £1,326 to the Chapel.

There were gains on investment assets of £28,456.00, comprising £16,831.00 relating to the Manse Fund and £11,625.00 to the Chapel Fund.

10. The report and annexed accounts have been approved by the Trustees and are signed on their behalf by the Chairperson and the Treasurer.

Alastair Brown - Chairperson

Neil Waller – Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Neil Waller', with a large, stylized initial 'N'.

3 February 2025

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Independent Examiner's Report to **the Trustees of Hale Chapel, Hale Barns.**

I report on the Financial Statements of the trusts for the year to 31st December 2024

Respective responsibilities of trustees and the examiner.

As the charity's trustees you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that the audit requirement of section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 (the Act) does not apply. It is my responsibility to state, on the basis of procedures specified in the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners under section 145 (5) (b) of the Act, whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the independent examiner's report.

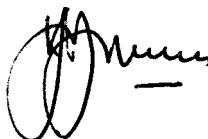
My examination was carried out in accordance with the General Directions given by the Charity Commissioners. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items 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 I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

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
 - (a) to keep accounting records in accordance with section 130 of the Act; and
 - (b) to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and to comply with the accounting requirements of the 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.

Kenneth James Johnson FCA
Flat 2, Kennerley Court
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Wilmslow
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3rd February 2025

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Receipts and Payments Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

<u>Chapel account</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts		£		£	
Donations, Grants & Legacies	1	22,282.68		13,276.39	
Weddings, Baptisms and Funerals	2	500.00		1,600.00	
Investment Income	3	9,153.66		9,307.75	
House income		<u>10,800.00</u>		<u>10,800.00</u>	
			£42,736.34		£34,984.14
Payments					
Ministry Cost		23,972.00		25,264.00	
Servicing the Chapel		430.88		2,488.31	
Maintenance of Chapel & Grounds	4	32,879.74		7,834.18	
GA Quota Inc. £665 for 2021/22		1,400.00		665.00	
Donations and subscriptions	5	1,018.37		1,089.12	
Miscellaneous expenses	6	2,210.22		1,180.00	
House expenses	7	<u>2,133.88</u>		<u>1,251.76</u>	
			£64,045.09		£39,772.37
Excess of Payments over Receipts			£21,308.75		£4,788.23
Bank Balance at 31st December 2023			£21,092.76		£25,880.99
Cash transferred from the Hall account			<u>£17,817.60</u>		
Bank Balance at 31st December 2024			<u>£17,601.61</u>		<u>£21,092.76</u>

<u>Hall Account</u>	<u>Note</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2023</u>
Receipts		£		£	
Regular Bookings		12,913.50		13,267.00	
John Clark Room bookings		6,072.00		6,138.00	
Other bookings and receipts		<u>1,074.00</u>		<u>1,430.50</u>	
			£20,059.50		£20,835.50
Payments					
Caretaking	8	7,404.00		6,365.22	
General repairs & maintenance	9	8,650.13		3,563.69	
Garden expenses		840.00		750.00	
Heat, light, water and insurance	10	4,563.67		5,642.47	
Performing rights		<u>250.03</u>		<u>511.40</u>	
			£21,707.83		£16,832.78
Excess of Payments over Receipts			1,648.33		-4,002.72
Bank Balance at 31st December 2023			19,589.14		15,586.42
Cash transfer to Chapel Account			<u>-17,817.60</u>		
Bank Balance at 31st December 2024			<u>£123.21</u>		<u>£19,589.14</u>

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STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31st DECEMBER 2024

	2024	2023
	£	£
Freehold Land and Buildings		
Chapel building and graveyard, Chapel Lane, Hale Barnes	2,630,171	2,630,171
Chapel Hall and John Clark Room, Hale Road, Hale Barnes	1,175,976	1,175,976
Dwelling house on Hale Road, Hale Barnes	292,551	298,151
	<u>4,098,698</u>	<u>4,104,298</u>

The values stated above are those for which the buildings and their contents are insured by the Chapel and are not necessarily their value in the property market.

	2024	2023
	£	£
Investments at Market Value		
Manse Fund	253,056	236,225
Chapel Fund	174,791	163,166
	<u>427,847</u>	<u>399,391</u>

	2024	2023
Current Assets		
Business current accounts with Barclays Bank PLC		
Chapel Account	17,602	21,093
Hall Account	123	19,589
	<u>17,725</u>	<u>40,682</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>£4,544,270</u>	<u>£4,544,371</u>

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Notes to the accounts for the Chapel and the Hall

1 DONATIONS, GRANTS & LEGACIES	2024	2023
Weekly collections	1,737.80	1,622.15
Donations	2,669.40	1,332.55
Donations with Gift Aid	5,698.00	4,899.33
Membership and GA fees	135.00	115.00
Membership and GA fees Gift Aided	640.00	875.00
Gift Aid received from Govt.	1,183.15	1,758.99
Grant from M.D.A. (for the wall 2024)	10,219.33	2,000.00
Sundry receipts	0.00	673.37
	<u>£22,282.68</u>	<u>£13,276.39</u>
2 WEDDINGS, BAPTISMS & FUNERALS		
Wedding fees	500.00	1,425.00
Baptisms	0.00	
Funerals	0.00	175.00
	<u>£500.00</u>	<u>£1,600.00</u>
3 INVESTMENT INCOME		
Chapel account	3,739.60	3,802.57
Manse account	5,414.06	5,505.18
	<u>£9,153.66</u>	<u>£9,307.75</u>
4 MAINTENANCE OF CHAPEL & GROUNDS		
Maintaining Garden & Graves	1,665.00	1,530.00
Insurance	4,734.98	1,800.83
Gas	2,030.28	2,601.11
Electricity (Overpayment refund in 2023)	1,014.82	-1,209.84
Water	487.53	447.94
Health and Safety Checks	897.73	488.16
Repairs (£21,963.60 for rebuilding the wall)	22,049.40	2,175.98
	<u>£32,879.74</u>	<u>£7,834.18</u>
5 DONATIONS & SUBSCRIPTIONS		
Unitarian Christian Association	80.00	40.00
Listed Building subscription	48.00	48.00
Magazines	111.00	222.00
To other Charities	653.88	637.20
Licensing	125.49	44.42
Gifts for services to the Chapel	0.00	97.50
	<u>£1,018.37</u>	<u>£1,089.12</u>

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Notes to the accounts continued

	2024	2023
6 MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES		
Petty Cash	150.00	110.00
Bonus payments	200.00	200.00
Miscellaneous expenses	14.90	
Legal Fees	1,845.32	870.00
	<u>£2,210.22</u>	<u>£1,180.00</u>
7 HOUSE EXPENSES		
Plumbing services, Insurance and repairs	433.88	547.76
Electrics safety report and repairs	0.00	604.00
Building repairs	1,700.00	100.00
	<u>£2,133.88</u>	<u>£1,251.76</u>
8 HALL CARETAKING		
Caretaking	5,209.50	4,500.00
Caretaking expenses including cleaning	2,194.50	1,865.22
	<u>£7,404.00</u>	<u>£6,365.22</u>
9 HALL MAINTENANCE		
Repairs	8,180.00	3,225.99
Fire extinguisher + electrical equipment testing	470.13	337.70
	<u>£8,650.13</u>	<u>£3,563.69</u>
10 HALL SERVICES		
Insurance (Hall owes £1326 to the Chapel in 2025)	0.00	2,425.57
Water rates	487.53	447.94
Gas	2,170.33	2,010.59
Electricity	1,905.81	758.37
	<u>£4,563.67</u>	<u>£5,642.47</u>