

THE CROWN CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1095028

Details

Status	Registered
Legal form	Charitable company
Company number	04529503
Registered	2002-12-12
Register	View on the Charity Commission register

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Activities

Objects: (A)TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS (APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE HERETO) IN THE LONDON BOROUGH OF HILLINGDON AND ITS ENVIRONS AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR WORLD AS THE DIRECTORS OF THE CHARITY (HEREAFTER CALLED "THE TRUSTEES") MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;(C)TO PROMOTE AND FULFIL SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE PURPOSES BENEFICIAL TO THE COMMUNITY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT.(B)TO RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN CONDITIONS OF NEED OR HARDSHIP OR WHO ARE AGED OR SICK AND TO RELIEVE THE DISTRESS CAUSED THEREBY IN THE SAID AREA AND IN SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM OR THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME THINK FIT;

Activities: Sunday morning meetingCell group meetingPrayerTraining and Support to Leaders and MembersOutreachBuilding links with Brunel University and local churchesSupporting and playing a part in the work of NewfrontiersSupporting other Christian agencies in the relief of the poor and oppressed overseas

Classification

- **How:** Makes Grants To Individuals, Makes Grants To Organisations, Provides Services
- **What:** The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Overseas Aid/famine Relief, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** HILLINGDON, LONDON AND ELSEWHERE
- Hillingdon

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£397,402	£388,801	-	-
2023-08-31	£360,443	£347,051	-	-
2022-08-31	£418,541	£322,595	-	-
2021-08-31	£423,549	£316,925	-	-
2020-08-31	£601,630	£403,067	£884,672	8

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Adebimpe Toby		2022-12-19
Maxine Willetts		2025-02-11
Oko Anyaegbu		2025-09-25
Stefan Omar Brown		2025-02-11

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Accounts

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called 'The Crown Church' also known as Crown Church. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th of September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th September 2002.

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Registered Company Number 04529503

Registered Office The Living Room
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Trustees and Directors	Ngozichukwuka Ivy Nwabineli	Resigned 30 Sept 2024
	Kate Elizabeth Durrant	
	James Paul Hunting	Resigned 17th Dec 2024
	Adebimpe (Bimpe) Abiase Toby	Appointed 19 Dec 2022
	Keith Noel Welsey	Appointed 19 Dec 2022

Key Management Personnel The Board of Trustees and Eldership Team

Eldership Team James Hunting
Dan Smith
Stefan Brown
Andy Langford
Gavin Bissessar

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Annual Report

Sept 2023 to Aug 2024

Prepared for the Charity Commission and Crown Members

By Gavin Bissessar (Interim Lead Pastor)

Introduction

Crown Church exists so that many, together, may glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This Annual Report represents a diverse group of people from across Hillingdon, West London and the surrounding areas enjoying their relationship with God and one another and living out their Christian faith in the community.

This financial year has seen Crown steadily grow in strength on the back of the previous year. Volunteering, leadership, giving and teams have all slowly increased through this year, despite challenging circumstances surrounding the cost of living and staff changes.

As this report also covers the financial picture of the charity it is also important to note the sacrificial, ongoing generosity of church members. This report represents an incredible commitment by a huge army of volunteers. The wholehearted commitment of planning, prayer, encouragement and support by so many ensures Crown continues to flourish in its mission.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. Join us as we give thanks to God for an encouraging season in the life of Crown Church.

Gavin Bissessar

(Interim Lead Pastor)

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Crown Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th of September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th of September 2002. The Crown Church is governed by its Memorandum of Association which lists its Charitable Objectives as:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in the London Borough of Hillington, other areas of the United Kingdom or the world.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick.
- To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the London Borough of Hillington, other areas of the United Kingdom or the world.

Public Benefit Disclosure

The trustees have read and continue to take into account the Charity Commission guidance relating to Public Benefit. The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit are given in the 'Achievements and Performance' sections below.

Memberships

Crown Church is part of the New Ground family of churches which in turn is a part of the global family of churches New Frontiers. <https://newgroundchurches.org/> <https://newfrontierstogether.org/>

Crown Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. <https://www.eauk.org/>

Elders and Trustees

The Elder team is responsible for the spiritual well-being and direction of Crown and comprises James Hunting, Dan Smith, Stefan Brown, Andy Langford and Gavin Bissessar.

The Trustee team oversees the governance of Crown Church as a charity, team comprises:

- Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair and HR) (Resigned 30th Sept 2024)
- Kate Durrant (Safeguarding)
- James Hunting (Pastor) (Resigned 17th Dec 2024)
- Bimpe Toby (Health & Safety)
- Keith Wesley (Finance)

Trustees Responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- Observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP,
- Make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,

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- State whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- Prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees are appointed by both elders and trustees putting forward the names of potential trustees for consideration. Potential trustees are sounded out for the opportunity of serving. If willing, they are then put before the members of the church as suitable candidates, this includes a brief bio so the church can understand the skills they bring and an indication of their character to serve. This is done by email with a verbal overview in a Sunday service. A period for any feedback is given - to allow for any concerns or questions raised over the suitability of a proposed trustee. After the period of feedback, and assuming no questions have been raised over suitability, then steps to appointment are made. This is all done in accordance with the Crown Church Articles of Association

The Trustees delegate the role of the day-to-day running of the church to the staff team listed below.

Staffing

At the end of the period, the staff team consisted as follows:

- James Hunting (Full Time), Pastor
- Gavin Bissessar (Full-time), Interim Lead Pastor
- Dan Smith (Part-Time), Pastor
- Amiola Chainani (Full Time), Apprentice Youth Worker
- Charli Warren (Full Time), Events Coordinator
- Colette Moore (Part-Time), Office Manager
- Mark Thomas (Part-Time), DBS and Safeguarding Administrator

Additional Information

At the time of submission, it is important to note that, due to physical unwellness and extended leave, Gavin Bissessar has acted as interim leader in place of James Hunting from September - December 2023 and from June - August 2024. Staff, trustees, elders and volunteers have worked above and beyond during this period. Additional staff changes within a short period (one change of contract) introduced an added dynamic to Crown's year and staff, elder and trustee workloads. Whilst COVID has faded into the background, its long-term impact together with that of war in Europe and rising inflation have increased costs for Crown, as it has for everyone. Despite this, Crown members have continued to support the church financially and we are grateful for the increased generosity through regular financial giving as well as one-off responses to care for those in greatest need in our community. The trustees have set aside a proportion of reserves for ongoing and future financial impact. We are aware that the impact of the above may be felt over many years and the view on the reserves acknowledges this and will provide stability through the next season.

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Achievements and Performance

Sundays

Attendance has stabilised at our Sunday venue across the year with Crown continuing to gather at Bishopshalt School, utilising the main hall and supporting classrooms. The growth of our youth work led to a change of room to facilitate higher attendance and a more general re-launch of our youth work provision on a Sunday, which was welcomed by many.

A decrease in volunteer numbers for children's work meant that some activities were consolidated to ensure a minimum level of provision was maintained.

An increase in collaborative working among the staff team helped drive an overhaul of Sunday service planning, preparation and delivery and enabled a much-needed improvement of Crown's systems, including health and safety, volunteer recruitment and greater long-term planning for larger Sunday events.

Ongoing challenges with Bishopshalt School led to some last-minute booking cancellations however, the staff team and volunteers stepped up to deliver services at The Living Room, with considerable logistical planning and effort on three occasions.

Towards the end of the financial year a concerted effort to encourage volunteering, particularly among the youth bore fruit, and when combined with greatly improved planning and communications (as a result of the efforts of the events manager), saw a significant increase in Crown's resilience to ever-changing circumstances regarding Sunday services and non-Sunday events, such as a week of prayer and Newday (a Christian youth festival that Crown's youth attend each year).

All of this has helped us value the simplicity of the Sunday gathering; to worship God, receive his encouragement, strengthen one another and welcome new people in. Our sermon series during the year included 'Psalms.'

Children and Youth

Through this period we carried a vacancy for a Children's Worker position and so the day-to-day organisation of this ministry area was carried by our impressive volunteers. Repeated attempts to recruit a Children's Worker were unsuccessful however, in the summer term a member of staff offered to increase hours to focus on supporting the children's work on Sundays. This flexing out-of-staff resource has provided much reassurance and fresh vision to the volunteer teams whilst boosting recruitment and strengthening the administrative aspects of delivering children's work on a Sunday.

The year saw Crown's Apprentice Youth Worker join the team – her role as an apprentice was supported by local mentoring, pastoral support and a pathway to accreditation via a degree in youth work at the University of East London. Her work with the young people was outstanding: engaging them in wider church activities such as volunteering to support children's work or operations and creating a safe space for their flourishing: a youth café, youth worship night, Friday night youth 'club' and Sunday gathering, in addition to ongoing 1:1 support provided both directly and through adult volunteers.

Outside of Sundays, our youth have gathered on Friday evenings at The Living Room for times of fun and friendship. The move of the Roots room on a Sunday, the relaunch of their Friday night and the huge success of the Newday Christian youth festival (where we took over 60 young people) has had a profound impact across the wider church: raising faith, excitement and godly ambition to see the

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younger generation flourish in their faith, with many non-youth supporting younger people through mentoring or volunteering on the operational and logistical side of youth events.

Life Groups

Our life group leaders have led in a sacrificial way over the past year. A training course for prospective life group leaders led to the launch of three new life groups, taking the total number to 13. Plans are afoot to ensure better support of life groups, and their leaders and to recruit and train future leaders. Our life groups continue to bring people together through hospitality in the home, centred around the worship of Jesus, bringing support and encouragement to one another. We continue to have life groups spread geographically across the London Borough of Hillingdon, Slough, Iver and into Langley in Berkshire.

Community

The Over 60's outreach, Foodbank and Roots youth group have all thrived at The Living Room. These opportunities for relational connection and support have been invaluable for the local community over the past year. The launch of an 18's-30's ministry has seen fresh energy and engagement brought to and from this group, with socials, monthly gatherings and a Sunday 'bring and share' lunch at The Living Room, open to all.

The Foodbank team continue to support a rising number of people in our local community as the financial impact of COVID-19 and war is felt. Crown members have responded with food and finance to support this ministry, with financial donations doubling on the previous financial year.

The Friday Sunbeams parents and babies/toddler group has continued for most of the past year, with many local families attending, and engaging with regular church families who also attend. A visible sense of community has been established among this cohort, with many from other churches and from across Crown serving. However, owing to volunteer capacity, the team have been unable to run Friday Sunbeams since July.

Equipping

Elders, trustees and staff team have continued to lead and support across the life of the church. Each month the church has gathered to pray together. This has been complimented by three 'weeks of prayer,' over the year where folks from across Crown gathered in various settings to pray for one another, our local neighbourhoods, our nation and the world. The moments were instrumental in bringing people together, stirring faith in Jesus and keeping Crown outward looking.

Crown continues to receive support from the New Ground family of churches. This has involved conferences, online support and several Crown members attending the New Ground Academy as part of their own leadership development. Owing to its leadership in such areas, Crown led New Ground's Racial Diversity Network programme, equipping leaders from across New Ground to help build racially diverse churches. Additional equipping was provided by Gavin Bissessar around the issue of racial diversity to New Ground and Newfrontiers. New Ground's team have supported Crown's elders as they have worked through a range of issues and a number of close relationships between New Ground and Crown staff and leadership have been established.

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Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team has continued to meet together regularly to ensure policies are updated, relationships with stakeholders remain strong, and volunteers receive coaching and support towards safe practice. Crown continues to use Thirtyoneeight.org as its training provider for Safeguarding. In May Crown renewed the contract for our Safeguarding and DBS Administrator on a part-time basis to bring together the operational management of this area of church life, helping to align policies, practices and the management of safeguarding; ensuring training and DBS checks were completed by relevant people in a timely fashion.

Christmas 2023

In light of staff and volunteer pressures, Crown changed this year's Carol Service from the afternoon (it has taken place in the afternoon for over 20 years), to the morning, reduced the meeting time and removed the children's activities and guest speaker. The service had a distinctly different look and feel but the new format was welcomed by many and we aim to repeat this for the foreseeable future.

Giving

We have continued our support of the John 3:16 Trust which supports the evangelist Adrian Holloway, who spends time in Christian Unions and churches speaking about the Christian Faith. Over the year, thousands will hear him speak about Jesus which has led many to further explore the Christian faith. We continue to support a missionary family based in the *Rock Church* in Wroclaw, Poland in their outreach to the local community. We also continue to give financially to the work of *New Ground* which supports church planting in different countries around the world. We have also supported *Project Hope* in their work in the slums and amongst the street children in Mumbai. We have continued to give financially to the *Power The Fight* charity, which aims to reduce gang and knife-related violence in London, and beyond.

Crown held its first 'Gift Day' in 7 years in June. The Gift Day was an opportunity for Crown members to give 'over and above' their regular giving to specific areas of church life and mission. The event was excellently planned, communicated and delivered by staff and volunteers, under challenging circumstances – the service had a significant impact in three ways:

1. Over £37,000 was raised – the generosity of the congregation was moving and faith-boosting for the Crown Church
2. The Gift Day enabled Crown to talk more confidently about money and giving
3. The money was given to New Ground, the Unreached Network – an organisation that equips leaders for cross-cultural mission in the UK and Global South, led by Andrew McCullough and to the cost of Newday for 2025, which has a significant impact on Crown's youth.

When combined with the doubling of financial donations to Foodbank, we are incredibly grateful for God's faithfulness, people's sacrificial, faith-led giving and the opportunity it provides Crown to bless other areas of church life. We aim to repeat Gift Days in future years.

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Plans for future periods

Looking beyond this existing year, Crown Church is committed to its mission "...so that many together may glorify God and enjoy him forever."

In the coming season, this will involve strengthening a number of areas of church life, including:

- (1) Leadership:** For most of the past 18 months Crown's lead pastor has been on long-term leave and an interim leader in place. Additionally, the trustee chair has moved on after four years of faithful and diligent service and an additional trustee will be stepping down when a replacement can be found. Whilst member's generosity has been evident, the financial picture for Crown is mixed and as such, increasing staff numbers to provide much needed support in this season is not an option. Crown's trustees and elders will continue to support the lead pastor, create plans to support the wellbeing of the staff team and work closely together to create a plan that sees Crown navigate this season and into the next one, well.
- (2) Front Door:** At the time of writing a new website is imminent whilst our welcome teams, integration of newcomers into Crown, 'Joining Crown,' events and support of small groups remain a key area of investment. Additionally, we plan a number of events that will explain who we are and why we do what we do. Getting this right strengthens a sense of commitment and 'buy in' from members and will play a key part in helping people find their place at Crown. We are currently recruiting volunteers to support the delivery of these activity strands.
- (3) Local Community:** The activities serving the local community out of Crown's community facility, "The Living Room" will continue. Unfortunately, the demand for Foodbank is greater than ever and the church is committed to raising finance and food to support this ministry. Additionally, we will be opening space once a week for youth drop-in sessions as part of our local support around contextual safeguarding of young people in the hours after school finishes. Over 60's outreach will also play a key part in reaching out and serving the local community.
- (4) Next Generation:** The past few years have seen youthwork at Crown flourish with over 60 young people taken to Newday, and roughly 40 gathering each Friday at 'The Living Room,' whilst a similar number gather on a Sunday morning as part of Crown's regular Sunday service. There is also a 'youth worship night' held monthly at The Living Room, providing a space for young people to explore their faith and develop technical and leadership skills. The employment of an apprentice youth worker has provided fresh vision to volunteers, robust leadership, pastoral care and creative ideas to engage young people and help them grow in faith. This year will see an overhaul of youth meetings on a Sunday, with a greater emphasis on young people volunteering, and for older youth there will be an equipping track to support their transition into adulthood.

Through this period, our children's work was organised and carried by an incredible team of volunteers who have gone above and beyond to serve Crown's children. With no budget for a children's worker, a staff elder increased his hours to support children's work on a Sunday, providing much needed vision, support and reassurance to volunteers and administrative rigour to facilitate robust children's work on Sunday mornings at Crown.

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As noted above, lower volunteer numbers meant some of the children's and youth activities on a Sunday were consolidated. These teams have also put together exciting Christmas events, Easter Events and Sports days.

Financial Review

The financial position of The Crown Church at the end of the year (31st August 2024) was:

	£
General (Unrestricted funds)	76,219
Designated Building and Assets	948,250
Other Designated Funds	193,538
Restricted Funds	46,019
Total	<u>1,264,026</u>

Crown's annual budget for FY23-24 was £373,400, expenditure was £388,801 and income was £397,402. We ended the year with a surplus of £8,601. Crown has a healthy level of reserves to draw on. The elders and trustees will create a strategy to address our long-term financial health.

Reserves

The Board of Trustees have agreed on the following reserves policy; that we set aside three months of running costs of £100,000, which are held in a designated fund for a time when it is required, or future opportunities arise. The reserve fund is reviewed annually.

Going concern

The Trustees consider The Crown Church a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

The Trustee's Annual Report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Name of Trustee: Kate Durrant

Signed on Behalf of Trustees:



Date of Approval:

13/03/2025

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Crown Church ('the charity') for the year ending 31st August 2024.

Responsibilities and Basis of Report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent Examiner's Statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
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Date: 07/04/2025

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Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account

		2024		2023
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£
Income				
Donations and legacies		322,100	60,515	382,615
Charitable activities		753	10,780	11,533
Investment income		3,254	-	3,254
Total Income	2	<u>326,107</u>	<u>71,295</u>	<u>397,402</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities		320,018	68,783	388,801
Total Expenditure	3	<u>320,018</u>	<u>68,783</u>	<u>388,801</u>
Net Income / (Expenditure)		<u>6,089</u>	<u>2,512</u>	<u>8,601</u>
Net Income and Net Movement in Funds				
Total funds brought forward	11	1,222,262	33,163	1,255,425
Transfers		(10,344)	10,344	-
Total Funds Carried Forward		<u>1,218,007</u>	<u>46,019</u>	<u>1,255,425</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both the Companies Act and the Charity SORP reporting requirements.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2024 £	2023 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible fixed assets	8	948,250	948,250
Current assets			
Debtors	9	8,361	7,926
Cash at the bank and in hand		309,782	303,458
		<u>318,143</u>	<u>311,384</u>
Creditors	10	<u>2,367</u>	<u>4,209</u>
Net assets		1,264,026	1,255,425
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	11	46,019	33,163
Unrestricted funds	11		
Unrestricted general		76,219	69,295
Revaluation reserve		159,530	159,530
Designated funds		982,258	993,437
		<u>1,218,007</u>	<u>1,222,262</u>
Total charity funds		1,264,026	1,255,425

Directors Responsibilities

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st August 2024, the charitable company (The Crown Church, Reg. Company No. 04529503) was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

Keith Wesley

Name of Trustee:

Signed on Behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

07/04/2025

Registered Company no. 04529503

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation

The Crown Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The principal activity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the church are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the church, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Resources Expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation to commit the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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Tangible Fixed Assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time and estimated useful life of the asset.

Land and buildings are held on a revaluation basis and are not depreciated. Land and Buildings are revalued every few years.

The depreciation policies of the organisation are as follows:

Equipment	33% straight line
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This policy has recently been updated from Equipment being held on a 20% reducing balance basis.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and Key Sources of Estimation

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets.

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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2024 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	269,578	50,667	320,245
Payroll giving	-	-	-
Gift aid	52,522	9,848	62,370
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>322,100</u>	<u>60,515</u>	<u>382,615</u>
Charitable Activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	753	10,780	11,533
	<u>753</u>	<u>10,780</u>	<u>11,533</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	3,254	-	3,254
	<u>3,254</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,254</u>
Total Income	<u>326,107</u>	<u>71,295</u>	<u>397,402</u>
	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and Legacies			
Donations	283,406	11,110	294,516
Payroll giving	225	-	225
Gift aid	53,652	1,834	55,486
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>337,283</u>	<u>12,944</u>	<u>350,227</u>
Charitable Activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	661	9,555	10,216
	<u>661</u>	<u>9,555</u>	<u>10,216</u>
Investment Income			
Bank interest	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Income	<u>337,944</u>	<u>22,499</u>	<u>360,443</u>

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities by Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Administration	16,269	3,087	19,356
Asset Depreciation	-	-	-
Central Outreach & Events	6,161	-	6,161
Central Training & Conferences	3,850	-	3,850
Giving	23,706	36,391	60,097
Governance Costs	8,506	-	8,506
Hillingdon Congregation	22,254	-	22,254
Newday event	-	23,829	23,829
Premises	7,448	5,476	12,924
Staff Costs	231,824	-	231,824
	<u>320,018</u>	<u>68,783</u>	<u>388,801</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Administration	16,150	121	16,271
Asset Depreciation	4,739	-	4,739
Central Outreach & Events	13,231	-	13,231
Central Training & Conferences	7,095	-	7,095
Giving	22,395	6,357	28,752
Governance Costs	7,886	-	7,886
Hillingdon Congregation	23,700	-	23,700
Newday Event	-	26,561	26,561
Premises	11,776	-	11,776
Staff Costs	211,779	-	211,779
	<u>318,751</u>	<u>33,039</u>	<u>351,790</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further details about volunteer contributions to the organisation.

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5 Independent Examination Fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,476	1,406

6 Staff Costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Wages and salaries	211,380	193,371
Employers national insurance	16,022	14,311
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,423	4,096
	<u>231,824</u>	<u>211,779</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
Average Head Count	7	7

The number of employees who received employee benefits (excluding NIC and Pensions) of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
More than £60,000	1	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be the Board of Trustees together with the Eldership Team. The total employee benefits received by the key management personnel (including employer NI and pension contributions) was £160,668 (2023:£135,403).

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7 Trustee Remuneration, Expenses and Donations

During the year one trustee (who is also a member of the Eldership Team) received remuneration. The remuneration paid during the year is for the employee's role within the church and not for their role as a trustee. The charity's memorandum of articles gives authority for such remuneration to be paid. The total remuneration paid during the year is as follows:

Including pension contributions paid by the church of £1,321 (2023: £1,321)

	2024	2023
	£	£
James Hunting	63,769	59,786

During the year, one trustee (2023: three) incurred out-of-pocket expenses totalling £313 (2023: £873) which were all incurred for the day-to-day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure included conferences and training costs.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees during the year was £37,853 (2023: £34,955). There were no conditions attached to the donations.

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost as at 1st Sept 2023	948,250	37,291	985,541
Revaluation	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Cost as at 31st Aug 2024	948,250	37,291	985,541
Depreciation as at 1st Sept 2023	-	37,291	37,291
Revaluation	-	-	-
Depreciation Charge	-	-	-
Depreciation as at 31st Aug 2024	-	37,291	37,291
Net Book Value as at 31st Aug 2024	948,250	-	948,250
Net Book Value as at 31st Sept 2023	948,250	-	948,250

The Charity's building called the Living Room located on High Street Cowley, Uxbridge, UB8 2DZ was revalued as at the 31st of August 2021. The valuation of the building was undertaken by an independent valuer who used reasonable assumptions based on current market conditions for freehold properties.

Had the building been accounted for under the historical cost model, the net book value as at 31st of August 2023 would have been £737,935.

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9 Debtors

	2024	2023
	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	4,941	6,842
Prepayments	3,420	1,084
	<u>8,361</u>	<u>7,926</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2024	2023
	£	£
Credit Card Account	133	535
Accruals	2,234	3,673
	<u>2,367</u>	<u>4,209</u>

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11 Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 2023 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2024 £
Unrestricted						
General	69,295	326,107	(318,018)	-	(1,165)	76,219
Revaluation reserve	159,530	-	-	-	-	159,530
	<u>228,825</u>	<u>326,107</u>	<u>(318,018)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,165)</u>	<u>235,749</u>
Designated						
Building & assets	788,720	-	-	-	-	788,720
Church planting fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid contingency fund (renamed Other reserves)	40,000	-	-	-	(20,000)	20,000
Church reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Giving reserves	14,717	-	(2,000)	-	10,821	23,538
	<u>993,437</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(2,000)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(9,179)</u>	<u>982,258</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>1,222,262</u>	<u>326,107</u>	<u>(320,018)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,344)</u>	<u>1,218,007</u>
Restricted Funds						
Brazil	225	-	-	-	(225)	-
Building	2,650	3,980	(5,476)	-	-	1,154
Foodbank	4,754	12,311	(9,998)	-	-	7,067
Gift day 2024	-	38,774	(25,446)	-	-	13,328
Hardship	16,635	305	(947)	-	-	15,993
Newday	-	15,325	(23,829)	-	10,569	2,065
Refugee support	1,628	-	-	-	-	1,628
Vision	7,271	600	(3,087)	-	-	4,784
Total Restricted	<u>33,163</u>	<u>71,295</u>	<u>(68,783)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,344</u>	<u>46,019</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,255,425</u>	<u>397,402</u>	<u>(388,801)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,264,026</u>

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Analysis of Charitable Funds cont.

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2023 £
Unrestricted						
General	72,313	337,944	(314,012)	-	(26,951)	69,294
Revaluation reserve	159,530	-	-	-	-	159,530
	231,843	337,944	(314,012)	-	(26,951)	228,824
Designated						
Building & assets	793,459	-	(4,739)	-	-	788,720
Church planting fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid contingency fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Giving reserves	4,012	-	-	-	10,705	14,717
	987,471	-	(4,739)	-	10,705	993,437
Total Unrestricted	1,219,314	337,944	(318,751)	-	(16,246)	1,222,261
Restricted Funds						
Brazil	-	225	-	-	-	225
Building	-	1,630	-	-	1,020	2,650
Foodbank	2,817	7,909	(5,972)	-	-	4,754
Hardship	16,342	800	(506)	-	-	16,636
Newday	-	11,335	(26,561)	-	15,226	-
Refugee support	1,628	-	-	-	-	1,628
Vision	6,671	600	-	-	-	7,271
Total Restricted	27,458	22,499	(33,039)	-	16,246	33,164
Total Funds	1,246,772	360,443	(351,790)	-	-	1,255,425

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Fund Transfers

Other reserves	A transfer of £20,000 from the designated 'Other reserves' fund to the unrestricted General fund took place. This transfer was to decrease this designated reserve.
Brazil	A transfer of £225 from the 'Brazil' restricted fund to the 'Newday' restricted fund took place with written agreement from the donor. This transfer was due to not being able to spend the funds on the Brazilian youth attending Newday, but the donation will be used for other youth to attend the Newday conference instead.
Newday	A transfer of £10,344 from the unrestricted General fund to the restricted Newday fund took place. This transfer was to subsidise the cost of the youth attending the Newday Conference.
Giving reserves	A transfer of £10,821 from the unrestricted General fund to the designated 'giving reserves' fund took place. This transfer was to increase the designated reserves held in this fund.

Fund Descriptions

Designated Funds

Church planting fund	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for new initiatives.
Covid contingency fund (renamed Other reserves)	Funds the church has chosen to set aside in case other unforeseen reserves are needed.
Church reserves (3 months running cost)	Funds the church has set aside as reserves.
Building work	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for building works.
Giving reserves	Money set aside for giving that has been rolled forward into the new financial year.

Restricted Funds

Building	Donations given for building-related expenditure
Foodbank	Money donated to purchase food and provide financial support to foodbank clients.
Hardship	Donations specifically given to support those facing hardship.
Gift day 2024	Special offering given for local and global mission
Newday	Money donated towards the costs of taking youth to the Newday Conference.
Refugee support	Donations specifically given to help the church achieve its vision to support refugees.
Vision	Money given for improving both the church website and towards publicity.

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12 Analysis of Net Assets Between Funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2024
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	948,250	-	948,250
Current assets	272,124	46,019	318,143
Creditors less than 1 year	(2,367)	-	(2,367)
	<u>1,218,006</u>	<u>46,019</u>	<u>1,264,026</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Fixed assets	948,250	-	948,250
Current assets	278,221	33,163	311,384
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,209)	-	(4,209)
	<u>1,222,261</u>	<u>33,163</u>	<u>1,255,425</u>

13 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

14 Related Party Transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the year (2023: nil).

THE CROWN CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1095028

Accounts

Registered Charity no.1095028
Registered Company no. 04529503

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
Year Ended 31st August 2023



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Year Ended 31st August 2023

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called 'The Crown Church' also known as Crown Church. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th of September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th September 2002.

Registered Charity Number 1095028

Registered Company Number 04529503

Registered Office The Living Room
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Trustees and Directors

Ngozichukwuka Ivy Nwabineli	
Kate Elizabeth Durrant	
James Paul Hunting	
Adebimpe (Bimpe) Abiase Toby	Appointed 19 Dec 2022
Keith Noel Welsey	Appointed 19 Dec 2022
Christopher John Atkins	Resigned 19 Dec 2022
Glyn Williams James	Resigned 19 Dec 2022

Key Management Personnel The Board of Trustees and Eldership Team

Eldership Team James Hunting
Dan Smith
Stefan Brown
Andy Langford
Gavin Bissessar

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Annual Report

Sept 2022 to Aug 2023

Prepared for the Charity Commission and Crown Members

By Gavin Bissessar (Interim Lead Pastor)

Introduction

Crown Church exists so that many, together, may glorify God and enjoy Him forever. This Annual Report represents a diverse group of people from across Hillingdon, West London and the surrounding areas enjoying their relationship with God and one another and living out their Christian faith in the community.

This financial year has seen Crown steadily grow in strength on the back of the previous year. Volunteering, leadership, giving and teams have all slowly increased through this year, despite challenging circumstances surrounding the cost of living and staff changes.

As this report also covers the financial picture of the charity it is also important to note the sacrificial, ongoing generosity of church members. This report represents an incredible commitment by a huge army of volunteers. The wholehearted commitment of planning, prayer, encouragement and support by so many ensures Crown continues to flourish in its mission.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. Join us as we give thanks to God for an encouraging season in the life of Crown Church.

Gavin Bissessar

(Interim Lead Pastor)

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Structure, Governance and Management

The Crown Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th of September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th of September 2002. The Crown Church is governed by its Memorandum of Association which lists its Charitable Objectives as:

- To advance the Christian faith in accordance with the Statement of Beliefs, in the London Borough of Hillington, other areas of the United Kingdom or the world.
- To relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick.
- To promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the London Borough of Hillington, other areas of the United Kingdom or the world.

Public Benefit Disclosure

The trustees have read and continue to take into account the Charity Commission guidance relating to Public Benefit. The main activities undertaken to further the charity's purposes for the public benefit are given in the 'Achievements and Performance' sections below.

Memberships

Crown Church is part of the New Ground family of churches which in turn is a part of the global family of churches New Frontiers. <https://newgroundchurches.org/>
<https://newfrontierstogether.org/>

Crown Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. <https://www.eauk.org/>

Elders and Trustees

The Elder team is responsible for the spiritual well-being and direction of Crown and comprises James Hunting, Dan Smith, Stefan Brown, Andy Langford and Gavin Bissessar.

The Trustee team oversees the governance of Crown Church as a charity and in 2022 we had some changes. With much appreciation, we said goodbye to Chris Atkins (Finance) and Glyn James (Secretary & Health and Safety) and we welcomed two new members, Bimpe Toby and Keith Wesley.

Therefore, the Trustees team now comprises:

- Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair & HR)
- James Hunting (Lead Pastor)
- Kate Durrant (Safeguarding)
- Bimpe Toby (Health & Safety)
- Keith Wesley (Finance)

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Trustees responsibilities

The law applicable to charities in England and Wales requires the charity trustees to prepare financial statements for each year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources, of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently,
- observe the methods and principles in the applicable Charities SORP,
- make judgments and accounting estimates that are reasonable and prudent,
- state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements,
- prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The trustees are responsible for keeping adequate accounting records that are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the applicable Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations, and the provisions of the Trust Deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

Trustees are appointed by both elders and trustees putting forward the names of potential trustees for consideration. Potential trustees are sounded out for the opportunity of serving. If willing, they are then put before the members of the church as suitable candidates, this includes a brief bio so the church can understand the skills they bring and an indication of their character to serve. This is done by email with a verbal overview in a Sunday service. A period for any feedback is given- to allow for any concerns or questions raised over the suitability of a proposed trustee. After the period of feedback, and assuming no questions have been raised over suitability, then steps to appointment are made. This is all done in accordance with the Crown Church Articles of Association

The Trustees delegate the role of the day-to-day running of the church to the staff team listed below.

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Staffing

At the end of the period, the staff team consisted as follows:

- James Hunting (Full Time), Lead Pastor
- Gavin Bissessar (Full-time), Pastor/Interim Lead Pastor
- Dan Smith (Part-Time), Pastor
- Charli Warren (Full Time), Events Coordinator
- Colette Moore (Part-Time), Administrator
- Mark Thomas (Part-Time), DBS and Safeguarding Administrator

Additional Information:

At the time of submission, it is important to note that, due to physical unwellness and extended leave, Gavin Bissessar has acted as interim leader in place of James Hunting for April to August 2023. Staff, trustees, elders and volunteers have worked above and beyond during this period. Additional staff changes within a short period (one new member of staff, one rejoining, two departures and two changes of contract) introduced an added dynamic to Crown's year and staff, elder and trustee workloads. Whilst COVID has faded into the background, its long-term impact together with that of war in Europe and rising inflation have increased costs for Crown, as it has for everyone. Despite this, Crown members have continued to support the church financially and we are grateful for the increased generosity through regular financial giving as well as one-off responses to care for those in greatest need in our community. The trustees have set aside a proportion of reserves for any future financial impact however Crown's finances have remained relatively stable during this difficult period. We are aware that the impact of the above may be felt over many years and the view on the reserves acknowledges this and will provide stability through the next season.

Achievements and Performance

Sundays

Attendance steadily grew at our Sunday venue across the year with Crown continuing to gather at Bishopshalt School, utilising the main hall, balcony and supporting classrooms. The growth of our youth work led to a change of room to facilitate higher attendance and a more general re-launch of our youth work provision on a Sunday, which was welcomed by many.

A decrease in volunteer numbers for youth and children's work meant that some activities were consolidated to ensure a minimum level of provision was maintained, though as the year progressed this became less of an issue.

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The arrival of an events manager facilitated an overhaul of service planning, preparation and delivery and enabled a much-needed improvement of Crown's systems, including health and safety, volunteer recruitment and greater long-term planning for larger Sunday events.

Ongoing challenges with Bishopshalt School led to some last-minute booking cancellations however, the staff team and volunteers stepped up to deliver services at The Living Room, with considerable logistical planning and effort on three occasions, including for a seven-week stint over the summer.

Towards the end of the summer term a concerted effort to encourage volunteering, particularly among the youth bore fruit, and when combined with greatly improved planning and communications (as a result of the events manager), we saw a significant increase in Crown's resilience to ever-changing circumstances regarding Sunday services.

All of this has helped us value the simplicity of the Sunday gathering; to worship God, receive his encouragement, strengthen one another and welcome new people in. Our sermon series during the year included 'Luke 1-12,' 'Crown's Values' and '1 Samuel.'

Children and Youth

Through this period we carried vacancies for a Youth Worker position and so the day-to-day organisation of this ministry area was carried by our impressive volunteers.

The Children's Worker, in post until June, created a full suite of resources to complement a 2-year curriculum for the incredible team of volunteers. Following the departure of the Children's Worker in June, a recruitment campaign was undertaken and vacancy remained unfilled at the end of the year.

As noted above, lower volunteer numbers meant some of the children's and youth activities on a Sunday were consolidated. Teams and volunteers have been working hard towards the possibility of this throughout the year. These teams have also brought together exciting Christmas events, Easter Events and Sports days.

Outside of Sundays, our youth have gathered on Friday evenings at The Living Room for times of fun and friendship. The move of the Roots room on a Sunday, the relaunch of their Friday night and the huge success of the Newday Christian youth festival (where we took over 60 young people) has had a profound impact across the wider church: raising faith, excitement and godly ambition to see the younger generation flourish in their faith. One of the young people, having attended Newday in 2022 went on to complete a year's voluntary work for Crown Church, serving the youth, receiving practical and theological training from New Ground and helping to launch monthly 'youth worship nights' to engage young people and raise up a new generation of leaders.

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Life Groups

Our Life Group leaders have led in a sacrificial way over the past year. One group remains online and the remainder are in-person. For the first part of the year Crown gathered life group leaders for support and training however, low attendance (due to a lack of capacity) led to the monthly events ending. Plans are afoot to ensure better support of life groups, their leaders and future leaders. There are fewer life groups in Crown than was the case a year ago, again capacity and people moving on are primary reasons for the closure of groups but there is an appetite for new life groups to start. Our life groups continue to bring people together through hospitality in the home, centred around the worship of Jesus, bringing support and encouragement to one another.

We continue to have Life Groups spread geographically across the London Borough of Hillingdon and into Slough, Iver and Langley in Berkshire.

Community

The Over 60's outreach, Foodbank, Sunbeams toddler group, and Roots youth group are all thriving at The Living Room. These opportunities for relational connection and support have been invaluable for the local community over the past year. The launch of an 18's-30's ministry has seen fresh energy and engagement brought to and from this group, with socials, monthly gatherings and a Sunday 'bring and share' lunch at The Living Room, open to all.

The Foodbank team continue to support a rising number of people in our local community as the financial impact of COVID-19 is felt. Crown members have responded with food and finance to support this ministry.

The Friday Sunbeams parents and babies/toddler group has thrived over the past year, with many local families attending, and engaging with regular church families who also attend, a visible sense of community has been established among this cohort, with many from other churches and from across Crown serving to ensure its ongoing success.

Equipping

Elders, trustees and staff team have continued to lead and support across the life of the church. Each month the church has gathered to pray together and each month the wider leaders of Crown gather for training and encouragement.

Crown continues to receive support from the New Ground family of churches. This has involved conferences, online support and several Crown members attending the New Ground Academy as part of their own leadership development. Owing to its leadership in such areas, Crown led New Ground's Racial Diversity Network programme, equipping leaders from across New Ground to help build racially diverse churches. Additional equipping was provided around the issue of racial diversity to New Ground and Newfrontiers, which benefitted Crown folks and the wider church alike.

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Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team has continued to meet together regularly to ensure policies are updated, relationships with stakeholders remain strong, and volunteers receive coaching and support towards safe practice. Crown continues to use Thirtyoneeight.org as its training provider for Safeguarding. In May Crown employed a Safeguarding and DBS Administrator on a part-time basis to bring together the operational management of this area of church life, helping to align policies, practices and the management of safeguarding; ensuring training and DBS checks were completed by relevant people in a timely fashion.

Christmas 2022

We were thrilled to have Linvoy Primus speak at Carol's at Crown. As a former Premier League footballer of the Christian faith, Linvoy shared his testimony, linked to the Christmas story and engage with a wider group of people, particularly the youth at a time when football was in the headlines with the 2022 World Cup being moved to November and December.

Giving

We have continued our support of the *John 3:16 Trust* which supports the evangelist Adrian Holloway, who spends time in Christian Unions and churches speaking about the Christian Faith. Over the course of the year, thousands will hear him speak about Jesus which has led many to further explore the Christian faith. We continue to support a missionary family based in the *Rock Church* in Wroclaw, Poland in their outreach to the local community. We also continue to give financially to the work of *New Ground* which supports church planting in different countries around the world. We have also supported *Project Hope* in their work in the slums and amongst the street children in Mumbai. We have continued to give financially to the *Power The Fight* charity, which aims to reduce gang and knife-related violence in London, and beyond.

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Plans for future periods

Looking beyond this existing year, Crown Church is committed to its mission "...so that many together may glorify God and enjoy him forever."

In the coming season, this will involve strengthening a number of areas of church life, including:

- (1) The activities serving the local community out of Crown's community facility, "The Living Room". Unfortunately, the demand for Foodbank is greater than ever and the church is committed to raising finance and food to support this ministry. Additionally, we will be opening space once a week for youth drop-in sessions as part of our local support around contextual safeguarding of young people in the hours after school finishes. Over 60's outreach, youth work and parent and toddler groups will also play a key part in reaching out and serving the local community.
- (2) Our youth, children, and student ministries remain a key area of investment. At the time of writing, we are appointing a Youthwork apprentice and we have a vacant Kids Worker role. Recruitment and support to these ministry areas remain a vital part of our plans. Taking over 60 youth to Newday (youth festival) will be a key priority in 2024. Our student ministry (18s-30s) is planning to meet weekly for Sunday lunch and develop a programme of outreach for those in that age category, including a weekend away to the "Project 24" event, joining with other Christians around the country.
- (3) Exploring a fresh season of sharing the gospel in the local community will involve a Sunday equipping track aimed at helping Christians share their faith and will encompass a summer outreach week in the community. Stemming from this are plans to have more Life Groups planted in new parts of the community.

Financial Review

The financial position of The crown church at the end of the year (31st August 2023) was:

General (Unrestricted funds)	69,294
Revaluation Reserve	159,530
Designated Building and Assets	793,459
Other Designated Funds	194,012
Restricted Funds	33,164
Total	<u>1,255,425</u>

Funds in Deficit

No funds have been in deficit

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Reserves

The Board of Trustees have agreed on the following reserves policy; The trustees have set aside 3 months of running costs of £100,000, which are held in a designated fund for a time when it is required, or future opportunities arise. The reserve fund is reviewed annually.

Going concern

The Trustees consider The Crown Church a going concern at the date for approving the accounts. There are no material uncertainties that the charity can continue as a going concern for the next year.

Letter from Chair of Trustees

Before I go any further, I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who has been involved in creating this report. It is a labour of love that allows the church and leadership to be authentic and accountable in all that we do but especially in how we manage the resources God has given us.

Another year has come and gone, and I continue to be amazed by the generosity of spirit, the strong sense of community, and the unwavering sense of purpose and vision that Crown Church continues to demonstrate. The trustee, eldership and pastoral teams have gone above and beyond in how they have steered – and continue to steer – the church as we move towards the end of the year. I want to appreciate the staff team who work tirelessly to ensure that Crown Church can be the best that it can be in whatever it does. Your efforts have not gone unnoticed, and I pray for God's blessings and favour in all your lives. A special note of thanks has to go to everyone involved in Newday, you have excelled yourself in what you did this year.

There have been some changes and some times which have caused us to stretch in our faith but there are also many things to be thankful for – the foodbank which does such outstanding work, the Ops team, the worship team and every volunteer who has sacrificed time and energy for God's work.

As Chair of Trustees, I am happy to commend this report as Crown Church continues to move forward. Despite some logistical challenges resulting in a temporary change of venue to The Living Room (TLR) for a few weeks, the church was still able to meet in person. Again, I would like to take the opportunity to say how grateful I am to everyone who made this happen so seamlessly.

As the church continues its journey, I hope to see everyone grow in their love for God and for each other. We need to back up our faith with action as the bible commands us to and do everything as unto the Lord (Colossians 3 v 23). I would like to sign off as always with the Word of God taken from John 15 v 1 -17 (NKJV) to encourage and uplift:

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"I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He [a]takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me, you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. 8 By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.

9 "As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love. 10 If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.

11 "These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full. 12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this than to lay down one's life for his friends. 14 You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another"

Stay safe, and stay blessed, stay connected!

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Chair of Trustees



The Trustee's Annual Report was approved and signed on behalf of the board of trustees by:

Name of Trustee: James Hunting

Signed on Behalf of Trustees:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Hunting".

Date of Approval: 17/04/24

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Crown Church ('the charity') for the year ending 31st August 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

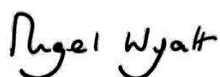
Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
125 Main Street
Garforth
Leeds
LS25 1AF

Date: 18/04/2024

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2023		2022	
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		337,283	12,944	350,227	415,871
Charitable activities		661	9,555	10,216	2,670
Total Income	2	<u>337,944</u>	<u>22,499</u>	<u>360,443</u>	<u>418,541</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities		314,012	33,039	347,051	322,595
Total Expenditure	3	<u>314,012</u>	<u>33,039</u>	<u>347,051</u>	<u>322,595</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>23,932</u>	<u>(10,540)</u>	<u>13,392</u>	<u>95,946</u>
Net income and net movement in funds					
Total funds brought forward	11	1,219,314	27,458	1,246,772	1,150,826
Transfers		(16,246)	16,246	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,227,000</u>	<u>33,164</u>	<u>1,260,164</u>	<u>1,246,771</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both the Companies Act and the Charity SORP reporting requirements.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2023 £	2022 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	948,250	952,989
Current assets			
Debtors	9	7,926	5,506
Cash at the bank and in hand		303,457	291,290
		<u>311,383</u>	<u>296,796</u>
Creditors	10	<u>4,209</u>	<u>3,013</u>
Net assets		1,255,425	1,246,772
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	11	33,164	27,458
Unrestricted funds	11		
Unrestricted General		69,294	72,313
Revaluation Reserve		159,530	159,530
Designated Funds		<u>993,437</u>	<u>987,471</u>
		<u>1,222,261</u>	<u>1,219,314</u>
Total charity funds		1,255,425	1,246,772

Directors Responsibilities

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st August 2023, the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

James Hunting

Name of Trustee:

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

18/04/2024

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation

The Crown Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The principal activity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the church are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants, where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the church, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation to commit the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time and estimated useful life of the asset.

Land and buildings are held on a revaluation basis and are not depreciated. Land and Buildings are revalued every few years.

The depreciation policies of the organisation are as follows:

Equipment	33% straight line
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This policy has recently been updated from Equipment being held on a 20% reducing balance basis.

Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight-line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and key sources of estimation

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 5 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment and note 1.5 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

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2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2023 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	283,406	11,110	294,516
Payroll giving	225	-	225
Gift aid	53,652	1,834	55,486
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>337,283</u>	<u>12,944</u>	<u>350,227</u>
Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	661	9,555	10,216
	<u>661</u>	<u>9,555</u>	<u>10,216</u>
Total Income	<u>337,944</u>	<u>22,499</u>	<u>360,443</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	339,125	9,902	349,027
Gift aid	375	-	375
Payroll giving	64,965	1,504	66,469
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>404,465</u>	<u>11,406</u>	<u>415,871</u>
Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	-	2,670	2,670
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>2,670</u>
Total Income	<u>404,465</u>	<u>14,076</u>	<u>418,541</u>

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Administration	16,150	121	16,271
Asset Depreciation	-	-	-
Central Outreach & Events	13,231	-	13,231
Central Training & Conferences	7,095	-	7,095
Cowley Congregation	-	-	-
Giving	22,395	6,357	28,752
Governance Costs	7,886	-	7,886
Hillingdon Congregation	23,700	-	23,700
Mortgage Interest	-	-	-
Newday event	-	26,561	26,561
Premises	11,776	-	11,776
Staff Costs	211,779	-	211,779
	<u>314,012</u>	<u>33,039</u>	<u>347,051</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Administration	15,757	68	15,825
Asset Depreciation	4,739	-	4,739
Central Outreach & Events	5,310	-	5,310
Central Training & Conferences	4,540	-	4,540
Cowley Congregation	-	-	-
Giving	29,088	2,058	31,146
Governance Costs	7,904	-	7,904
Hillingdon Congregation	30,538	-	30,538
Mortgage Interest	3,316	-	3,316
Newday Event	-	13,624	13,624
Premises	11,803	-	11,803
Staff Costs	193,850	-	193,850
	<u>306,845</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>322,595</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further details about volunteer contributions to the organisation.

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5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,406	1,320

6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Wages and salaries	193,371	186,114
Employers national insurance	14,311	3,834
Employer contributions to pension plans	4,096	3,903
	<u>211,779</u>	<u>193,851</u>

The average headcount of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Average Head Count	7	8

The number of employees who received employee benefits (excluding NIC and Pensions) of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
More than £60,000	-	-

Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be The Board of Trustees together with the Eldership Team. The total employee benefits received by the key management personnel (including employer NI and pension contributions) was £135,403 (2022: £131,353).

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7 Trustee remuneration, expenses and donations

During the year one trustee (who is also a member of the Eldership Team) received remuneration. The remuneration paid during the year is for the employee's role within the church and not for their role as a trustee. The charity's memorandum of articles gives authority for such remuneration to be paid. The total remuneration paid during the year is as follows:

Including pension contributions paid by the church of £1,321 (2022: £1321)

	2023	2022
	£	£
James Hunting	66,694	59,220

During the year, three trustees (2022: two) incurred out-of-pocket expenses totalling £873 (2022: £3,064) which were all incurred for the day-to-day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure included travel, administration costs and governance costs.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustees during the year was £34,955 (2022: £26,303). There were no conditions attached to the donations.

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost as at 1st Sept 2022	948,250	37,291	985,541
Revaluation	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Cost as at 31st Aug 2023	948,250	37,291	985,541
Depreciation as at 1st Sept 2022	-	32,552	32,552
Revaluation	-	-	-
Depreciation Charge	-	4,739	4,739
Depreciation as at 31st Aug 2023	-	37,291	37,291
Net Book Value as at 31st Aug 2023	948,250	-	948,250
Net Book Value as at 31st Sept 2022	948,250	4,739	952,989

The Charity's building called the Living Room located on High Street Cowley, Uxbridge, UB8 2DZ was revalued as at the 31st of August 2021. The valuation of the building was undertaken by an independent valuer who used reasonable assumptions based on current market conditions for freehold properties.

Had the building been accounted for under the historical cost model, the net book value as at 31st of August 2023 would have been £737,935.

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9 Debtors

	2023	2022
	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	6,842	3,977
Prepayments	1,084	1,529
	<u>7,926</u>	<u>5,506</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2023	2022
	£	£
Credit Card Account	535	1,693
Accruals	3,673	1,320
	<u>4,209</u>	<u>3,013</u>

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11 Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 2022 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2023 £
Unrestricted						
General	72,313	337,944	(314,012)	-	(26,951)	69,294
Revaluation reserve	159,530	-	-	-	-	159,530
	<u>231,843</u>	<u>337,944</u>	<u>(314,012)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(26,951)</u>	<u>228,824</u>
Designated						
Building & assets	793,459	-	(4,739)	-	-	788,720
Church planting fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid contingency fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Giving reserves	4,012	-	-	-	10,705	14,717
	<u>987,471</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,739)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,705</u>	<u>993,437</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>1,219,314</u>	<u>337,944</u>	<u>(318,751)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(16,246)</u>	<u>1,222,261</u>
Restricted Funds						
Brazil	-	225	-	-	-	225
Building	-	1,630	-	-	1,020	2,650
Foodbank	2,817	7,909	(5,972)	-	-	4,754
Hardship	16,342	800	(506)	-	-	16,636
Newday	-	11,335	(26,561)	-	15,226	-
Specific gifts (renamed Refugee support)	1,628	-	-	-	-	1,628
Vision	6,671	600	-	-	-	7,271
Total Restricted	<u>27,458</u>	<u>22,499</u>	<u>(33,039)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,246</u>	<u>33,164</u>
Total Funds	<u>1,246,772</u>	<u>360,443</u>	<u>(351,790)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,255,425</u>

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Analysis of charitable funds cont.

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 21 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2022 £
Unrestricted						
General	116,382	404,465	(298,790)	-	(149,744)	72,313
Revaluation reserve	159,530	-	-	-	-	159,530
	275,912	404,465	(298,790)	-	(149,744)	231,843
Designated						
Building & assets	659,230	-	(8,055)	-	142,284	793,459
Church planting fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid contingency fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Giving reserves	-	-	-	-	4,012	4,012
	849,230	-	(8,055)	-	146,296	987,471
Total Unrestricted	1,125,142	404,465	(306,845)	-	(3,448)	1,219,314
Restricted Funds						
Building	230	1,380	-	-	(1,610)	-
DWP grant	3,358	-	-	-	(3,358)	-
Hardship	16,025	2,209	(1,892)	-	-	16,342
Newday	-	5,208	(13,624)	-	8,416	-
Specific gifts	-	1,794	(166)	-	-	1,628
Vision	6,071	600	-	-	-	6,671
Total Restricted	25,684	14,076	(15,750)	-	3,448	27,458
Total Funds	1,150,826	418,541	(322,595)	-	-	1,246,772

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Fund transfers

Giving reserves

A transfer of £10,705 to the designated 'Giving reserves' fund from the unrestricted general fund took place. This transfer was to increase the designated reserve with money set aside for giving.

Newday

A transfer of £15,226 to the 'Newday' restricted fund from the unrestricted general fund took place. This transfer was to subsidise the cost of the Newday youth conference in the year.

Fund Descriptions

Designated funds

Church planting fund

Funds the church has chosen to set aside for new initiatives.

Covid contingency fund

Funds the church has chosen to set aside if Covid adversely affects finances.

Church reserves (3 months running cost)

Funds the church has set aside as reserves.

Building work

Funds the church has chosen to set aside for building works.

Giving Reserves

Money set aside for giving that has been rolled forward into the new financial year.

Restricted funds

Foodbank

Money donated to purchase food and provide financial support to foodbank clients.

Hardship

Donations specifically given to support those facing hardship.

Newday

Money donated towards the costs of taking youth to the Newday Conference.

Specific gifts
(renamed Refugee support)

Donations specifically given to help the church achieve its vision to support refugees. Renamed Refugee Support.

Vision

Money given for improving both the church website and towards publicity.

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12 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2023
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	948,250	-	948,250
Current Assets	278,219	33,164	311,383
Creditors less than 1 year	(4,209)	-	(4,209)
	<u>1,222,259</u>	<u>33,164</u>	<u>1,255,424</u>

	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds 2022
	£	£	£
Fixed Assets	952,989	-	952,989
Current Assets	269,338	27,458	296,796
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,013)	-	(3,013)
	<u>1,219,313</u>	<u>27,458</u>	<u>1,246,772</u>

13 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

14 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the year (2022: nil).

THE CROWN CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1095028

Accounts

Registered Charity no.1095028
Registered Company no. 04529503

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Trustees Annual Report and Accounts
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The Crown Church

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called 'The Crown Church' also known as Crown Church. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th September 2002.

Registered Charity Number	1095028
Registered Company Number	04529503
Registered Office	The Living Room High Street Cowley UXBRIDGE UB8 2DZ
Website	www.crown-church.org.uk
Trustees and Directors	Ngozichukwuka Ivy Nwabineli Christopher John Atkins Glyn Williams James Kate Elizabeth Durrant James Paul Hunting
Key Management Personnel	The Board of Trustees and Eldership Team
Eldership Team	James Hunting Dan Smith Stefan Brown Andy Langford Gavin Bissessar
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc. 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner:	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF

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Introduction

Crown Church exists so that many, together, may glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

This Annual Report represents a diverse group of people from across Hillingdon, West London and Berkshire enjoying their relationship with God and one another and living out their Christian faith in the community.

This financial year has seen Crown grow in strength on the back of the pandemic. Volunteering, leadership and teams have all increased through this year. A hall mark of the year has been the faithfulness of Crown Church members moving forward with faithful endeavours. Crown has gathered each Sunday through the year and has continued to stream online to support people in their return to 'in-person'. A number of new people have joined the church having first taken interest through the watching the online services.

As this report also covers the financial picture of the charity it is also important to note the sacrificial, ongoing generosity of church members. This report represents an incredible commitment by a huge army of volunteers. The wholehearted commitment of planning, prayer, encouragement and support by so many ensures Crown continues to flourish in its mission.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. Join us as we give thanks to God for an encouraging season in the life of Crown Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James Hunting". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "James" and last name "Hunting" clearly legible.

James Hunting (Lead Pastor)

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Sundays

Through the year, we were able to create three spaces to engage with our Sunday service; in-person on the ground floor of Bishopshalt School, a pre-booked space in the balcony that contained additional COVID safety measures, and online. Over the course of the year the Covid measures for the balcony were phased out.

The opportunity of online church is something that has been reviewed through the year. It's primary purpose has moved from helping existing members engage from home (with restrictions lifted the encouragement is to return to in-person) to the opportunity of helping prospective new members connect. We are open minded as to whether we will maintain this in the long term and reviewing on a term by term basis. One other clear benefit has been the number of youth volunteering with this team.

In the September term it was taking a concerted effort to encourage volunteering to pre-pandemic levels and we made some steps to keep as much of the 'programme' of the church simplified to help create capacity to grow in serving. By the January term there was a marked difference, teams were filling up, team leaders were able to move their focus from recruitment to developing ministry areas.

All of this has helped us value to simplicity of the Sunday gathering; to worship God, receive his encouragement, for us to strengthen one another and to welcome new people in. Our sermon series during the year included 'The Grace Changed Church' from 1 Corinthians and a devotional series, 'The Heart of Christ'.

Children and Youth

Through this period we carried vacancies for a Children's worker and Youth worker positions and so the day to day organisation of these ministry areas was carried by our impressive volunteers.

It has taken time to reopen all of our Sunday groups but teams and volunteers have been working hard towards the possibility of this through the year. These teams have also brought together exciting Christmas events and Sports days.

Outside of Sundays our youth have gathered on Friday evenings at The Living Room for times of fun and friendship.

Life Groups

Our Life Group leaders have led in a sacrificial way over the past year. The move away from online platforms and back to in-person gatherings has taken time and adjustment for all. Our life groups continue to bring people together through hospitality in the home, centred around the worship of Jesus, bringing support and encouragement to one another.

We continue to have Life Groups spread geographically across the London Borough of Hillingdon and into Iver and Langley in Berkshire.

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Community

The Over 60's outreach, Foodbank, All the Nations Café, Sunbeams toddler group, and Roots youth group have all started the process of reopening at The Living Room. These opportunities for relational connection and support have been invaluable for the local community over the past year.

The Foodbank team continue to support a rising number of people in our local community as the financial impact of Covid is felt. Crown members have responded with food and finance to support this ministry.

Equipping

Elders, trustees and staff team have continued to lead and support across the life of the church. Each month the church has gathered to pray together and each month the wider leaders of Crown gather for training and encouragement.

Crown continues to receive support from the New Ground family of churches. This has involved conferences, online support and several Crown members attending the New Ground Academy as part of their own leadership development.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team has continued to meet together regularly online to ensure policies are updated, relationships with stakeholders remain strong, and volunteers receive coaching and support towards safe practice. Crown continues to use [Thirtyoneeight.org](https://thirtyoneeight.org) as it's training provider for Safeguarding.

Christmas 2021

We were thrilled to have Andy McCullough speak at Carols at Crown. As a former member of Crown and author of The Bethlehem story, Andy was able to bring alive the Christmas story and bring encouragement of the gospel's impact around the world.

Giving

We have continued our support of the John 3:16 trust which supports the Evangelist Adrian Holloway who spends time in Christian Unions and Churches speaking about the Christian Faith. Over the course of the year, thousands will hear him speak about Jesus which has led many to further explore the Christian faith. We continue to support a missionary family based in the Rock Church in Wroclaw, Poland in their outreach to the local community. We also continue to give financially into the work of New Ground which supports church planting in different countries around the world. We have also supported Project Hope in their work in the slums and amongst the street children in Mumbai.

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Staffing

At the end of the period the staff team consisted as follows:

- James Hunting (FT)
Lead Pastor
- Dan Smith (FT)
Pastor.
- Sonya Kayson (PT)
Communications and Membership Co-ordinator
- Jade Owen (PT)
Children's Worker
- Gavin Bissessar (FT)
Pastor
- Colette Moore (PT)
Administrator

Elders and Trustees

The Elder team is responsible for the spiritual wellbeing and direction of Crown and comprises James Hunting, Dan Smith, Stefan Brown, Andy Langford and Gavin Bissessar.

The Trustee team oversees the governance of Crown Church as a charity and in 2020 we have had a brand new team take up roles. The team comprises: Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair & HR), Chris Atkins (Finance), Kate Durrant (Safeguarding), Glyn James (Secretary & Healthy and Safety), James Hunting (Lead Pastor).

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Memberships

Crown Church is part of the New Ground family of churches which in turn is a part of the global family of churches New Frontiers. <https://newgroundchurches.org/>
<https://newfrontierstogether.org/>

Crown Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. <https://www.eauk.org/>

A note post COVID-19:

At the time of submission, it is important to note that we maintain optimism over the impact of COVID on the operation of the church. Crown members have continued to support the church financially and we are grateful for the increased generosity through regular financial giving as well as one-off responses to care for those in greatest need in our community. The trustees have set aside a proportion of reserves for any future financial impact however Crown's finances have remained stable during this difficult period. We are aware that the impact of COVID could be felt over many years and the view on the reserves acknowledges this and will provide stability through the next season.

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Letter from Chair of Trustees

First of all, I want to say a huge thank you to everyone who was involved in putting this document together. As a church and leadership, we aim to be open, honest and lovingly accountable both in God's eyes and with each other. This has been demonstrated not only during the pandemic and the way that the church has come together but also through its governance.

I am very honoured to be part of a church that embraces and models community in everything that it does. The trustee, eldership and pastoral teams have been a bedrock bringing stability, love and encouragement to every aspect of church life. You have given your time, prayers and guidance to many which I am so grateful to have you with us. May God do exceedingly abundantly above all that you ask or imagine.

I'm happy as Chair of Trustees to commend this report as we continue our journey to fulfil God's calling. The church continues to hold in-person meetings and I appreciate everyone who works tirelessly behind (and in front of) the scenes to make this happen from the operations and worship teams to those who ensure that you know all about what is happening in Crown Church. For those who have recently joined the church or have delivered over and above what has been asked of you, I am so pleased to see all the work you are doing. It is making such a huge impact.

As we continue to navigate through these sometimes trying times, I ask that you reach out not just to God but to those around you, there is help and support should you need it. There is no issue or question too small. Before I sign off, I would like to remind you of a chapter of scripture that we know so well. It may be an oldie but it is nevertheless true – Psalm 23 (AMPC):

"1 THE Lord is my Shepherd [to feed, guide, and shield me], I shall not lack. 2 He makes me lie down in [fresh, tender] green pastures; He leads me beside the still and restful waters. [Rev. 7:17.] 3 He refreshes and restores my life (myself); He leads me in the paths of righteousness [uprightness and right standing with Him—not for my earning it, but] for His name's sake. 4 Yes, though I walk through the [deep, sunless] valley of the shadow of death, I will fear or dread no evil, for You are with me; Your rod [to protect] and Your staff [to guide], they comfort me. 5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my [brimming] cup runs over. 6 Surely or only goodness, mercy, and unfailing love shall follow me all the days of my life, and through the length of my days the house of the Lord [and His presence] shall be my dwelling place."

Stay safe, and stay blessed, stay connected!

Ngozi
Chair of Trustees

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Reserves Policy

The total reserves held by the Church at the end of August 2022 within the designated reserves fund was £100,000. It is the trustees' intention to hold unrestricted reserves of between 3 and 6 months of operating costs. Where unrestricted funds that are not tied up within fixed assets are held over this amount the trustees will review the financial position of the charity and evaluate where surplus funds are best spent and invested.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

Financial Review

The Church depends mainly on the voluntary support of its own members and receives some support from other individuals, churches and trusts in the UK. In this year, individuals gave very generously towards the aims of the church. Total income for the year amounted to £ 418,541 (2021: £423,549) and total expenditure amounted to £ 322,595 (2021: £316,925) resulting in a total surplus before gains of £ 95,946 (2021: £106,625).

At the year end the restricted funds carried forward was £27,458 and the total unrestricted funds carried forward was £1,219,314. Of the unrestricted funds carried forward £116,382 was held in the general with the unrestricted balance held in specific designated funds. More details are outlined on page 23 outlining the specific designated funds held at the year end.

Structure, Governance and management

The charity, which is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1095028 and a registered company under number 04529503, is established under Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 9th September 2002.

Appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed. Existing Trustees are authorised to appoint new Trustees which is done on discussion with the church elders and the wider church membership. The Trustees govern the financial aspects of the church and ensure the charity continues to meet its aims. The staff members, along with the church elders, are responsible for the day to day running of the charity and will make decisions within the parameters set by the Trustees such as budget constraints.

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Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Name of Trustee: Keith Wesley

Date: 26/04/2023

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Crown Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31st August 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
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Date: 26/04/2023

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Statement of Financial Activities

		2022	2021		
		Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	£	£
Income					
Donations and legacies		404,465	11,406	415,871	423,546
Charitable activities		-	2,670	2,670	-
Investment income		-	-	-	3
Total Income	2	<u>404,465</u>	<u>14,076</u>	<u>418,541</u>	<u>423,549</u>
Expenditure					
Expenditure on charitable activities		<u>306,845</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>322,595</u>	<u>316,925</u>
Total Expenditure	3	<u>306,845</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>322,595</u>	<u>316,925</u>
Net income / (expenditure) before gains/(loses)					
		<u>97,620</u>	<u>(1,674)</u>	<u>95,946</u>	<u>106,625</u>
Gain/(loss) on revalued land and building		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,530</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>97,620</u>	<u>(1,674)</u>	<u>95,946</u>	<u>266,155</u>
Net income and net movement in funds					
Total funds brought forward	12	1,125,142	25,684	1,150,826	884,672
Transfers		<u>(3,448)</u>	<u>3,448</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,219,314</u>	<u>27,458</u>	<u>1,246,772</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both Companies Act and charity SORP reporting requirements.

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Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2022 £	2021 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	952,989	957,728
Current assets			
Debtors	9	5,506	5,745
Cash at bank and in hand		291,290	335,048
		<u>296,796</u>	<u>340,793</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>3,013</u>	<u>21,444</u>
Net current assets		293,783	319,348
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	11	<u>-</u>	<u>126,250</u>
Net assets	13	<u>1,246,772</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	12	27,458	25,684
Unrestricted funds	12		
Unrestricted General		72,313	116,382
Revaluation Reserve		159,530	159,530
Designated Funds		<u>987,471</u>	<u>849,230</u>
		<u>1,219,314</u>	<u>1,125,142</u>
Total charity funds		<u>1,246,772</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

Directors Responsibilities

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st August 2022 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

Name of Trustee:

Keith Wesley

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:



Date of approval:

26/04/2023

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Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation

The Crown Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The principal activity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

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Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the church are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the church, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

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Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time estimated useful live of the asset.

Land and buildings are held on a revaluation basis and is not depreciated. Land and Buildings are revalued every few years.

The depreciation policies of the organisation are as follows:

Equipment	20% Reducing Balance
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Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and key sources of estimation

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 5 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment, and note 1.5 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

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2 Analysis of income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	339,125	9,902	349,027
Payroll giving	375	-	375
Gift Aid	64,965	1,504	66,469
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>404,465</u>	<u>11,406</u>	<u>415,871</u>
 Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	-	2,670	2,670
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,670</u>	<u>2,670</u>
 Investment income			
Bank interest	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Income	<u>404,465</u>	<u>14,076</u>	<u>418,541</u>

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2 Analysis of income (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	346,460	8,707	355,167
Gift Aid	63,439	921	64,360
Payroll giving	42	-	42
Grants	-	3,977	3,977
	409,941	13,605	423,546
 Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	-	-	-
	-	-	-
 Investment income			
Bank interest	3	-	3
	3	-	3
 Total Income	409,944	13,605	423,549

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3 Expenditure on charitable activities by fund type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Administration	15,757	68	15,825
Asset Depreciation	4,739	-	4,739
Central Outreach & Events	5,310	-	5,310
Central Training & Conferences	4,540	-	4,540
Cowley Congregation	-	-	-
Giving	29,088	2,058	31,146
Goverance costs	7,904	-	7,904
Hillingdon Congregation	30,538	-	30,538
Mortgage Interest	3,316	-	3,316
Newday event	-	13,624	13,624
Premises	11,803	-	11,803
Staff Costs	193,850	-	193,850
	<u>306,845</u>	<u>15,750</u>	<u>322,595</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Administration	21,949	1,819	23,768
Asset Depreciation	4,739	-	4,739
Central Outreach & Events	5,093	-	5,093
Central Training & Conferences	4,747	-	4,747
Cowley Congregation	1,779	-	1,779
Giving	32,140	2,050	34,190
Goverance costs	-	-	-
Hillingdon Congregation	6,311	-	6,311
Mortgage Interest	3,835	1,515	5,350
Newday event	-	-	-
Premises	10,028	-	10,028
Staff costs	220,918	-	220,918
	<u>311,540</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>316,925</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

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5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,320	1,320

6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Wages and salaries	186,114	193,883
Employers national insurance	3,834	13,826
Employer contributions to pension plans	3,903	13,209
	<u>193,851</u>	<u>220,918</u>

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Average Head Count	8	8

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
More than £60,000	-	-

Key management personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be The Board of Trustees together with the Eldership Team. The total employee benefits received by the key management personnel (including employer NI and pension contributions) was £131,353 (2021:£155,830).

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7 Trustee remuneration, expenses and donations

During the year one trustee (who is also a member of the Eldership Team) receive remuneration. The remuneration paid during the year is for the employees role within the church and not for their role as a trustee. The charity's memorandum of articles gives authority for such remuneration to be paid. The total remuneration paid during the year is as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
James Hunting	59,220	56,898

During the year two trustees (2021: two) incurred out of pocket expenses totalling £3,064 (2021: £165) which were all incurred for the day to day running of the charity's activities. The types of expenditure included conference fees and governance costs.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's during the year was £26,303 (2021: £15,554). There were no conditions attached to the donations.

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£
Cost as at 1st Sept 2021	948,250	37,291	985,541
Revaluation	-	-	-
Additions	-	-	-
Cost as at 31st Aug 2022	948,250	37,291	985,541
Depreciation as at 1st Sept 2021	-	27,813	27,813
Revaluation	-	-	-
Depreciation Charge	-	4,739	4,739
Depreciation as at 31st Aug 2022	-	32,552	32,552
Net Book Value as at 31st Aug 2022	948,250	4,739	952,989
Net Book Value as at 31st Sept 2021	948,250	9,478	957,728

The Charity's building called the Living Room located on High Street Cowley, Uxbridge, UB8 2DZ was revalued as at the 31st of August 2021. The valuation of the building was undertaken by an independent valuer whom used reasonable assumptions based on current market conditions for freehold properties.

Had the building been accounted for under the historical cost model the net book value as at the 31st of August 2022 would have been £754,857.

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9 Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	3,977	5,741
Prepayments	1,529	4
	<u>5,506</u>	<u>5,745</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Credit Card Account	1,693	4,725
Other Tax and Social Security	-	1,770
Accruals	1,320	1,200
Mortgage	-	13,750
	<u>3,013</u>	<u>21,444</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2022	2021
	£	£
Mortgage	-	126,250
	<u>-</u>	<u>126,250</u>

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12 Analysis of charitable funds

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 2021 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2022 £
Unrestricted						
General	116,382	404,465	(298,790)	-	(149,744)	72,313
Revaluation Reserve	159,530	-	-	-	-	159,530
	275,912	404,465	(298,790)	-	(149,744)	231,843
Designated						
Building, Assets & Mortgage	659,230	-	(8,055)	-	142,284	793,459
Church Planting Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid Contingency Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church Reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building Work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
Giving Reserves	-	-	-	-	4,012	4,012
	849,230	-	(8,055)	-	146,296	987,471
Total Unrestricted	1,125,142	404,465	(306,845)	-	(3,448)	1,219,314
Restricted Funds						
Building	230	1,380	-	-	(1,610)	-
DWP Grant	3,358	-	-	-	(3,358)	-
Foodbank	-	2,885	(68)	-	-	2,817
Hardship	16,025	2,209	(1,892)	-	-	16,342
Newday	-	5,208	(13,624)	-	8,416	-
Specific Gifts	-	1,794	(166)	-	-	1,628
Vision	6,071	600	-	-	-	6,671
Total Restricted	25,684	14,076	(15,750)	-	3,448	27,458
Total Funds	1,150,826	418,541	(322,595)	-	-	1,246,772

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Analysis of charitable funds cont.

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2021 £
Unrestricted						
General	31,379	409,944	(311,540)	-	(13,401)	116,382
Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	159,530	-	159,530
	31,379	409,944	(311,540)	159,530	(13,401)	275,912
Designated						
Building, Assets & Mortgage	645,829	-	-	-	13,401	659,230
Church Planting Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid Contingency Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church Reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building Work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
	835,829	-	-	-	13,401	849,230
Total Unrestricted	867,208	409,944	(311,540)	159,530	-	1,125,142
Restricted Funds						
Building	-	1,745	(1,515)	-	-	230
Hardship	10,793	7,283	(2,050)	-	-	16,025
DWP Grant	-	3,977	(619)	-	-	3,358
Vision	6,671	600	(1,200)	-	-	6,071
Total Restricted	17,464	13,605	(5,385)	-	-	25,684
Total Funds	884,672	423,549	(316,925)	159,530	-	1,150,826

Fund transfer

Building, Assets & Mortgage

A transfer of £133,368 to the designated 'Building, Assets & Mortgage fund' from the unrestricted 'General fund' took place. This transfer was to ensure the designated fund balance matched the value of total fixed assets less the remaining mortgage liability and revaluation reserve fund.

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Fund Descriptions

Designated funds

Church Planting Fund	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for new initiatives.
Covid Contingency Fund	Funds the church has chosen to set aside if Covid adversely affects finances.
Church Reserves (3 months running cost)	Funds the church has set aside as reserves.
Building Work	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for building works.
Giving Reserves	Money set aside for giving that has been rolled forward into the new financial year.

Restricted funds

Building	Donations specifically given to help cover the building mortgage costs.
DWP Grant	Donations specifically given to support those facing hardship.
Foodbank	Money donated to purchase food and provide financial support to foodbank clients.
Hardship	DWP Grant for IT Equipment.
Newday	Money donated towards the costs of taking youth to the NewDay Conference.
Specific Gifts	Donations specifically given to help the church achieve its vision.
Vision	Money given for improving both the church website and towards publicity.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2022 £
Fixed Assets	952,989	-	952,989
Current Assets	269,338	27,458	296,796
Creditors less than 1 year	(3,013)	-	(3,013)
Creditors after 1 year	-	-	-
	<u>1,219,313</u>	<u>27,458</u>	<u>1,246,772</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets	957,728	-	957,728
Current Assets	315,109	25,684	340,793
Creditors less than 1 year	(21,444)	-	(21,444)
Creditors after 1 year	(126,250)	-	(126,250)
	<u>1,125,143</u>	<u>25,684</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

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14 Company status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the year (2021: nil).

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England & Wales - Charity number 1095028

Accounts

Registered Charity no.1095028
Registered Company no. 04529503

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Legal and Administrative Information

Reference

The Charity is called 'The Crown Church' also known as Crown Church. The Church is registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales and was registered on the 9th September 2002. The church is also a Company limited by guarantee, incorporated on the 9th September 2002.

Registered Charity Number	1095028
Registered Company Number	04529503
Registered Office	The Living Room High Street Cowley UXBRIDGE UB8 2DZ
Website	www.crown-church.org.uk
Trustees and Directors	Ngozichukwuka Ivy Nwabineli Christopher John Atkins Glyn Williams James Kate Elizabeth Durrant James Paul Hunting
Key Management Personnel	The Board of Trustees and Eldership Team
Eldership Team	James Hunting Dan Smith Stefan Brown Andy Langford Gavin Bissessar
Primary Bankers	Lloyds Bank plc. 25 Gresham Street, London EC2V 7HN
Independent Examiner:	Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA Wyatt & Co Chartered Accountants 125 Main Street Garforth Leeds LS25 1AF

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Introduction

Crown Church exists so that many, together, may glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

This Annual Report represents a diverse group of people from across Hillingdon, West London and Berkshire enjoying their relationship with God and one another and living out their Christian faith in the community.

This financial year has again been unique due to the shaping impact of the pandemic. However, it still reflects God's faithfulness towards the church and in turn the faithfulness of Crown Church members moving forward with faithful endeavours. In May 2021 Crown began a gradual regathering in-person for Sunday worship at Bishopshalt School- the language of hybrid church was introduced as we maintained both an online service as well as in-person. Up until May 2021 the life of the church was largely run using online technology.

Whilst the lockdown season has brought about a number of challenges the resilience and endeavour of the church community has been outstanding, not just adapting to the opportunity that technology affords, but also the ongoing support for one another and a desire to care and reach out to the local community. As this report also covers the financial picture of the charity it is also important to note the incredible, ongoing generosity of church members. Crown church, you have continued to respond so well through a challenging season!

This report represents an incredible commitment by a huge army of volunteers. The wholehearted commitment of planning, prayer, encouragement and support by so many ensures Crown continues to flourish in its mission.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. Join us as we give thanks to God for an encouraging season in the life of Crown Church.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Hunting". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first name "James" and last name "Hunting" clearly legible.

James Hunting (Lead Pastor)

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Sundays

Prior to the pandemic Crown gathered for Sunday services at two locations; Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon and The Living Room, Cowley. During the pandemic Crown moved to one online service with no in-person services.

In May 2021 Crown introduced an in-person service and through to the end of this financial year in August 2021, this service saw a gradual return of Crown members attending in-person, but with a proportion still choosing to join online.

From May 2021 we were able to create three spaces to engage with our Sunday service; in-person on the ground floor of Bishopshalt School, a pre-booked space in the balcony that contained additional COVID safety measures, and online.

The journey to online church services has been an area of learning for Crown Church. Prior to the pandemic there was no live streaming of services. A team of staff and volunteers have done an excellent job developing this area which has involved an ongoing upgrading of equipment such as cameras, laptops, and streaming platforms to make this happen. We have always had a strong 'audio' team and the response to the pandemic has meant the development of a strong 'visual' team.

Online church has had the additional benefit of reaching overseas. It has also provided an 'easy invite' opportunity with Crown members inviting their family and friends to 'come see my church'. From May to August 2021, we found a number of new people attending in-person who had been 'looking-in' on the church via online prior to making a decision to attend in-person.

The gathering in-person at Bishopshalt between May to Aug 2021 was a slow and steady return. It was a streamlined offering in many ways with less children's groups, no information desk, no refreshments. Only one Sunday service was cancelled from May 2021 due to the COVID impact. It was a humbling season that served to help us consider why we do what we do. It became a simple time of gathering to worship God, receive his encouragement, for us to strengthen one another and to welcome new people in. Our sermon series during this period was the Old Testament book of Nehemiah - a story of rebuilding.

Children, Youth and Students

From September 2020 through to May 2021 the children and youth ministry took place online. Our children's ministry was served by a team of volunteers and a Children's Worker who gathered the children online after our main Sunday service. The children also participated in some of our main online services by recording messages or sending in pictures of their arts and craft. We were able to do an online version of a baby thanksgiving service during this time to acknowledge and give thanks to God for the babies born into the church.

Our youth also had opportunities to gather online during this period but as attendance wasn't high it was supplemented with staff and volunteers making some home doorstep visits or going for outdoor coffee catch ups. It was another year of not being able to take the youth to the annual summer camp 'Newday', but there was opportunity to take a coach load of the

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youth to Eastbourne to enjoy the beach and to worship with other young people in the New Ground family of churches.

From May 2021 we re-introduced some of the children's and youth groups as part of our Sunday service, but not the full range of age groups that existed prior to the pandemic.

The team serving students hosted some online student services during this period. All Brunel University students in this academic year have been studying online from home so there was little opportunity to gather students in-person.

Life Groups

During the year the number of Life Groups remained static at 16. Our Life Group leaders have led in a sacrificial way over a challenging period. The move to online platforms and engagement through WhatsApp groups has seen the church pastor and care for one another in a different way. The response within Life Groups when a church member was struggling, or sick, has been really encouraging and inspiring.

Of course, it would be wrong to paint only a rose-tinted view as for many in the church it has been a significantly painful and difficult time. The loss of 'in person' has been something to grieve and whilst our structures of care have supported many, some have struggled with an enduring season of online connectivity.

Community

Throughout the pandemic, the ministries working out of The Living Room closed down, with the exception of Foodbank.

The Over 60's outreach, All the Nations Café, Sunbeams toddler group, and Roots youth group all stopped during the pandemic. Since May 2021, Sunbeams toddler group has reopened twice a month. This has been a precious opportunity for parents and carers to come into an environment of support and care.

A special mention should be made in this report for the team that has served at Foodbank. This ministry has continued to serve the community every week through the pandemic and ensuring those most in need are cared for through food provision. Brilliant job!

Equipping

Throughout the pandemic period many of the equipping and leadership support tracks remained in place but online.

The elders team, trustees team and other leaders in the church met regularly throughout this time with a significant focus on helping the church to respond positively in the midst of a pandemic.

As staff leaders we were served well by the New Ground family of churches who gathered online to support and encourage church leaders. For the wider church we were still able to have some Crown members attend the New Ground Academy as part of their own leadership development.

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Prayer continued to play a vital role in the life of the church with a monthly prayer gathering for church members. In January we delivered some teaching on the spiritual disciplines such as prayer and fasting that was very well received.

We hosted an online International Celebration Weekend conference with guest speakers bringing encouragement to the church on the subject of race and diversity.

Safeguarding

The Safeguarding team has continued to meet together regularly online to ensure policies are updated, relationships with stakeholders remain strong, and volunteers receive coaching and support towards safe practice. Crown continues to use [Thirtyoneeight.org](https://thirtyoneeight.org) as it's training provider for Safeguarding.

Alpha

The Alpha Course is a fantastic experience for non-Christians searching for the bigger answers to life "there must be more to life than this", and young and older Christians getting a 'refresher' in the faith.

Two attempts were made to run the course online in this period. The first one was a small gathering online but building on the lessons learned from the first course, the second course gathered a larger number of people and provided an excellent forum to explore faith and develop friendship together.

Christmas 2020

Historically we have hosted a Christmas service each year but due to the pandemic we moved the "Carols at Crown" online. We were supported by evangelist Adrian Holloway who live-streamed his talk. The event was supported by Crown musicians and artists who brought carols and performances online as part of this outreach.

Giving

We have continued our support of the John 3:16 trust which supports the Evangelist Adrian Holloway who spends time in Christian Unions and Churches speaking about the Christian Faith. Over the course of the year, thousands will hear him speak about Jesus which has led many to further explore the Christian faith. We continue to support a missionary family based in the Rock Church in Wroclaw, Poland in their outreach to the local community. We also continue to give financially into the work of New Ground which supports church planting in different countries around the world. We have also supported Project Hope in their work in the slums and amongst the street children in Mumbai. In this period, we were able to make donations to the Yiewsley and West Drayton Foodbank and Trinity Homeless organisation.

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Staffing

At the end of the period the staff team consisted as follows:

- James Hunting (FT)
Lead Pastor
- Nazerene Waite (PT)
Youth Worker.
- Hannah Hunter (PT)
Support Manager
- Dan Smith (FT)
Assistant Pastor.
- Sonya Kayson (PT)
Communications and Membership Co-ordinator
- Jade Owen (PT)
Children's Worker
- Gavin Bissessar (FT)
Venue Pastor
- Colette Moore (PT)
Administrator

We would also like to acknowledge Anita Owen who left her post of Finance Assistant during this period after many years of incredible support.

Elders and Trustees

The Elder team is responsible for the spiritual wellbeing and direction of Crown and comprises James Hunting, Dan Smith, Stefan Brown, Andy Langford and Gavin Bissessar.

The Trustee team oversees the governance of Crown Church as a charity and in 2020 we have had a brand new team take up roles. The team comprises: Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair & HR), Chris Atkins (Finance), Kate Durrant (Safeguarding), Glyn James (Secretary & Healthy and Safety), James Hunting (Lead Pastor).

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Memberships

Crown Church is part of the New Ground family of churches which in turn is a part of the global family of churches New Frontiers. <https://newgroundchurches.org/>
<https://newfrontierstogether.org/>

Crown Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. <https://www.eauk.org/>

A Note on COVID-19:

At the time of submission, it is important to note that we maintain optimism over the impact of COVID on the operation of the church. Crown members have continued to support the church financially and we are grateful for the increased generosity through regular financial giving as well as one-off responses to care for those in greatest need in our community. The trustees have set aside a proportion of reserves for any future financial impact however Crown's finances have remained stable during this difficult period. We are aware that the impact of COVID could be felt over many years and the view on the reserves acknowledges this and will provide stability through the next season.

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Letter from Chair of Trustees

Firstly, I want to say how thankful I am for the way that God has steered Crown Church through these uncertain times as we continue to navigate through the COVID 19 pandemic.

I am so proud not only of the trustees, eldership and pastoral teams, who have provided outstanding leadership and support, but to everyone at Crown Church, who has leaned in, supported, advised and otherwise reached out and impacted the community around them. Your reward and harvest are sure.

I'm happy as Chair of Trustees to commend this report, knowing that although there is some way to go, progress continues to be made in many areas of the church. The church has now commenced in person meetings but continue broadcast these

online. It is such a wonderful way to connect! I want to thank the teams who make this happen behind the scenes, you are incredible. I would like to give a special shoutout to the worship teams who have led us into the presence of God with such incredible music that come straight from God to your hearts and voices and then to us. I especially want to extend a warm and big welcome to new joiners. I am glad to see the impacts that you are making.

We know that we serve a God who knows all and sees all. His hand is not short, His eyes are not blind, and His ears are not deaf to the cries of his children. I would like to end with an encouraging word and hope it blesses you. God gave me an awesome word from Isaiah 54 v 10 - 14 and I would like to share that with you.

"Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed," says the Lord, who has compassion on you. "Afflicted city, lashed by storms and not comforted, I will rebuild you with stones of turquoise, your foundations with lapis lazuli. I will make your battlements of rubies, your gates of sparkling jewels, and all your walls of precious stones. All your children will be taught by the Lord, and great will be their peace. In righteousness you will be established: Tyranny will be far from you; you will have nothing to fear. Terror will be far removed; it will not come near you."

Isaiah 54:10-14 NIV

Stay safe, and stay blessed, stay connected!

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Reserves Policy

The total reserves held by the Church at the end of December 2021 within the designated reserves fund was £100,000. It is the trustees' intention to hold unrestricted reserves of between 3 and 6 months of operating costs. Where unrestricted funds that are not tied up within fixed assets are held over this amount the trustees will review the financial position of the charity and evaluate where surplus funds are best spent and invested.

Public Benefit Statement

In setting our objectives and planning our activities our trustees have given consideration to the Charity Commission's general guidance on public benefit and in particular the advancement of the Christian faith through the provision of worship and teaching services and the relief of sickness, financial hardship and promoting good health. This has been achieved by the provision of funds, and services.

Financial Review

The Church depends mainly on the voluntary support of its own members and receives some support from other individuals, churches and trusts in the UK. In this year, individuals gave very generously towards the aims of the church. Total income for the year amounted to £423,549 (2020: £601,630 17 month accounting period) and total expenditure amounted to £316,925 (2020: £403,067 17 month accounting period) resulting in a total surplus before gains of £106,625 (2020: £198,563 17 month accounting period).

During the year the Living Room building was revalued resulting in a revaluation gain to the Statement of Financial Activities of £159,530. This took the total net income for the year to be £266,155.

At the year end the restricted funds carried forward was £25,684 and the total unrestricted funds carried forward was £1,125,142.

Structure, Governance and management

The charity, which is registered with the Charity Commission under number 1095028 and a registered company under number 04529503, is established under Memorandum and Articles of Association dated 9th September 2002.

Appointment of Trustees is governed by the Trust Deed. Existing Trustees are authorised to appoint new Trustees which is done on discussion with the church elders and the wider church membership. The Trustees govern the financial aspects of the church and ensure the charity continues to meet its aims. The staff members, along with the church elders, are responsible for the day to day running of the charity and will make decisions within the parameters set by the Trustees such as budget constraints.

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Trustees' responsibilities

The Trustees are responsible for preparing the Trustees' Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice).

The law applicable to charities in England & Wales requires the Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of the incoming resources and application of resources of the charity for that period. In preparing these financial statements, the trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- observe the methods and principles in the Charities SORP 2015 (FRS 102);
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- state whether applicable accounting standards have been followed, subject to any material departures
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume the charity will continue.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Charities Act 2011, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the provisions of the trust deed. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

This report has been prepared in accordance with the special provisions of Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 relating to small companies.

Approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:



Name of Trustee: James Hunting

Date: 14/06/2022

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Independent Examiners Report

I report to the trustees on my examination of the financial statements of The Crown Church ('the charity') for the year ended 31st August 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the trustees of the charity you are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

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

Independent examiner's statement

I confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), which is one of the listed bodies.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the charity as required by section 130 of the Act; or
2. the financial statements do not accord with those records; or
3. the financial statements do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.



Nigel Wyatt BSC FCA
Independent Examiner
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Date: 20/06/2022

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Statement of Financial Activities

				17 Months 2020
		Unrestricted Funds	2021 Restricted Funds	Total Funds
	Note	£	£	Total Funds £
Income				
Donations and legacies		409,941	13,605	423,546
Charitable activities		-	-	5,433
Investment income		3	-	-
Total Income	2	<u>409,944</u>	<u>13,605</u>	<u>423,549</u>
Expenditure				
Expenditure on charitable activities	3	<u>311,540</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>316,925</u>
Total Expenditure		<u>311,540</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>316,925</u>
Net income / (expenditure) before gains/(losses)		<u>98,404</u>	<u>8,220</u>	<u>106,625</u>
Gain/(loss) on revalued land and building		<u>159,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>159,530</u>
Net income / (expenditure)		<u>257,934</u>	<u>8,220</u>	<u>266,155</u>
Net income and net movement in funds				
Total funds brought forward	12	867,208	17,464	884,672
Transfers		-	-	-
Total funds carried forward		<u>1,125,142</u>	<u>25,684</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

All income and expenditure derive from continuing activities.

The statement is a combined Statement of Financial Activities and Income and Expenditure Account for the purposes of meeting both Companies Act and charity SORP reporting requirements.

The Crown Church

Year Ended 31st August 2021

Statement of Financial Position

	Note	2021 £	2020 £
Fixed assets			
Tangible Fixed Assets	8	957,728	799,579
Current assets			
Debtors	9	5,745	27,251
Cash at bank and in hand		335,048	296,103
		<u>340,793</u>	<u>323,354</u>
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	10	<u>21,444</u>	<u>18,261</u>
Net current assets		319,348	305,093
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	11	<u>126,250</u>	<u>220,000</u>
Net assets	13	<u>1,150,826</u>	<u>884,672</u>
Funds of the charity			
Restricted funds	12	25,684	17,464
Unrestricted funds	12		
Unrestricted General		116,382	31,379
Revaluation Reserve		159,530	-
Designated Funds		<u>849,230</u>	<u>835,829</u>
		<u>1,125,142</u>	<u>867,208</u>
Total charity funds		<u>1,150,826</u>	<u>884,672</u>

Directors Responsibilities

The Directors are satisfied that for the year ended on 31st August 2021 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner.

The Directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts. These Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies' regime and with FRS 102 (effective January 2019).

Name of Trustee:

James Hunting

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

James Paul Hunting

Date of approval:

14/06/2022

The Crown Church

Year Ended 31st August 2021

Notes to the Financial Statements

Basis of Preparation

The Crown Church is a registered charity with the Charity Commission for England and Wales. The address of the registered office is given in the charity information on page 1 of these financial statements. The principal activity is to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs.

The charity constitutes a public benefit entity as defined by FRS 102. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK (FRS 102) issued on 16 July 2014 as amended by Bulletin 1, the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the United Kingdom (FRS 102), the Charities Act 2011, the Companies Act 2006 and UK Generally Accepted Practice as it applies from 1 January 2015.

The financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis under the historical cost convention, modified to include certain items at fair value. The financial statements are prepared in sterling which is the functional currency of the charity and rounded to the nearest £.

The significant accounting policies applied in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Assessment of Going Concern

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The trustees consider that there are no material uncertainties about the Charity's ability to continue as a going concern.

Fund Accounting

Unrestricted income funds comprise those funds which the trustees are free to use for any purpose in furtherance of the charitable objects. Unrestricted funds include designated funds where the trustees, at their discretion, have set aside resources for a specific purpose.

Restricted funds are funds which are to be used in accordance with specific restrictions imposed by the donor or the term of specific appeal, often known as a 'special offering' in the church.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the accounts.

Accounting Period

For the financial year ending 31st of August 2020 the charity had a long 17 month period of account from the 1st of April 2019 to the 31st of August 2020.

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Incoming Resources

All incoming resources are recognised once the charity has entitlement to the resources, it is probable that the resources will be received, and the monetary value of incoming resources can be measured with sufficient reliability.

- All voluntary income from members of the church are recognised as donations and are included in full, with associated Gift Aid receivable in the Statement of Financial Activities.
- Grants where entitlement is not conditional on the delivery of specific performance by the charity are recognised when the charity becomes unconditionally entitled to the grant.
- Income resources from charitable trading activities such as the letting of the building are accounted for when invoices are drawn up (as the point of entitlement).
- Donated services and facilities are included at the value to the charity where this can be quantified.
- Gifts in Kind are accounted for at a reasonable estimate of their value to the charity or the amount actually realised.
- Volunteer time, the value of voluntary support for the work of the church, is not included in the accounts but is described in the Trustees Annual Report.
- Investment Income is included in the accounts when receivable.

Resources expended

Expenditure is recognised on an accrual basis as a liability is incurred. Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out the resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance Costs

Include costs of the preparation and examination of statutory accounts, the costs of the trustees' meetings and cost of any legal advice to trustees on governance or constitutional matters.

Liability Recognition

Abilities are recognised as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources.

Tangible fixed assets

All assets costing more than £1,000 are capitalised and at historic cost. Fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is charged on furniture and equipment which is written off on a straight-line basis over time estimated useful live of the asset.

Land and buildings are held on a revaluation basis and is not depreciated. Land and Buildings are revalued every few years.

The depreciation policies of the organisation are as follows:

Equipment

20% Reducing Balance

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Pensions

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities as they become payable in accordance with the rules of the scheme.

Operating Leases

Rental charges payable under operating leases are charged on a straight line basis over the terms of the lease.

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Judgements and key sources of estimation

Accounting estimates and judgements are continually evaluated and are based on historical experience and other factors, including expectations of future events that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances.

The annual depreciation charge for tangible assets is sensitive to changes in the estimated useful economic lives and residual values of the assets. The useful economic lives and residual values are reassessed annually. They are amended when necessary to reflect current estimates, based on technological advancement, future investments, economic utilisation and the physical condition of the assets. See note 5 for the carrying amount of the property plant and equipment, and note 1.5 for the useful economic lives for each class of assets.

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2 Analysis of Income

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	346,460	8,707	355,167
Payroll giving	42	-	42
Gift Aid	63,439	921	64,359
Grants	-	3,977	3,977
	<u>409,941</u>	<u>13,605</u>	<u>419,569</u>
 Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Investment Income			
Bank interest	3	-	3
	<u>3</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>
 Total Income	<u>409,944</u>	<u>13,605</u>	<u>423,549</u>

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2 Analysis of Income (Continued)

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	17 Months Total Funds 2020 £
Donations and legacies			
Donations	479,419	-	479,419
Gift Aid	87,368	-	87,368
Payroll giving	29,410	-	29,410
Grants	-	-	-
	<u>596,197</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>596,197</u>
 Charitable activities			
Events / Book and CD sales	5,433	-	5,433
	<u>5,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,433</u>
 Investment Income			
Bank interest	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Income	<u>601,630</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>601,630</u>

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3 Expenditure on Charitable Activities By Fund Type

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Administration	21,949	1,819	23,768
Asset Depreciation	4,739	-	4,739
Central Outreach & Events	5,093	-	5,093
Central Training & Conferences	4,747	-	4,747
Cowley Congregation	1,779	-	1,779
Giving	32,140	2,050	34,190
Hillingdon Congregation	6,311	-	6,311
Mortgage Interest	3,835	1,515	5,350
Premises	10,028	-	10,028
Staff Costs	220,918	-	220,918
	<u>311,540</u>	<u>5,385</u>	<u>316,925</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 17 Months 2020 £
Administration	18,258	-	18,258
Asset Depreciation	27,691	-	27,691
Central Outreach & Events	34,129	-	34,129
Central Training & Conferences	6,619	-	6,619
Cowley Congregation	-	-	-
Giving	63,750	-	63,750
Goverance Costs	1,757	-	1,757
Hillingdon Congregation	2,041	-	2,041
Mortgage Interest	3,831	-	3,831
Premises	36,276	-	36,276
Staff costs	208,715	-	208,715
	<u>403,067</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>403,067</u>

4 Volunteers

The church benefits greatly from the voluntary contributions of time and money by its formal members and regular attendees. Please refer to the trustee's report for further detail about volunteer contributions in the organisation.

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5 Independent examination fees

Fees payable to the independent examiner for:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Independent examination and preparation of the financial statements	1,320	1,757

6 Staff costs

The total staff costs and employee benefits for the reporting period are analysed as follows:

	2021	17 Months 2020
	£	£
Wages and salaries	193,883	204,106
Employers national insurance	13,826	803
Employer contributions to pension plans	13,209	3,806
	<u>220,918</u>	<u>208,715</u>

During the 17 month period to the 31st August 2020 the charity benefited from two years worth of employers national insurance allowance due to the period spanning the start of two fiscal tax years. This is why there is a large difference in employers national insurance between 2020 and 2021.

The average head count of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Average Head Count	8	8

No employee received employee benefits of more than £60,000 during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
More than £60,000	-	-

Key Management Personnel

The charity considers its key management personnel to be The Board of Trustees together with the Eldership Team (or the full staff team). The total employee benefits received by the key management personnel (including employer NI and pension contributions) was £155,830.

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7 Trustee remuneration, expenses and donations

During the year one trustee (who is also a member of the Eldership Team) receive remuneration. The remuneration paid during the year is for the employees role within the church and not for their role as a trustee. The charity's memorandum of articles gives authority for such remuneration to be paid. The total remuneration paid during the year is as follows:

	2021	17 Months 2020
	£	£
James Hunting	56,898	81,935

During the year two trustees incurred out of pocket expenses totalling £165 which were all incurred for the day to day running of the charity's activities. (2020:1 Trustee expenses of £449). The types of expenditure include governance costs and reimbursement of a pastoral gifts.

During the year the total aggregated donations made to the charity by the trustee's during the year was £15,554 (2020: £33,225). There were no conditions attached to the donations.

8 Tangible Fixed Assets

	Land and Buildings	Equipment	Total
		£	£
Cost as at 1st Sept 2020	846,580	33,933	880,513
Revaluation	101,670	-	101,670
Additions	-	3,358	3,358
Cost as at 31st Aug 2021	948,250	37,291	985,541
Depreciation as at 1st Sept 2020	57,860	23,074	80,934
Revaluation	(57,860)	-	(57,860)
Depreciation Charge	-	4,739	4,739
Depreciation as at 31st Aug 2021	-	27,813	27,813
Net Book Value as at 31st Aug 2021	948,250	9,478	957,728
Net Book Value as at 31st Sept 2020	788,720	10,859	799,579

The Charity's building called the Living Room located on High Street Cowley, Uxbridge, UB8 2DZ was revalued as at the 31st of August 2021. The valuation of the building was undertaken by an independent valuer whom used reasonable assumptions based on current market conditions for freehold properties.

Had the building been accounted for under the historical cost model the net book value as at the 31st of August 2021 would have been £771,788.

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9 Debtors

	2021	2020
	£	£
Gift Aid recoverable	5,741	27,251
Prepayments	4	-
	<u>5,745</u>	<u>27,251</u>

10 Creditors: amounts falling due within one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Credit Card Account	4,725	2,754
Other Tax and Social Security	1,770	-
Accruals	1,200	1,757
Mortgage	13,750	13,750
	<u>21,444</u>	<u>18,261</u>

11 Creditors: amounts falling due after one year

	2021	2020
	£	£
Mortgage	126,250	220,000
	<u>126,250</u>	<u>220,000</u>

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12 Analysis of Charitable Funds

Unrestricted Funds

	1 Sept 20 £	Income £	Expenditure £	Revaluation £	Transfers £	31 Aug 2021 £
Unrestricted						
General	31,379	409,944	(311,540)	-	(13,401)	116,382
Revaluation Reserve	-	-	-	159,530	-	159,530
	<u>31,379</u>	<u>409,944</u>	<u>(311,540)</u>	<u>159,530</u>	<u>(13,401)</u>	<u>275,912</u>
Designated						
Building, Assets & Mortgage	645,829	-	-	-	13,401	659,230
Church Planting Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Covid Contingency Fund	40,000	-	-	-	-	40,000
Church Reserves (3 months running cost)	100,000	-	-	-	-	100,000
Building Work	10,000	-	-	-	-	10,000
	<u>835,829</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>13,401</u>	<u>849,230</u>
Total Unrestricted	<u>867,208</u>	<u>409,944</u>	<u>(311,540)</u>	<u>159,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,125,142</u>
Restricted Funds						
Building	-	1,745	(1,515)	-	-	230
Hardship	10,793	7,283	(2,050)	-	-	16,025
DWP Grant	-	3,977	(619)	-	-	3,358
Vision	6,671	600	(1,200)	-	-	6,071
Total Restricted	<u>17,464</u>	<u>13,605</u>	<u>(5,385)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,684</u>
Total Funds	<u>884,672</u>	<u>423,549</u>	<u>(316,925)</u>	<u>159,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

Fund Transfer

Building, Assets & Mortgage

A transfer of £13,401 from the unrestricted general fund to the designated Building, Assets & Mortgage fund took place. This transfer was to ensure the designated fund balance matched the value of total fixed assets less the remaining mortgage liability and revaluation reserve fund.

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Fund Descriptions

Designated Funds

Church Planting Fund	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for new initiatives.
Covid Contingency Fund	Funds the church has chosen to set aside if Covid adversely affects finances.
Church Reserves (3 months running cost)	Funds the church has set aside as reserves.
Building Work	Funds the church has chosen to set aside for building works.

Restricted Funds

Building	Donations specifically given to help cover the building mortgage costs.
Hardship	Donations specifically given to support those facing hardship.
DWP Grant	DWP Grant for IT Equipment.
Vision	Donations specifically given to help the church achieve its vision.

13 Analysis of net assets between funds

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2021 £
Fixed Assets	957,728	-	957,728
Current Assets	315,109	25,684	340,793
Creditors less than 1 year	(21,444)	-	(21,444)
Creditors after 1 year	(126,250)	-	(126,250)
	<u>1,125,142</u>	<u>25,684</u>	<u>1,150,826</u>

	Unrestricted Funds £	Restricted Funds £	Total Funds 2020 £
Fixed Assets	799,579	-	799,579
Current Assets	305,890	17,464	323,354
Creditors less than 1 year	(18,261)	-	(18,261)
Creditors after 1 year	(220,000)	-	(220,000)
	<u>867,208</u>	<u>17,464</u>	<u>884,672</u>

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14 Company Status

The company is a company limited by guarantee and not having a share capital. Every member of the company undertakes to contribute in a winding up a sum not exceeding £1 whilst they are a member, or within one year after ceasing to be a member, towards debts and liabilities contracted before ceasing to be a member.

15 Related party transactions

There were no related party transactions which took place during the year (2020: £1,694).

16 Prior Period Adjustment

The prior period signed accounts for the year ending 31st August 2020 did not disclose the Charity's closing restricted and designated fund balance. A prior period adjustment has taken place to reflect the opening balances for restricted and designated funds. There has been no change to the total carried forward fund balance, it is only the allocation between restricted and designated funds which has taken place.

THE CROWN CHURCH

England & Wales - Charity number 1095028

Accounts

**ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED
31ST AUGUST 2020**

THE CROWN CHURCH

(A Company Limited by Guarantee)

CHARITY REGISTRATION NUMBER 1095028

COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER 4529503

Independent Examiners Ltd
Wessex Manor
Satchell Lane
Southampton
SO31 4HS

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(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)
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**THE CROWN CHURCH
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

CHARITY NUMBER	1095028
COMPANY REGISTRATION NUMBER	4529503
START OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	1st April 2019
END OF FINANCIAL PERIOD	31st August 2020
DIRECTORS THAT SERVED DURING THE PERIOD TO 31ST AUGUST 2020	Julian Shellard (resigned 1 September 2020) Rachel Langford (resigned 25 February 2020) Stefan Brown (resigned 25 February 2020) Sarah Bissessar (resigned 25 February 2020) James Hunting Glyn James (appointed 25th February 2020) Kate Durrant (appointed 25 February 2020) Christopher Atkins (appointed 25 February 2020) Ngozichukwuka Nwabineli (appointed 25 February 2020)
COMPANY SECRETARY	Glyn James (appointed 28 July 2020) Julian Shellard (resigned 1 September 2020)
REGISTERED ADDRESS	The Living Room High Street Cowley, Uxbridge UB8 2DZ
DATE OF INCORPORATION	9th September 2002
GOVERNING DOCUMENT	Memorandum and Articles of Association incorporated on 9th September 2002.
BANKERS	Royal Bank of Scotland Uxbridge Branch 1 - 4 High Street Uxbridge UB8 1BP
INDEPENDENT EXAMINER	Independent Examiners Ltd Wessex Manor Satchell Lane Southampton SO31 4HS

**THE CROWN CHURCH
(A COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE)**
**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**



The Crown Church is a registered company, no: 4529503 and a registered charity, no: 1095028.

Charity's Objects

(a) to advance the Christian faith in accordance with the statement of beliefs, in the London borough of Hillingdon and its environs and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or World as the trustees may from time to time think fit

(c) to promote and fulfil such other charitable purposes beneficial to the community in the said area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit.

(b) to relieve persons who are in conditions of need or hardship or who are aged or sick and to relieve the distress caused thereby in the said area and in such other parts of the United Kingdom or the World as the trustees may from time to time think fit

Introduction

The Vision of the Crown Church is to be a large, relevant church in West London, changing lives and making Jesus known.

Charity's Activities

- Sunday morning meetings
- Meetings and other activities carried out by the small groups within the church (known as life groups)
- Prayer
- Provision of training and support to leaders and other church members
- Events and programmes for reaching out with the Christian message, both to the local community and internationally
- Supporting and building links with students at Brunel University and with local churches
- Supporting and playing a part in the work of *Newfrontiers* in the UK and worldwide
- Working, in partnership with other Christian agencies, to support vulnerable and oppressed people both locally and overseas

Financial Review

The directors have considered the level of reserves they wish to retain, appropriate to the charity's needs. The level of reserves held are approximately three months fixed operating costs (£45,000) and this is based on the charity's size and the level of financial commitments held. At 31st August 2020, unrestricted free reserves stood at £305,093 (at 31st March 2019: £120,461).

The directors aim to ensure the charity will be able to continue to fulfil its charitable objectives even if there is a temporary shortfall in income or unexpected expenditure. The directors will endeavour not to set aside funds unnecessarily.

The Annual Report is set out on the following pages.



Annual Report

April 2019 to August 2020*

Prepared for the Charity Commission and Crown Members

By James Hunting (Lead Pastor), Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair of Trustees) and Anita Ryan (Finance Assistant)

**To support the rhythm of strategic planning, in 2020 Crown Church moved the start of its financial year to September, hence this financial period was extended to 17 months to end in August 2020. Beneath the written report are two financial reports- combined they cover the April 2019 to August 2020 period.*

Introduction

Crown Church exists so that many, together, may glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

This Annual Report represents a diverse group of people from across Hillingdon, West London and Berkshire enjoying their relationship with God and one another and living out their Christian faith in the community.

This financial year is marked by dramatic changes brought about by Covid. In March 2020 all in-person gatherings at Crown Church came to an abrupt halt in order to play our part in keeping the community safe. Crown Church has adapted to become an online church with a continuation of ministries such as Sunday services, Life Groups, Youth work all using online platforms.

Whilst the lockdown season has brought about a number of challenges the resilience and endeavour of the church community has been outstanding. Not just adapting to the opportunity of technology but the ongoing encouragement towards one another and a desire to care and reach out to the local community. As this report also covers the financial picture of the charity it is also noteworthy the incredible, ongoing generosity of the church members. Crown church- you have responded so well through a challenging season!

This report represents an incredible commitment by a huge army of volunteers. The wholehearted commitment of planning, prayer, encouragement and support by so many ensures Crown continues to flourish in its mission.

I hope you enjoy reading this report. Join us as we give thanks to God for an encouraging season in the life of Crown Church.



James Hunting (Lead Pastor)

Please note financial figures in the written report may include additional gift aid income attached to the giving, whilst the financial reports highlight gift aid separately.

01 Gather

Sundays

In 2019 and early 2020 Crown Church was gathering in two locations on Sundays.

Bishopshalt School, Hillingdon: Historically the original congregation of Crown Church and our largest venue. Over this period of time we have welcomed a number of new people to the congregation and averaging 300 people gathered. The highest attendance in the year was 369 people. In the autumn term we historically welcome a number of new students attending Brunel University and other local Universities- the September influx was quieter than previous years but by December the number of students connecting had grown.

The Living Room, Cowley: A congregation that started in 2018 and still in an early formation phase. Meeting at 6pm it has gathered shift workers, students as well as those local to Cowley. A number of Langley & Slough members have connected too. Regular attendance fluctuated between 40-60 people.

Our highest combined Sunday across the two congregations was 419 people.

Both congregations share resources including preaching teams and worship teams and both congregations come together for 'One Church' events. Some highlights of the preaching series' included 'Change My Mind' focusing on the opportunities of being a multicultural church; and 'Loveology' which brought some teaching around relationships and sex.

Our Worship teams, supported by the Audio Visual teams, have led us with a depth of joy and vibrancy. Our four bands are distinctly different in style from one another and contribute well into the diversity of the church. It was encouraging to have three new worship leaders leading for the first time in the last year.

Online Church

Due to Covid we shut down all our in-person gatherings in March 2020. Within a week we had got a single church service running online. Whilst it is a season of grieving in-person gatherings that are so key to the life of a church we have also been encouraged by the opportunity of church services online. The number of people gathering online has been greater than the numbers we would gather in-person- over the Easter weekend 2020 we reached over 4,000 people. The creative impact of our International Celebration brought encouragement to a wider audience than just our immediate church family.

A song called "The Blessing" was filmed by members of Crown Church that represented the many different languages/nationalities in Crown Church. The video went viral and reached over 20,000 people and was also played regularly on Christian TV channel TBN.

Online church has had the additional benefit of reaching overseas. It has also provided an 'easy invite' opportunity with Crown members inviting their family and friends to 'come see my church'.

02 Next Generation

Children's Work (0-11)

In December our part-time Children's Worker moved onto a new job and it took until summer 2020 to recruit a new one (Sept 2020 start). An excellent team of volunteers provided support cover in the interim. As part of the transition we have been able to increase the hours dedicated to the staff role from 20 to 30 hours per week.

A number of stand out events including October half term party for children in Crown as well as invites to the local community. At Christmas time, the nativity brought many visitors into the church as well as provided an opportunity for the children (and kids workers) to display their acting talents to the whole church.

Sundays at Bishopshalt School sees children split into four age groups with an average of 45-60 children attending. The work is supported by a number of outstanding volunteers who give time to prepare materials and lead a mixture of games, songs and teaching during the sessions.

During lockdown the opportunities for our children to connect has been more limited. Weekly resources have been sent to parents to support their own input into their children but sadly we have been unable to recreate any gathering opportunities for them. There have been smaller pockets of involvement through the recording of videos and invitations for artwork to be displayed in the online services. Several of the children featured as part of June's international celebration.

Sunbeams- parent and toddler group at The Living Room- played an important role in reaching out to families in the community. Prior to lockdown Sunbeams regularly gathered around 20 children each week, along with parents/carers. During lockdown Sunbeams has had to pause.

Youth Work (11-18s)

In July we were able to recruit our first ever staff youth worker, part-time at 30 hours per week. This is a significant step in recognising the importance of the work amongst our 11-18 year olds. The number of 11-18 year olds has been steadily growing due to the demographic of people/families joining the church but also the impact of friends inviting friends.

On Sundays at Bishopshalt, the average attendance was 30-40 youth split into two age groups. Volunteer youth workers prepare materials and deliver interactive teaching sessions with each age group. This takes place as an alternative to the 'sermon time' and creates a space for young people to develop friendships and connect with the team of youth workers who support them pastorally.

In August 2019 45 of our youth went to Newday- a Christian youth camp organised by Newfrontiers. Joining with 8000 youth at the Norfolk Showground provides an outstanding opportunity for our young people to enjoy friendship together but also be encouraged in their personal journeys of faith. Again we had an outstanding team of volunteers from Crown Church who committed to late nights and early mornings, encouraging and supporting our young people throughout the week. The impact of

Covid has meant that Newday was cancelled in 2020 and will not go ahead in 2021. Crown Church contributed an additional £1000 to help with the losses incurred (due to cancellation) by the Newday team.

During the summer of lockdown the youth were able to gather for some outdoor sessions in the Cowley Rec and there have also been Zoom sessions to connect online.

Students and 20s

A brand new leadership team has emerged for this age group. Under the name of “Trellis” the team has done an excellent job and providing a mix of social and home based gatherings as well as opportunities to gather at The Living Room for worship events. The opportunity to connect with Brunel Students has involved these events as well as encouraging students to join Life Groups and serve in the life of the church. It is good to see students have been serving in many different areas of church life including worship teams, kids work, A/V teams etc. There continues to be food cooked for students after Sunday services at both our venues.

03 Multiply

As part of our Vision Sundays we have talked about the opportunity to strengthen some of our teams to help us prepare for future growth.

This past year has been about the journey towards that. We were able to recruit a new leader to lead the Bishopshalt Venue and an existing leader was due move across to lead the Cowley Venue- until lockdown came and their time was redirected to developing 'online' church. Whilst in-person gatherings are not taking place it is providing time to develop leadership teams and pastoral structures so that when in-person gatherings resume we will be in a stronger place. New staff additions also provide extra opportunity in the area of supporting, training and developing leaders.

The addition of a Children's Worker and Youth Worker to the staff team has also been a part of this strengthening. So much of our youth and children's work has been based around in-person gatherings and so creativity is driving any opportunities through lockdown.

Our administrative roles around finance, communication, HR are also really important. Whilst they operate in the background they are key to a great deal of church life flourishing. There has been work developing in the background to ensure this area builds capacity for future growth.

As we look to reach new areas it was really pleasing to launch our first ever Life Group in the heart of Slough and it has been encouraging to see the three Life Groups across Langley, Iver and Slough working together and developing initiatives. Equally the Life Groups north of the A40 have been developing initiatives together both to support and encourage one another but also to reach out in their area. With so much of Crown's outreach operating through the central location of The Living Room it is also good to see the flourishing at the borders of where we gather people from.

04 Social Justice

The Living Room has continued to provide a base for us to support the local community in a number of ways.

Over 60's: A team within Crown has established in this period and outreach to welcome in members of the community who are of retirement age and for some living in isolation.

Foodbank: Crown Church operates under the West Drayton and Yiewsley Foodbank Team- this involves a collaboration between Crown Church, St Matthew's Yiewsley and Bell Farm Church West Drayton. Our team of volunteers provide a weekly drop-in point for food provision, shower facilities for homeless and a small provision of clothing.

All the Nations Café: This team has continued to do a great work supporting individuals, who as newcomers to the UK, are at risk of being marginalised in our communities. This has also provided opportunities to link up with the student services teams at Brunel who have a similar pastoral remit. Before lockdown, All the Nations Café continued to welcome in students from many countries around the world.

During lockdown the Over 60s and All the Nations Café stopped. Foodbank paused for a period due to many of the team shielding however the team leader has done a great job in re-establishing a new team to serve. Some volunteers spent the lockdown period operating a hybrid service, delivering food parcels to those unable to access the Food banks.

Covid Fund: During the lockdown period Crown established a hardship fund that has been used to support individuals both in the church and the local community when situations have become financially difficult. It has enabled Crown to respond primarily with food provision to individuals and families who have found income reduced or lost during this period. This fund will continue to be used into the next financial period.

In June 2020 Crown Church members gave £17,143 to support the work of churches in India, Zimbabwe and Kenya care for their communities and the impact of financial hardship through Covid lockdown.

Over the period we continue to stand with Project Hope Mumbai with a gift of £3,400. This supports work amongst the slums of Mumbai with medical and education support. Project Hope also provides outreach services to children living on the streets.

05 Equip

Discipleship Explored: In the last year we ran a successful Discipleship Explored course following on from Alpha – the course is designed for new Christians and helps them develop their new faith. The course ran for 8 weeks with 14 delegates in Summer 2019.

Life Groups: Our primary gatherings for Christian growth and discipleship are the 18 Life Groups at Crown. 199 adults from across the church are connected to a Life Group. These mid-week gatherings provide opportunity for mutually supportive relationships to develop and use the sermon materials to develop personal application to content from the Sunday service. We have gathered Life Group leaders once a term for 'Basecamp' as a chance to support and encourage our Life Group leaders.

During lockdown our Life Groups have done an excellent job of translating their in-person gatherings to online-gatherings. Life Group meetings have taken place on online platforms and WhatsApp groups have been used to stay connected and for mutual support through the week. We saw a number of people jump into a Life Group around March/April as the UK started to restrict in-person gatherings.

Marriage/Parenting: In the last year a team provided training and support for married couples and for parents. We have celebrated new marriages and engaged couples have been paired with others in the church for support leading up to marriage.

Safeguarding: The Safeguarding team has continued to work together regularly to ensure policies are updated; relationships with stakeholders remain strong and that volunteers receive coaching and support towards safe practice. Crown continues to use [Thirtyoneeight.org](https://thirtyoneeight.org) as it's support agency for Safeguarding.

New Ground Churches: As members of the New Ground family of churches there are number of training and equipping opportunities. In 2019 five members of Crown graduated the New Ground Academy and in 2020 four members graduated. The Academy provides 40 days of theology and leadership training over two year period. In addition we had one person complete an "Impact" year with New Ground where they gave a whole year to volunteer alongside the staff team. We are so grateful for the investment each one has made to be trained and equipped in this way.

In Summer 2019, 75 from Crown attended Ashburnham – a Christian conference the provided main sessions and seminars for all ages, designed to equip and encourage individuals in their Christian faith.

Newcomers: Our Intro Course and Welcome Lunches have provided a context through which new people can connect with the church in a more meaningful way. We have seen 43 adults come through these events over this period.

06 Gospel

Alpha: The Alpha Course is a fantastic experience for non-Christians searching for the bigger answers to life “there must be more to life than this”, and young Christians getting a ‘refresher’ in the faith.

The course takes participants on a journey across 10 weeks to explore Christianity, covering a different topic each week. The course started with 50 delegates (including Crown members joining friends) booked onto the course at the start of 2020. We were able to use the Living Room to full effect, with a full meal for the first couple of weeks to make sure guests felt welcome, to the full multimedia experience with video presentations and the engaging discussion groups. Three delegates made a commitment to the Christian faith as part of this course.

Baptisms: Over the reporting period we had the privilege of baptising nine people.

Christmas 2019: Carols at Crown on Dec 6th 2019 provided a chance to invite the community to a traditional carol service. Andy Kind (comedian turned preacher) was the guest speaker and Crown pulled together a choir and performance pieces. Around 450 gathered at Bishopshalt School for the event. The children’s nativity on 13th Dec 2019 also drew in over 400 guests to the service and provided a chance to connect to new families in the community.

The Living Room: Over the course of the period Crown’s community venue The Living Room has provided opportunity to reach out and serve the local community. All the Nations Café, Sunbeams parent and toddlers, Foodbank, Over 60’s drop-in, Alpha have all be mentioned above. The Craft Room also provides a chance to connect with members of the community through arts and craft- it brings together the very young with older members of the community and so creates a unique context of several generations coming together. Prayer is offered if people would like it either directly or by leaving a prayer request for the team to read and pray over later together.

Giving: We have continued our support of the John 3:16 trust which supports the Evangelist Adrian Holloway who spends time across Christian Unions and Churches sharing about the Christian Faith. Over the course of the year thousands will hear him speak about Jesus which has led many to further explore the Christian faith. We also continue to support a missionary family based in the Rock Church in Wroclaw Poland- this support plays its part in the work the church does in the community. We also continue to give financially into the work of New Ground which supports church planting in different countries around the world. (see financial details below)

Staffing

At the end of the period the staff team consisted as follows:

- James Hunting (FT)
James Hunting has continued through this period as Lead Pastor of Crown Church.
- Nazerene Waite (30 hours)
Naz has joined us in the summer 2020 as our Youth Worker.
- Hannah Hunter (20 hours)
Hannah returned from maternity leave in August 2020 into a new role as Support Manager overseeing our central administration functions.
- Dan Smith (FT)
Dan Smith has continued on the staff team through this period. Dan has been instrumental in helping the church move online in the lockdown season.
- Anita Ryan (10 hours per week)
Anita is our Finance Assistant and continues to provide timely and detailed monthly and annual financial reports for the charity.
- Sonya Kayson (13 hours)
Sonya provides vital support to our Communications and has also been instrumental in supporting the Sunday platforms through which our services have been live streamed.
- Jade Owen (30 hours)
Jade joined at the end of this reporting period as our Children's Worker. We are looking forward to Jade being a part of the staff team.
- Gavin Bissessar (FT)
Gavin joined the staff team in the summer 2020 as a Venue Pastor and to provide training support.

We would also like to acknowledge Hannah Powell, Abbie Walker, Zoe Harland and Amanda Boyd who have all contributed to the staff team over this report period, as well as our two wonderful volunteer "Impactors" Asher and Josh.

Elders and Trustees

The Elder team is responsible for the spiritual wellbeing and direction of Crown: James Hunting, Dan Smith, Stefan Brown, James Harland, Andy Langford and Gavin Bissessar.

The Trustee team oversees the governance of Crown Church as a charity and in 2020 we have had a brand new team take up roles: Ngozi Nwabineli (Chair & HR), Chris Atkins (Finance), Kate Durrant (Safeguarding), Glyn James (Secretary & Healthy and Safety), James Hunting (Lead Pastor).

With special thanks to the exiting trustees Stefan Brown, Sarah Bissessar, Julian Shellard and Rachel Langford who have served Crown Church with great diligence and care over a number of years.

Memberships:

Crown Church is part of the New Ground family of churches which in turn is a part of the global family of churches New Frontiers. <https://newgroundchurches.org/>
<https://newfrontierstogether.org/>

Crown Church is a member of the Evangelical Alliance. <https://www.eauk.org/>

A Note on Covid:

At the time of submission (Dec 2020) it is important to note that we maintain optimism over the impact of Covid on the operation of the church. Crown members have continued to support the church financially and we are grateful for the increased generosity through regular financial giving as well as one-off responses to care for those in greatest need in our community. The trustees have set aside a proportion of reserves for any future financial impact however Crown's finances have grown rather than diminished during this difficult period. We are aware that the impact of Covid could be felt over many years and the view on the reserves acknowledges this and will provide stability through 2021.

Letter from Chair of Trustees

Firstly, I am truly humbled and honoured to be given the opportunity to fill such big, godly and awesome shoes! Julian has been a stalwart and has done a fantastic job during his tenure, we wish him the best in his new adventure!

Secondly, a Chairperson is only as good as their team and they are an amazing bunch – diligent, committed and keen to see Crown Church grow stronger in the days, weeks and months ahead. I would like to give a special mention to those who have worked hard to produce these reports, it is not an easy thing but you have done it with such grace. God sees – and will reward – your efforts.

I am happy as Chair of Trustees to commend this report. It has been a challenging time for the church and the people in it. The ongoing COVID19 situation has meant the ways people connect as families, friends, colleagues and yes as a congregation has changed for the considerable future. Yet, in the midst of the difficulties, I have seen the way that the church has adapted and continues to support the inner and wider community. We have harnessed the power of technology to bring the word of God into your lives and homes and we could not be prouder of the team who makes this happen.

We continue to have Sunday meetings which remain central to the life of the church. Although we cannot be together in person, I have personally loved logging on and experiencing God and interacting with you all, yes even in my PJs! The worship has been incredible, the series of sermons – most recently ‘Amazing Race’- have been both encouraging and thought-provoking. Moving to online services may have been a bit strange to start off with but the silver lining is that through the power of social media, we are able to reach more people than before. So what the devil meant as a means of keeping us apart has *“worked for the good of those who love Him”* (Romans 8 v28).

The Living Room has been a beacon in the community, providing a way for the church to make a strong impact in people’s lives and we are thankful to everyone who has worked hard to make this so. I am also inspired by those running the Alpha course, we are so thrilled that we are able to reach out despite not being able to physically be together.

In this time of increased tensions surrounding race, it is so refreshing to see the church further embrace the diversity of its members and yes, ask those uncomfortable questions. I want to highlight the incredible leadership team who have stepped out and stepped up in this regard. I am extremely proud of you all and the way you serve and lead.

Last and by no means least, I would like to extend a warm welcome to new members of staff, those who are returning back and those who have taken on new roles. We thank God for you and I am glad to see how keenly you have thrown yourself into the work. I cannot wait to see how and what you will do!

As we enter the last embers (I did attempt to make a joke!) of 2020, I want to encourage you with an image God gave me during last year’s new year’s service about the cloud the size of a man’s hand (1 Kings 18 v 40-45). Yes, the servant had to go

back seven times before his eyes were opened and he saw the cloud but it was there. I believe God is saying we should never look down or around but look to Him because although it seems that during this time, He looks far and inactive, He is working quietly and effectively in all areas of our collective and individual lives. I leave you with this passage:

“For I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord. They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope. In those days when you pray, I will listen. If you look for Me wholeheartedly, you will find Me.”

Jeremiah 29 v 11-13 NLT

Ngozi Nwabineli
Chair of Trustees



**THE CROWN CHURCH
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**REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**



Statement of Director's responsibilities:

The Charities Act and the Companies Act require the Board of Trustees to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity as at the end of the financial year and of the surplus or deficit of the charity. In preparing those financial statements the Board is required to :-

- select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent; and
- prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in operation.
- state whether applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice have been followed , subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements;

The trustees are also responsible for maintaining adequate accounting records which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the charity and which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 2006 and comply with regulations made under the Charities Act. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the charity and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The trustees are also responsible for the contents of the trustees' report, and the responsibility of the independent examiner in relation to the trustees' report is limited to examining the report and ensuring that , on the face of the report, there are no inconsistencies with the figures disclosed in the financial statements.

These accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime.

I approve the attached statement of financial activities and balance sheet for the period ended 31st August 2020, and confirm that I have made available all information necessary for its preparation.

Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors by J Hunting, Director

Date:

19th JAN 2021

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J Hunting", written over a horizontal line.

Print name J HUNTING

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Notes	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	17 months TOTAL 2020/19 £	12 months TOTAL 2019/18 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM:						
Donations and Legacies	2a	596,197	0	0	596,197	333,248
Investment Income	2b	0	0	0	0	2
Charitable Activities	2c	5,433	0	0	5,433	5,607
TOTAL		601,630	0	0	601,630	338,857
EXPENDITURE ON:						
Charitable Activities	3a	403,067	0	0	403,067	306,510
TOTAL		403,067	0	0	403,067	306,510
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		198,563	0	0	198,563	32,347
Transfers between funds		0	0	0	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS		198,563	0	0	198,563	32,347
Reconciliation of funds:						
Total Funds Brought Forward		686,109	0	0	686,109	653,762
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		884,672	0	0	884,672	686,109

Movements on all reserves and all recognised gains and losses are shown above. All of the organisation's operations are classed as continuing.

The notes on pages 21 to 29 form part of these financial statements.

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BALANCE SHEET
AS AT 31ST AUGUST 2020

	Note	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	31-Aug-20 Total £	31-Mar-19 Total £
Fixed Assets						
Tangible assets	6	799,579	0	0	799,579	813,148
Current Assets						
Debtors	7	27,251	0	0	27,251	20,603
Cash at bank and in hand	8	296,103	0	0	296,103	118,166
Total Current Assets		323,354	0	0	323,354	138,769
Creditors: amounts falling due within one year	9	18,261	0	0	18,261	18,308
NET CURRENT ASSETS		305,093	0	0	305,093	120,461
Creditors: amounts falling due after one year	9a	220,000	0	0	220,000	247,500
NET ASSETS		884,672	0	0	884,672	686,109
Funds of the Charity						
General Funds	10	884,672	0	0	884,672	686,109
Designated Funds	11	0	0	0	0	0
Restricted Funds	12	0	0	0	0	0
Total Funds		884,672	0	0	884,672	686,109

The directors are satisfied that for the period ended on 31st August 2020 the charitable company was entitled to exemption from the requirement to obtain an audit under section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 and that no member or members have required the company to obtain an audit of its accounts for the year in question in accordance with section 476 of the Act. However, in accordance with section 145 of the Charities Act 2011, the accounts have been examined by an Independent Examiner whose report appears on page 31.

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for complying with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 with respect to accounting records and the preparation of accounts.

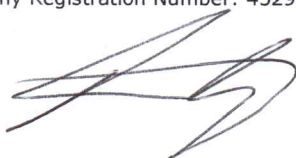
The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

The directors acknowledge their responsibility for ensuring that the company keeps proper accounting records which comply with section 386 of the Act and for preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company as at the end of the financial year and if its profit and loss for the financial year in accordance with the requirements of sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to accounts, so far as applicable to the company.

Approved by the Directors on the 19/1/21 and

Signed on their behalf by J Hunting, Director.
Company Registration Number: 4529503

Print name: J HUNTING



**THE CROWN CHURCH
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

Basis of Preparation

The accounts have been prepared in accordance with the provisions in Part 15 of the Companies Act 2006 applicable to companies subject to the small companies regime and in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS102) (effective 1 January 2015) - (Charities SORP (FRS102)).

Advantage has been taken of Section 396(5) of The Companies Act 2006 to allow the format of the financial statements to be adapted to reflect the special nature of the charity's operation and in order to comply with the requirements of the SORP.

The Crown Church meets the definition of a public benefit entity under FRS102. Assets and liabilities are initially recognised at historical cost unless otherwise stated in the relevant accounting policy notes.

Preparation of accounts on a going concern basis

Preparation of the accounts is on a going concern basis. The Trustees are of the view that the level of reserves will support the charity going forward.

Changes to accounting estimates

No changes to accounting estimates have occurred in the reporting period.

Material prior period errors

No material prior year errors have been identified in the reporting period.

The particular accounting policies adopted are set out below.

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Income

Recognition of Income

These are included in the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) when:

- the charity becomes entitled to the income;
- it is more likely than not that the trustees will receive the resources; and
- the monetary value can be measured with sufficient reliability.

Offsetting

There has been no offsetting of assets and liabilities, or income and expenses, unless required or permitted by the FRS 102 SORP or FRS 102.

Grants and Donations

Grants and donations are only included in the SoFA when the general income recognition criteria are met (5.10 to 5.12 FRS 102 SORP).

Tax Reclaims on Donations and Gifts

Gift Aid receivable is included in income when there is a valid declaration from the donor. Any Gift Aid amount recovered on a donation is considered to be part of that gift and is treated as an addition to the same fund as the initial donation unless the donor or the terms of the appeal have specified otherwise.

Gifts in Kind

Gifts in kind for use by the charity are included in the SoFA as income from donations when receivable.

Legacies

Legacies are included in the SOFA when receipt is probable, that is, when there has been grant of probate, the executors have established that there are sufficient assets in the estate and any conditions attached to the legacy are either within the control of the charity or have been met.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

Government Grants

The charity has not received government grants in the reporting period.

Donated goods

Donated goods are measured at fair value (the amount for which the asset could be exchanged) unless impractical to do so.

The cost of any stock of goods donated for distribution to beneficiaries is deemed to be the fair value of those gifts at the time of their receipt and they are recognised on receipt. In the reporting period in which the stocks are distributed, they are recognised as an expense at the carrying amount of the stocks at distribution.

Donated goods for resale are measured at fair value on initial recognition, which is the expected proceeds from sale less the expected costs of sale, and recognised in 'Income from other trading activities' with the corresponding stock recognised in the balance sheet. On its sale the value of stock is charged against 'Income from other trading activities' and the proceeds from sale are also recognised as 'Income from other trading activities'.

Goods donated for on-going use by the charity are recognised as tangible fixed assets and included in the SoFA as incoming resources when receivable.

Donated Services and Facilities

Donated services and facilities are included in the SOFA when received at the value of the gift to the charity provided the value of the gift can be measured reliably.

Donated services and facilities that are consumed immediately are recognised as income with an equivalent amount recognised as an expense under the appropriate heading in the SOFA.

Volunteer Help

The value of any voluntary help received is not included in the accounts but is described in the Directors' annual report.

Income from interest, royalties and dividends

This is included in the accounts when receipt is probable and the amount receivable can be measured reliably.

Expenditure and liabilities

The charity has opted to use the natural classification of categories in its accounts.

Liability Recognition

Liabilities are recognised where it is more likely than not that there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to pay out resources and the amount of the obligation can be measured with reasonable certainty.

Governance and Support Costs

Support costs have been allocated between governance costs and other support. Governance costs comprise all costs involving public accountability of the charity and its compliance with regulation and good practice.

Grants with Performance Conditions

Where the charity gives a grant with conditions for its payment being a specific level of service or output to be provided, such grants are only recognised in the SOFA once the recipient of the grant has provided the specified service or output.

Grants Payable without Performance Conditions

Where there are no conditions attaching to the grant that enables the donor charity to realistically avoid the commitment, a liability for the full funding obligation must be recognised.

Employee benefits

Short term benefits including holiday pay are recognised as an expense in the period in which the service is received.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020**

Redundancy cost

The charity made no redundancy payments during the reporting period.

Deferred income

No material item of deferred income has been included in the accounts.

Creditors

The charity has creditors which are measured at settlement amounts less any trade discounts.

Legal status of the charity

The charity is a company limited by guarantee and has no share capital. In the event of the charity being wound up, the liability in respect of the guarantee is limited to £1 per member of the charity.

Debtors

Debtors (including trade debtors and loans receivable) are measured on initial recognition at settlement amount after any trade discounts or amount advanced by the charity. Subsequently, they are measured at the cash or other consideration expected to be received.

Fixed Assets

Tangible fixed assets for use by the charity:

These are capitalised if they cost over £1,000 and can be used for more than one year. They are valued at cost or, if gifted, at the value to the charity on receipt.

Depreciation is calculated at a rate to write off the cost of tangible fixed assets over their estimated useful lives. The rates applied per annum are as follows:

PA Equipment	25% reducing balance
Other Equipment	25% reducing balance
Computer Equipment	33% reducing balance
Land and Buildings	2% straight line

2. INCOME FROM:

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	17 months TOTAL 2020/19 £	12 months TOTAL 2019/18 £
a) Donations and Legacies					
Gift Aid Donations	329,877	0	0	329,877	188,787
Non Gift Aid Donations	149,542	0	0	149,542	69,256
Payroll Giving	29,410	0	0	29,410	15,778
Tax Reclaim	87,368	0	0	87,368	59,427
	596,197	0	0	596,197	333,248

b) Investment Income

Bank Interest	0	0	0	0	2
	0	0	0	0	2

c) Charitable Activities

Events/ Book and CD Sales	5,433	0	0	5,433	5,607
	5,433	0	0	5,433	5,607

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (continued)
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED 31ST AUGUST 2020

3. EXPENDITURE ON:

		Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	17 months TOTAL 2020/19 £	12 months TOTAL 2019/18 £
a) Charitable Activities						
Administration:						
Computer and Office Equipment		1,317	0	0	1,317	2,113
Depreciation		27,691	0	0	27,691	17,105
Registrations		8,944	0	0	8,944	5,263
Salaries, Tax and Pension	5	208,715	0	0	208,715	149,309
Stationery and Consumables		2,108	0	0	2,108	2,896
Telephone and Internet		4,655	0	0	4,655	2,854
Travel		1,234	0	0	1,234	758
Community:						
Fellowship Fund		1,890	0	0	1,890	1,243
Members' Day		264	0	0	264	501
Giving:						
General Gifts	4	22,936	0	0	22,936	3,758
Istanbul	4	0	0	0	0	15,223
New Ground	4	34,991	0	0	34,991	12,000
Poland	4	2,975	0	0	2,975	2,100
Project Hope	4	2,848	0	0	2,848	2,467
Governance:						
Independent Examiners Fees	3a.i	1,757	0	0	1,757	1,301
Outreach:						
Advertising		2,267	0	0	2,267	2,495
Events		8,363	0	0	8,363	7,139
Newday		7,324	0	0	7,324	7,272
Youth, Students and Internationals		2,271	0	0	2,271	1,307
Premises:						
Mortgage Interest		3,831	0	0	3,831	7,660
Office Rent, Rates and Utilities		13,538	0	0	13,538	22,847
Venue Hire		22,738	0	0	22,738	15,864
Hillingdon Congregation:						
Equipment Expensed		1,027	0	0	1,027	0
Guest Speakers		225	0	0	225	0
Kids and Creche		517	0	0	517	0
Operations		272	0	0	272	0
Sunday Mornings:						
Equipment Expensed		3,245	0	0	3,245	3,190
Guest Speakers		875	0	0	875	1,585
Kids and Creche		1,119	0	0	1,119	1,519
Operations		2,233	0	0	2,233	3,440
Stationery and Consumables		4,054	0	0	4,054	2,845
Worship Team and PA		224	0	0	224	99
Training:						
Books and CD's		1,151	0	0	1,151	2,060
Other Training - Members		1,938	0	0	1,938	2,321
Other Training - New Ground		2,038	0	0	2,038	1,616
Other Training - Staff and Elders		1,492	0	0	1,492	4,360
		403,067	0	0	403,067	306,510

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3 a.i) DETAILS OF CERTAIN TYPES OF EXPENDITURE

	17 months	12 months
	2020/19	2019/18
	£	£
Independent examiner's fees	1,757	1,301
Assurance services other than audit or independent examination	0	0
Tax advisory fees	0	0
Other fees (for example: financial advice, consultancy, accountancy services) paid to the independent examiner	0	0
	<u>1,757</u>	<u>1,301</u>

4. GRANTMAKING

Analysis of grants paid (included in cost of charitable activities)

	Grants to institutions	Grants to individuals	2020/19
	£	£	£
The John 3.16 Trust	1,700	0	1,700
Cleres Pachecho (Poland)	0	2,975	2,975
Individual grants < £500	500	0	500
New Ground	40,605	0	40,605
Stepping Stone Charitable Trust	2,848	0	2,848
C Adebiyi-Yekinni (South East Asia)	0	3,594	3,594
Commission Apostrol	5,614	0	5,614
Edfri International	5,914	0	5,914
Total	<u>57,181</u>	<u>6,569</u>	<u>63,750</u>

**5. ANALYSIS OF STAFF COSTS, TRUSTEE REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES AND
THE COST OF KEY MANAGEMENT PERSONNEL**

	17 months	12 months
	2020/19	2019/18
	£	£
Gross Wages and Salaries	204,106	139,478
Employer's National Insurance (after SMP recovered)	7,631	12,125
Less: HMRC Employer Incentive (17 months allowance)	(6,828)	(3,000)
Employer Pension Contributions	3,806	706
	<u>208,715</u>	<u>149,309</u>

Number of employees who were engaged in each of the following activities:

	2020/19	2019/18
	TOTAL	TOTAL
Activities in furtherance of organisation's objects	4	3
Management and administration	4	4
	<u>8</u>	<u>7</u>

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The staff numbers at the end of the financial period represent 4 full time and 4 part time staff members.

One employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000, due to the fact that this reporting period covers 17 months. No employee received emoluments in excess of £60,000 in a 12 month period. (2019/18: None). The Company operates payroll under the PAYE system.

One Trustee (who is also a member of the Eldership Team) and one other member of the Eldership Team receive remuneration.

The amounts paid for trustee remuneration and benefits during the period is as follows:

<u>Name of trustee</u>	<u>Legal authority</u>	<u>Amounts paid or benefit value</u>				
					<u>2020/19</u>	<u>2019/18</u>
					17 months	12 months
		Remuneration	Employer Pension	Employer NI	TOTAL	TOTAL
		£	£	£	£	£
James Hunting	Governing document	72,141	1,534	8,260	81,935	55,051
		<u>72,141</u>	<u>1,534</u>	<u>8,260</u>	<u>81,935</u>	<u>55,051</u>

In the period the charity has paid trustees travel expenses as follows:

	<u>2020/19</u>
Number of trustees who were paid expenses	<u>1</u>
Total amount paid	<u>£ 449</u>

The above payments represent reimbursements of expenses incurred while furthering the objects of the charity. Other payments to trustees were reimbursement of items purchased on behalf of the charity.

Five trustees donated an aggregate amount of £33,225 (2019/18: £22,876) to the charity during the year. There were no conditions attached to the donations.

One related party to a Trustee received remuneration of £1,694 for their role as Venue Pastor. Employer national insurance contributions of £133 were paid on their behalf. No other payments were made to trustees or any persons connected with them during this financial period. No material transaction took place between the charity and a trustee or any person connected with them.

Key management personnel are considered to be the Board of Trustees together with the Eldership Team.

The total employee benefits paid to key management personnel (including employer national insurance and employer pension contributions) was £139,073 (2019/18: £92,792).

The church pays pension contributions on behalf of seven employees. An automatic enrolment workplace pension scheme is available and eligible employees were enrolled with the option of opting out if they so wish.

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

		Unrestricted					Total
		Land and Buildings	Refurb and Improvements	PA Equipment	Other Equipment	Computer Equipment	
Title: AGL33832							
		£	£	£	£	£	£
Cost	01-Apr-19	365,020	481,560	8,530	5,463	5,818	866,391
Transfer		0	0	8,282	0	5,840	14,122
Cost at	31-Aug-20	<u>365,020</u>	<u>481,560</u>	<u>16,812</u>	<u>5,463</u>	<u>11,658</u>	<u>880,513</u>
Depreciation	01-Apr-19	14,601	19,273	8,197	5,376	5,796	53,243
Charge (17 months)		10,342	13,644	3,051	31	623	27,691
Depreciation at	31-Aug-20	<u>24,943</u>	<u>32,917</u>	<u>11,248</u>	<u>5,407</u>	<u>6,419</u>	<u>80,934</u>
Net Book Value	31-Aug-20	<u>340,077</u>	<u>448,643</u>	<u>5,564</u>	<u>56</u>	<u>5,239</u>	<u>799,579</u>
Net Book Value	31-Mar-19	350,419	462,287	333	87	22	813,148

The annual commitments under non-cancelling operating leases, capital commitments, contingent liabilities are as follows:

31st August 2020: None
31st March 2019: None

7. DEBTORS AND PREPAYMENTS

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 31-Aug-20	Total 31-Mar-19
	£	£	£	£
Prepayments	0	0	0	317
Tax Recoverable	27,251	0	27,251	20,286
	<u>27,251</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>27,251</u>	<u>20,603</u>

8. CASH AT BANK AND IN HAND

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 31-Aug-20	Total 31-Mar-19
	£	£	£	£
Bank Current Account	296,044	0	296,044	118,064
Petty Cash	59	0	59	102
	<u>296,103</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>296,103</u>	<u>118,166</u>

9. CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund	Restricted Fund	Total 31-Aug-20	Total 31-Mar-19
	£	£	£	£
Credit Card	2,754	0	2,754	2,291
HMRC PAYE and NI	0	0	0	966
Independent Examiners Fees	1,757	0	1,757	1,301
Mortgage	13,750	0	13,750	13,750
	<u>18,261</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>18,261</u>	<u>18,308</u>

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9. a) CREDITORS AND ACCRUALS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER ONE YEAR

	Unrestricted Fund £	Restricted Fund £	Total 31-Aug-20 £	Total 31-Mar-19 £
Mortgage	220,000	0	220,000	247,500
	220,000	0	220,000	247,500

The above loan from Methodist Chapel Aid was drawn down in 4 instalments commencing in April 2017 for £275,000 over a term of 20 years.

10. ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2020/19 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	799,579	0	0	799,579
Investment Assets	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	305,093	0	0	305,093
Long Term Liabilities	(220,000)	0	0	(220,000)
	884,672	0	0	884,672

10. a) ANALYSIS OF NET ASSETS BETWEEN FUNDS - PREVIOUS PERIOD

	Unrestricted Funds £	Designated Funds £	Restricted Funds £	TOTAL 2019/18 £
Tangible Fixed Assets	813,148	0	0	813,148
Investment Assets	0	0	0	0
Net Current Assets	120,461	0	0	120,461
Long Term Liabilities	(247,500)	0	0	(247,500)
	686,109	0	0	686,109

11. DESIGNATED FUNDS

The charitable company did hold any designated funds during this financial year.

12. RESTRICTED FUNDS - THIS PERIOD

	Balance 01-Apr-19	Income	Expend- iture	Capital Expenditure	Transfers Btw Funds	Balance 31-Aug-20
Istanbul Fund	0	0	0	0	0	0
	0	0	0	0	0	0

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12 a). RESTRICTED FUNDS - PREVIOUS YEAR

	Balance 01-Apr-18 £	Income £	Expend- iture £	Capital Expenditure £	Transfers Btw Funds £	Balance 31-Mar-19 £
Istanbul Fund	0	11,570	11,570	0	0	0
	0	11,570	11,570	0	0	0

The Istanbul Fund was established to support the Istanbul Church Plant Fund.

13. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT ON CAPITAL AND RESERVES

The Company is Limited by Guarantee and is a Charity registered with the Charity Commission number 1095028 and does not have a Share capital. The Company has no income which is subject to corporation tax.

	17 months 2020/19	12 months 2019/18
Surplus / Deficit for the financial period	198,563	32,347
Other Recognised Gains	0	0
	198,563	32,347
Balance Brought Forward	686,109	653,762
Closing Funds at 31st March	884,672	686,109

14. RISK ASSESSMENT

The directors actively review the major risks which the charity faces on a regular basis and believe that maintaining the free reserves stated, combined with the annual review of the controls over key financial systems carried out on an annual basis will provide sufficient resources in the event of adverse conditions. The Directors have also examined other operational and business risks which they face and confirm that they have established systems to mitigate the significant risks.

15. PUBLIC BENEFIT

The charity acknowledges its requirement to demonstrate clearly that it must have charitable purposes or 'aims' that are for the public benefit. Details of how the charity has achieved this are provided in the Directors report. The Directors confirm that they have paid due regard to the Charity Commission guidance on public benefit before deciding what activities the charity should undertake.

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**STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS
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	2020/19 £	2019/18
Cash used in operating activities	(a) <u>219,559</u>	<u>45,811</u>
Cash used from investing activities		
Interest income	0	0
Purchase of tangible fixed assets	14,122	0
Cash provided by (used in) investing activities	<u>205,437</u>	<u>45,811</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Introduction/(Repayment) of long term borrowing	(27,500)	(27,500)
Cash used in financing activities	<u>(27,500)</u>	<u>(27,500)</u>
Increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents in the year	<u>177,937</u>	<u>18,311</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the year	118,166	99,855
TOTAL cash and cash equivalents at the end of the year	(b) <u>296,103</u>	<u>118,166</u>

(a) Reconciliation of net movement in funds to net cash flow from operating activities

	2020/19 £	2019/18
Net movement in funds as per Statement of Financial Activities	198,563	32,347
Add back depreciation charge	27,691	17,105
Deduct correction made to fixed asset cost	0	(580)
Decrease/(increase) in debtors	(6,648)	(16,794)
Increase/(decrease) in creditors	(47)	13,733
	<u>219,559</u>	<u>45,811</u>

Net cash used in operating activities

(b) Analysis of cash and cash equivalents

	2020/19 £	2019/18
Cash at bank and in hand	<u>296,103</u>	<u>118,166</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>296,103</u>	<u>118,166</u>

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT ON THE ACCOUNTS

I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of The Crown Church for the period ended 31st August 2020.

As the charity's trustees (who are also the directors of the company for the purposes of company law), you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

Responsibilities and basis of report

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

Independent examiner's statement

The charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 and I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a fellow member of the Association of Charity Independent Examiners.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

- the accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act; or
- the accounts did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.
- I have no concerns and have come across no other matters in connection with the examination to which attention should be drawn in this report in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Signed: 

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Date: 13th May 2021

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