

# **C4W TRUSTEES' ANNUAL REPORT**

**For the Year Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024**



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## CHRIST FOR THE WORLD CHARITABLE TRUST

The Christ for the World (C4W) Trustees present their annual report and independently examined financial statements for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024 and confirm they comply with the Charities Act 2011 (as amended by the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016 and updated in 2022); the Charity's Trust Deed; applicable law, the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 and the requirements of the Statements of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102).

### Reference and Administrative Information

Charity Name	Christ for the World
Working names of the Charity	Life Church School of Life and Ministry (SLM) Jesus Now C4W
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## **STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

### **Governing Document**

Christ for the World (C4W) Trust is constituted as a charitable trust being governed by its trust deed as registered with the Charity Commission on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2003 under Charity Number 1101305, having outgrown its original trust deed registered with the Charity Commission on 17<sup>th</sup> October 1988, known as The Robert Maasbach Trust under charity number 327944, the latter is known as the Old Trust which was closed on 9<sup>th</sup> April 2013. The C4W charity having been established on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2003.

### **Organisational Structure**

The charity trustees are responsible for the administration of the C4W Trust. The trustees plan to meet a minimum of twice a year, giving of their time freely, receiving no remuneration for their role as trustees and only being reimbursed for travel costs. The trustees have delegated appropriate day to day management of the activities of the Trust to designated staff members of the organisation.

The trustees also take advice from the Spiritual Oversight, the team being made up of senior pastors and senior associate pastors.

### **Recruitment, appointment, induction and training of trustees**

The existing trustees are responsible for the recruitment and appointment of new trustees who are respected members of the Christian faith and community. The trustees always seek the views and recommendation of the C4W Spiritual Oversight who must approve the prospective new trustees in line with the C4W Trust Deed (6.5). New trustees are given copies of the trust deed and relevant Charity Commission publications and are instructed in their responsibilities by way of a printed C4W Trustee Job Description.

### **Risk Management**

The trustees have given consideration to the major risks to which the Trust is exposed: the nature of those risks, likelihood of those risks and the measures taken to manage them. These include governance risks, operational risks, financial risks, external risks and compliance with law and regulation. A regular review is made and where a significant risk is identified an action plan of steps is drawn up and implemented to mitigate this risk. Risks are then periodically monitored, reviewed and assessed. The trustees are satisfied at this time that systems and procedures are established in order to manage and control the major risks to the charity. In particular, insurance cover is in place, regular financial reviews take place and appropriate Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks are made regularly. Department appropriate health and safety training is given. Basic fire and emergency evacuation training is given and also fire warden training. A generic office risk assessment, the main office hazard assessment and activity / event risk assessments are made.

Separation of financial responsibilities within the Trust ensures risks are minimised internally. The regular monitoring of the cash flow position makes the charity less susceptible to variations in monthly income. All new projects, their impact on the Trust and associated funding are assessed before a commitment is made to start a project.

Extensive youth work and children's work within, and in addition to, church services naturally mean that the charity is exposed to a high degree of risk in working with children. Safeguarding (Child Protection) training is held for all employees and volunteers who work with or regularly come into contact with children. DBS checks are also made on these people, and these are renewed and the seminars conducted at least at the recommended intervals. Workers are not permitted to work with children unless they have completed training and checks. All safeguarding matters are undertaken under the guidance of thirtyone:eight, previously known as CCPAS (The Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service).

### **AIMS, OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES**

The objects of the charity are set out in the charity's trust deed and are summarised as follows:

- the advancement of the Christian religion consistent with the doctrine and articles of belief set forth in the Schedule of the Trust Deed;
- the advancement of education in particular but not solely by the provision of Christian schools;
- the relief of poverty, hardship and distress.

The Trust endeavours to achieve its aims and objectives through the various strategies outlined below. The trustees have due regard for the Charity Commission's general and supplementary guidance on public benefit concerning the Trust's aims and constantly seek to maximise the Trust's benefit to the public and community at large.

**Life Church:** The central activity of the Trust is Life Church. This is a congregation of Christian believers who meet in the Trust's premises in Folkestone, Kent, with Pastor Robert Maasbach as Senior Pastor.

Life Church seeks to be an accessible and welcoming venue where all Christians of any denomination, and those who wish to know more about the Christian faith, can come together to learn and to worship, with Sunday services being the focus of activities.

Every Christian is encouraged to share their faith and make a positive impact on the community around them, either as part of activities organised by the church or through their own initiatives.

Many of the activities are open to all, with Christians and non-Christians alike being welcome. Most activities are free but where a charge is made it is normally nominal and Life Church aims to exclude no one through financial disadvantage.

Within these activities, Life Church offers Life Courses which aim to educate and support people through the difficulties of life, which helps to give them the confidence to overcome the circumstances and pressures that they may face.

**Youth and Children's Work:** Life Church continues to make development for and investment into the Next Generation, making use of up-to-date technology and resources within this area. This enables leaders and volunteers to facilitate age appropriate, fun and engaging sessions for the children and youth on Sundays.

They are overseen and managed by a Senior Associate Pastor who is Director of Children and Youth and holds a Master's Degree in Education. The Youth and Children's ministry seeks to reach, nurture, teach and provide an environment in which children and young people are free to develop their full potential.

**Website and Social Media:** Life Church has developed an active online presence through its dynamic website and through its increasing output to social networks and streaming platforms, to remain relevant in a media-driven society.

The website aims to provide information, resources for personal development across the world and local access to the services and activities provided at Life Church.

Equally, through its online presence on social media websites and streaming platforms, Life Church aims to reach out to the online community, providing inspirational messages to anyone seeking for or wishing to grow in the Christian faith. Life Church offers access via several mobile apps including YouTube, Facebook, Spotify and Instagram.

**Missions:** Life Church's strategy is to share the good news of God's love and salvation to people everywhere, whether they are in our local area or across the world. It aims to do this through missions' trips and projects, its online presence, and donations to other ministries and organisations having the same purpose.

## **ACTIVITIES AND PUBLIC BENEFIT**

### **How our activities deliver public benefit**

The charity carries out a wide range of activities in pursuance of its charitable aims. The trustees, in making decisions, have complied with the Charity Commission's public benefit guidance when exercising any powers or duties to which the guidance is relevant and consider that these activities, summarised below, provide benefit both to those who worship at Life Church and the wider communities of Folkestone, Kent, the UK, Europe and the World.

### **Religious and Community Activities**

Pastor Robert Maasbach, his wife Virginia and the Christ for the World (C4W) Trustees are anchored in Biblical Christian truth. They seek to encourage and teach the fullness of Christ in each person to the body of Christ at Life Church, Folkestone, with dedication and vision to benefit all who attend the weekly services, which are open to the public with no membership being required.

In the same way, Pastors Robert and Virginia support and spread the teachings of Christ, bringing benefit to other UK churches and many around the world. They infuse a passion for people to grow in their own potential and personal inheritance that God has promised each person through faith in Jesus Christ. Often, this support is facilitated by bringing relief of poverty, hardship and distress in the UK and elsewhere. In 2024, the Trustees continued to support Pastor Robert's travel plans within the UK, Europe, and further afield, serving and supporting the work of pastors, leaders and Christians in the Body of Christ around the world to encourage and build their existing ministries. The leadership training delivered by Pastor Robert equips church leaders each year for a greater effectiveness in ministry. Pastor Robert was able to minister in several different nations in 2024, including the USA, France, Holland and Australia.

Whether it be through preaching, providing Christian education, teaching, training, giving practical help, preparing the next generation, reaching out to the community or helping to host combined events, the Christ for the World Trust is bringing hope to many people.

The Trust continues to build on the firm foundations already established and is always looking for ways to improve and augment the facilities and opportunities to minister the love of God to all. With this end in mind the Trust is always conscious of future growth and development.

## **I. LIFE CHURCH**

Life Church has a robust Pastoral structure of Senior, Senior Associate, Associate, Area and Care Pastors who help bring support to the church and to the wider community. Approximately 320 adults and 100 children were attending services each week at the close of 2024.

Life Church has continued to provide filmed recordings of its Sunday service messages throughout 2024. Wednesday services are also shared online weekly on various audio streaming platforms. Services are watched and listened to by people from all around the world.

Life Church benefits from an international, rich diversity of cultures and ethnicities, counting people from a range of European, North and South American, Middle Eastern, African and Asian countries among the congregation. Public benefit is shown in that the church truly welcomes people from every background and shares the message of the Gospel: that the love of God is made available to all people across the nations of the world.

**Volunteers:** The Trustees would particularly like to acknowledge the substantial contribution volunteers make to the work of the charity. The input from approximately 140 volunteers enables the Trust to extend its work within the local communities at no additional employment cost. Volunteers who work with children or vulnerable adults are DBS checked and are kept up to date with the latest safeguarding policies and procedures. Department appropriate health and safety training, including fire safety, is given. Typically, around 40 volunteers each week provide help and support on Sundays in both the adult services and the extensive children's ministry. Life Church held Volunteer Appreciation Sundays in April, September and December 2024. Each volunteer received a small gift bag to thank and appreciate them for all they did and all they brought to the work of Life Church throughout the year.

- **Services**

The services are held twice a week, on Wednesdays and on Sundays, and welcome people of every age or background who seek to be strengthened in their faith and meet with other Christians in the community. The services include uplifting worship music, times of prayer and a message.

Public benefit is recognised in the messages that are preached, with individual Christians being encouraged in their personal Christian walk and also making members of the public feel welcome and at home in the services. The messages include good morals and ethics as a healthy foundation to life, improving society through family values, with Christ as the example. The Sunday and Wednesday messages are also made publicly available, free of charge, on the Life Church website, via YouTube, Facebook and audio streaming platforms.

A **Welcome Card** is offered to those attending for the first time so that they can request additional information on Life Church activities and also receive a welcome gift. **New Believers packs** are also freely available, each of which includes a Gospel of John and a booklet with helpful information for new believers. A **Join pack** is also offered to introduce people to Life Church, its beliefs, purpose and vision, giving information about salvation, Pastoral Ministry at Life Church and on how to become a member of Life Church.

Services regularly include Life Events such as Baby Dedications or Water Baptisms, or other celebrations, for example Volunteer Appreciation, Celebration Sunday, Missions Sunday, or milestone wedding anniversaries.

Additionally, Life Church seasonally holds family services on Good Friday and Christmas Eve. Information about these and upcoming events is available to all on the monthly **Infosheet** distributed during the regular services and on the website. These special services are a lovely way of gathering families and inviting new people from the community to make them feel welcome and at home, sharing and rejoicing together in the celebration of an occasion, while witnessing the love of God, which is the aim of the Trust for the church and the community.

- Life Events

Life Church seeks to help and encourage people who have decided to take a new step in their lives, by celebrating with them in their time of rejoicing and support them in times of mourning.

Couples wishing to marry are prepared for their lives ahead by attending a pre-marriage course, and candidates for water baptism also have a brief preparatory induction, held by Care Pastors of Life Church.

In 2024, Life Church continued to provide for life events and conducted 2 weddings, 3 funerals, 2 baby dedications and water baptised 27 people.

- Support and Pastoral Care

Life Church seeks to provide support within and outside of the Life Church services by offering pastoral care through prayer and counselling to anyone in need. Life Church has dedicated Care Pastors who connect with people in their various needs. The Care Pastors are trained by the Senior Pastors to be able to serve in these positions.

Support is generally available at all times through prayer requests, after church service, by filling a form available at the information desk or online, by emailing or calling the Life Church offices, or getting in touch with a leader or Care Pastor. There is also a facility to request counselling for anyone going through hardship or difficulties.

- Translation

As the need has arisen, Life Church has been open to reach out to people from other nationalities living in the local area. On Sunday mornings the service is translated into Slovak using simultaneous translation equipment. Slovak is also generally understood well by those who speak Czech. This has increased the accessibility of Life Church services to this Eastern European local population that either does not speak English at present, or has very little English. This has benefited those who come to Life Church services from the Dover Mission. The system has also been used to provide French, Italian and Spanish translations on occasions.

- Life Courses

Life Courses have been designed by Life Church, with the Christian message as their foundation, to help people in specific areas of need with beneficial results for those attending.

Courses include 'Born Free' 'Restore' and 'The Winning Mind', which are courses provided by Life Church to promote the well-being of its beneficiaries.

**Born Free** ran from September to November 2024. The course aims to encourage women and build them up in all areas of their lives, to help restore confidence in themselves, and to be able to overcome circumstances from the past that have caused them to feel victims. Born Free aims to get them on the path of recovery, helping those who have faced traumas such as abuse, addictions, self-harm and panic attacks. This in turn brings benefits to their families and the wider circle of people they know. The course lasts for 10 weeks and there is a nominal fee to facilitate the whole course, but no one is turned away if they are unable to pay.

- Life Church Special Events

Life Church holds seasonal events and meetings to gather members of the church and the general public around a specific theme, aiming to encourage individual faith and to build up the communion of the church. In 2024, we had the Easter services as usual with a Sunday Series leading up to Palm Sunday, the Good Friday Family Communion Service and Easter Sunday. Instead of our usual Harvest celebration, we marked the Church's 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October, focusing on 'Why We Exist' – Our Purpose and Vision.

**Arise** is a three-day event that takes place in January to start the new year, with three short evening services where members of the church are encouraged to focus more deeply on their Christian walk, through prayer and fasting, and to be inspired in their faith for the coming year. Arise has been an annual event since 2012 and has inspired many.

**Passion** took place from Palm Sunday through to Easter Sunday, and included the Good Friday Family Communion Service.

**Harvest** was celebrated through the month of October, which included the Church Anniversary, and focused on thanksgiving.

**Christmas Eve 'Carols by Candlelight'** is an annual Christmas Eve Family service held at Life Church to celebrate the gift that God has given, that is the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ on earth. It is a service of rejoicing, packed with various segments including Christmas Carols, Christmas performances from the Children's Ministry and a short Christmas message. Candles are lit during the final carols. This is a service that is attended by many from Folkestone and beyond, regardless of their background or participation at Life Church throughout the year.

- Ladies' and Men's Events

**Ladies' events:**

These are held periodically throughout the year and are open to all. They aim to gather ladies from the church and the wider public to be inspired, create friendships and feel supported in their walk through life as ladies, daughters, sisters, mothers, grandmothers, and wives. The events are always well attended and can include breakfast events, evenings with encouraging and motivational speakers, Christmas events, and other activities.

In 2024, there was the Spring Afternoon Tea in March, with 96 ladies attending, followed by the Ladies Walk in May, and then the Ladies Christmas Social later in the year.

**Men's events:**

**Real Men**, the men's ministry, developed its activities in 2019 to meet a need at Life Church with the men developing a greater bond and community, carrying each other in prayer and heart, and bringing support, faith and hope to each other as sons, brothers, fathers, grandfathers and husbands. It exists to develop a very real sense of friendship and comradeship amongst men from within Life Church and the surrounding area, to see God's image restored in and through men's lives through Jesus Christ.

**Men's Small Groups** are regular men's groups led by church leaders in homes. The benefit for meeting regularly in small groups in a home setting brings an informal and comfortable environment for ongoing support, encouragement, and to build a sense of community and brotherhood. The small groups are centred around seven core values of brotherhood, discipleship, worship, prayer, teaching, mission and stewardship.

In 2024, there was a Men's Breakfast in April and a Men's BBQ at the end of June.

- Community

Life Church interacts with the wider Christian community through Churches Together Folkestone (CTF) activities, including Christmas and Easter outreaches. It also has involvement in the Winter Shelter, which brings support of many kinds to the homeless during the winter. Life Church assists through donations of food and clothing, financial gifts, and through members of Life Church volunteering to help with the practical running of the Shelter.

Life Church also regularly advertises various CTF events in the weekly services and monthly Info sheets.

The Life Church facilities are made available to other churches, for example for baptisms, as not all local churches have their own baptistery facilities, and also for CTF prayer meetings and children's events.

Life Church welcomes enquiries from non-church organisations for the use or hire of the facilities.

- Building Facilities

The church building has a permanent concrete ramp for wheelchair access to the main building, and a toilet facility for the disabled on the ground floor easily accessible to the wheelchair users. Life Church seeks to ensure that people have equal access to the services and facilities of the church.

The Upper Room provides a large, multi-use space. It is used to hold Sunday morning, Friday evening youth meetings and Sunday evening Avenue meetings. The Upper Room is available for use by Born Free, for prayer meetings, volunteer training sessions, and other functions as required.

The children's ministry enjoys dedicated and age appropriately designed rooms for the various Crèche, Jump Street and Warehouse groups. Additionally, there is a separate playroom that is also used by Jump Street and for the Babies and Toddlers group.

There is a fully equipped kitchen on the ground floor to provide meals for various Life Church events and activities throughout the year, to provide light catering facilities at weddings, and to welcome and serve people with tea and coffee.

The volunteer duty car parkers prioritise the spaces nearest the building for the disabled, infirm, elderly and those with special needs. Parents with babies with up to 6 months of age are also given priority use of this area.

- Policies

Policies are in place according to the relevant authorities' guidelines including:

- Health and Safety Policies and Procedures
- First Aid
- Fire and Evacuation
- Safeguarding
- Conflict of Interest
- Equality and Equal Opportunities
- Data Protection and GDPR
- Risk Management Policy
- Trustee Recruitment and Code of Conduct Policy
- Human Resources Policies and Procedures for employees
- Whistle Blowing Policy

Life Church makes it a policy to have a first aider present at church services and a nominated fire steward when the building is in use. Other appropriate policies and procedures are created as required, for example Covid-19 Risk Assessments and the associated sanitation requirements.

- Training

**Safeguarding training** is provided to everyone who works with or has contact with children or vulnerable adults within Life Church. A DBS check is required for all children and youth workers and those in positions of authority and leadership who are eligible for checks. The Safeguarding Lead undertook specialised training for their role.

**Care Pastor training** is given to the Pastoral team who regularly meet together for training, when they receive leadership training from the Senior Pastors as well as key Safeguarding and Health and Safety training. These are important times of equipping for the team as they serve and support our congregation. During 2024, no formal training meetings were held.

**Staff training-** Staff members received training in First Aid, Health and Safety, Food Safety, and other relevant areas, as required by their roles and responsibilities, ensuring their qualifications remain current.

## **I. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

### **Curriculum**

The Orange curriculum has been a great resource for supporting the planning and materials used for the children aged 20 months to 18 years for the Sunday morning groups. It combines Biblical material with practical content on life application with a large range of age-appropriate activities and small group discussion points. The Life Church children's leaders adapt the lesson suggestions for the needs of their groups. The children and youth teams continue to utilise this curriculum to provide Biblical principles and themes to deliver each week. This nurtures and supports the children and youth as they grow in their faith, as well as providing encouragement to the parents as they foster their children's faith.

### **Sunday morning groups**

#### **Crèche**

Crèche is for children aged 6 weeks to 19 months. This year creche has joined with Mini Bounceez, the next age group, as there have only been a couple of children utilising this group during services.

#### **Jump Street**

Jump Street consists of three groups: Mini Bounceez, Bounceez and Zoom. Each group follows the age-appropriate curriculum. Resources for the activities and props for the Bible story time are prepared each week by a small team. Lesson plans and media resources are also prepared in the offices by the team for the group leaders prior to the start of each month.

**Mini Bounceez** is for children aged between 20 and 29 months and in 2024 the group size has been 3-7 children, including the occasional babies from the crèche aged group. The children start the morning with a time of play and activities linked to the Bible story for the month. There is also an age-appropriate Bible story craft for the children too. They then have a short song and Bible story time before enjoying a snack time. The morning session ends with another time of play.

**Bounceez** is for children aged from 30 months to 4 years. The group had 6-12 children during 2024.

**Zoom** is for the UK school Reception and Year 1 age groups (4 - 6 years old), and the Zoom group regularly had 6-12 children attend each week.

Both Bounceez and Zoom groups commence the morning in the playroom together, playing with the group workers and their peers before moving to their classrooms to take part in activities, a short song time, Bible story and craft time all appropriate for the age and maturity of the children.

#### **Warehouse**

Warehouse is the group for children in UK school years 2-6 (6 - 11 years of age). In 2024 the group had 45-65 children attend each week. They begin the morning session playing games, air hockey and table football with their friends and team workers. This is followed by a welcome, an ice-breaker, birthday greetings, and announcements. There is a time of worship and prayer followed by Bible stories and teachings through dramas, object lessons, and video clips.

In October, Life Church hosted its annual Kids Takeover event for the children in Warehouse. There were 58 children, including many from the local churches as well as friends from school. The day was packed with games, activities, craft, food and live worship and an engaging Bible message to encourage the children in their faith. The main hall was cleared of all chairs to make space for inflatables and to play a variety of team games for the children to enjoy.

The Light Party, hosted by the Churches Together Folkestone Kids Team, was held at Life Church on 31<sup>st</sup> October. This has become a very popular event for the children of all the local churches in the area and 130 children attended. There was a mixture of games, activities, food, worship and a Bible story encouraging them in their faith that Jesus is the Light of the World.

The annual Christmas party for the children from Warehouse and Zoom was held at the beginning of December and Life Church provided a fun evening with game challenges, inflatables, food, a Bible message and prizes. There were 62 children that attended, some bringing friends from school with them.

### **Christmas and Easter**

Life Church holds a special family service in celebration of Good Friday. This service had a segment prepared by the Kids Pastor aimed specifically for the children. It is interactive and fun, whilst giving an age-appropriate Bible themed message for the children to enjoy. The popular activity booklets with some sweet treats were prepared for all the children to complete during this service too.

Life Church held its annual Christmas Eve Carols by Candlelight service this year. Children from Zoom and Bounceez sang whilst one of the children laid a representation of baby Jesus in the manger in the nativity scene. Some of the older Warehouse children had spent 2 Saturday mornings in October filming on location around Folkestone to create a 9 minute film called "A Christmas Story of the Shepherds and Their Dog". This short film was shown at the Christmas Eve Service and then added to the Life Church YouTube channel. Activity packs and treats were also given out to all children attending.

**Celebration Sunday** is an annual Life Church event on the last Sunday of June for the children before they move up to their new age groups.

In Warehouse, 15 Year 6 children celebrated finishing children's ministry and moving up to Lifted Youth. Pastor Robert presented each of them with Youth Bibles and cards and prayed personally for each of them, with their parents and family members present in a special service.

In Bounceez and Zoom, 20 children moved up into their new age groups. Each child was given a certificate to mark their progression.

This year we also recognised the youth in Year 12 who were moving into Avenue (the Young Adults age group) at Life Church. Each of them had the opportunity to make a study Bible selection, for example Amplified, One Year Study Bible, Chronological Bible to support their developing knowledge of Scripture. There were 22 youth moving into Avenue.

- Life Church Baby & Toddler Group

A report by the baby and toddler group leader for 2024:

This group exists to provide a safe and caring environment for parents and carers of infants and toddlers. It is a time each week where the leaders are able to share the love of God practically with both the children and their parents or accompanying adults, by taking time to listen, pray and provide support for all of them with the challenges that come with day-to-day life. We believe that each person who attends will experience the feeling of belonging, family and acceptance that we know so well within the family of Christ, and that they might come to know Christ as their own personal Lord and Saviour through the acceptance they receive.

This Baby & Toddler Group has become a 'weekly must' for many parents and carers, some of whom are raising children alone and many who do not regularly visit Church. This group is changing perceptions of Church and has proven to be a welcoming, loving place. This has been an opportunity for many parents and carers to experience and respond to the love and saving grace of Jesus Christ.

2024 ended with another successful year, marked by stability and a stronger sense of community. Our group continued to see consistent attendance, with 40-60 children and adults attending each Tuesday and Wednesday. New families joined regularly, often referred by friends or finding us through social media. At our end-of-year celebration in July, we said goodbye to about 20 toddlers as they transitioned to full-time nursery or school, each receiving a book as a reminder of Jesus' love.

The Baby and Toddler Group remains a vital part of the early years sector, offering a nurturing environment for children and families. We've continued to meet the needs of vulnerable individuals in our community, providing bereavement support and offering literature from charities like Care for the Family. Our prayer box also received positive responses, with answered prayers.

In addition to providing learning and play opportunities for children, we offer parents and carers a chance to socialize. Each term, we focus on Bible-based themes, offering activities such as crafts, messy play, sensory exploration, storytelling, and basic science to support development at different stages. We've also seen families with older children get involved in other church events, such as the Children's Light Party and Christmas Party, with some attending Sunday family services.

In July, we celebrated the graduation of 20 children who moved on to nursery or school. Their gratitude for the sense of community we provide was overwhelming, and many plan to return with younger children. Our year ended with a joyful Christmas party, attended by over 100 children and adults, featuring a bouncy castle, crafts, games, and sharing the Nativity story and God's love.

## II. YOUTH MINISTRY, known as Lifted Youth

The Lifted Youth Leaders and their team oversees the organisation and delivery of the Friday evening and Sunday morning programmes.

The Upper Room has continued to be the centre of the youth activities, and gives opportunity on a Sunday for the youth to socialise together when they arrive at church, with a table tennis table and sofas, before starting the morning service. The donation of the high-quality table tennis table last Christmas has been used weekly and another table tennis table was recently purchased from another church to add the opportunity for competitions to be played several times through the year.

- Sunday Youth

Sunday Youth is the Sunday morning service for all of **Lifted Youth** from School Year 7 to 13 (ages 11-18 years). The curriculum is delivered by the Youth Leaders and others from the Life Church leadership team, to the 30-40 youth that attend each week. The morning session begins with a time of socialising and ice breaker games. They have their own time of worship and then receive an encouraging Bible message, ending the morning with drinks and snacks to provide a social time for the youth and leaders to connect together. The youth worship band members have been given the opportunity to join the Main Church band for rehearsals.

- Friday Night Youth

The Lifted Youth Team continued to connect with the youth each Friday evening throughout the year. There was a mixture of fun, social activities and Bible study based evenings with live band worship. These were very well attended and many friends of the youth have begun to attend too. There were regular numbers of 40-50 youth in attendance.

- Found Nation

This is a youth conference held twice a year; one evening in early October and a 2-day conference in February half term. Both of these events are a mix of social interaction, fun activities, ice breakers, food, meetings with a live band and engaging Bible message to encourage the youth in their faith and then late-night games and refreshments. Both these conferences had attendance of over 70 young people both from Life Church and other local congregations, as well as friends from school. It has provided a way for local Christian youth to meet other young people and have the opportunity to socialise and worship together, as well as supporting other youth leaders from churches with events that their young people can attend.

- Lifted Getaway

Lifted Getaway is the annual residential event run by Life Church at an activity based centre. In August 2024, 54 youth and 8 leaders attended Limitless Festival at Stafford Showground. They had a 5-day retreat, packed with activities and games provided by the Limitless Team, as well as live worship, evening meetings, daytime games and activities and morning devotions.

All the team volunteer their time to support the youth for this time away, and work hard to prepare for and deliver a much loved event for the youth.

### **III. Young Adults Ministry, known as Avenue (School Year 13 – 30 years)**

Avenue is the young adults group of Life Church. There is a team that work together to organise and deliver meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday evening of each month. Bible studies, worship nights and discussion topics are some of the meetings that are facilitated by the team. There is usually 10-20 people that regularly attend these meetings. The Avenue team also make social arrangements to meet up for lunch after Sunday morning service as a way to connect with each other.

### **IV. WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Public benefit is also identified from the online presence of Life Church on the Internet and on social media, which aims to bring Christian encouragement to all people as valued members of society. The Trust seeks to be open to anyone wishing to connect with the life of the Church and the Christian message of the Gospel.

Various channels are being used including the Life Church website and the other main social networking sites: the Life Church UK Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music, Google Podcast, and more. The Life Church UK YouTube channel, Facebook page and Instagram account, where updates, information, photos, videos and inspirational preaching about the Gospel of Jesus Christ are frequently uploaded.

Life Church continues to use social media to continue to keep in touch with its members, the local community and to reach beyond, with the message of hope, which is the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Website:** The Life Church Website [www.lifechurchuk.org](http://www.lifechurchuk.org) was built to be accessible to everyone worldwide. It is very informative and aims to let people know about the church and the various activities that are being offered, but it is also designed to strengthen and equip believers, to empower them with the message and resources to live the Christian life. The website also aims to let people know the Good News of Jesus and to give them an insight into Life Church. People often visit the website before deciding to visit in person.

The website is fresh and creative in its design, easy to navigate, and engaging. It is updated regularly with upcoming events and information and there is also a facility to register for courses and events. Feedback has been very positive about the site, and provides the Trust with an invaluable and financially economical tool in today's society.

In 2024, the Life Church website continued to feature Sunday and Wednesday service messages, as well as Daily Devotions by Pastor Robert. The Life Church social media accounts have continued to receive new followers, shares, comments and likes. In 2024, our social media total content reach across YouTube, Facebook and Instagram was 86,723, an increase of 17,723 from last years 69,000.

**Apple Podcasts/Spotify/Amazon Music/Google Podcast:** The audio messages that are uploaded on YouTube, the Life Church website and social media are additionally uploaded on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Amazon Music and Google Podcasts. These streaming services allow the listeners to have the option to download or listen to our services or daily devotionals. In 2024, there were an additional 16,811 downloads which is very similar to last year's 16,253 downloads. The top three countries tuning in for Life Church UK Sermons were the UK, USA, and Singapore. For Life Church devotions, the top three countries were the USA, UK, and Netherlands.

**YouTube:** Life Church has been present on YouTube for more than 10 years and features some very encouraging testimonies from the Senior Pastor, other senior staff and members of Life Church regarding the impact of the Gospel on their lives. These testimonies were still being viewed in 2024 with comments and feedback of thanks from viewers that have been truly encouraged. Most of the recordings are shared on the Facebook and Instagram Life Church UK pages. The top five most viewed videos of the Life Church YouTube Channel are testimonies of lives transformed by the power of God, these include the testimony of the Senior Pastor of Life Church, a testimony of healing from blindness, of a drug dealer who met Jesus Christ, plus other testimonies celebrating receiving the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal saviour.

In 2024, the Sunday service messages which had been recorded live on camera, were uploaded to the Life Church YouTube channel. This allowed those in our Congregation who are unable to get to services to be able to join with the wider church in worship and hearing the Word, as well as giving the wider public the opportunity to access Church. Total subscribers have increased from 4,970 in 2023 to 5,265 in 2024.

**Facebook:** The Life Church UK Facebook page includes audio messages and short video clips that are uploaded from other social media sources including Spotify, Apple Music and YouTube to reach out to all the Facebook followers and online community. It provides a platform for enquiries, prayer requests and testimonies and an opening for communication with staff at Life Church. In 2024, we continued to increase our following with the number of new followers of the Life Church UK page increasing by an additional 137 followers. These are from various locations within the UK and internationally, including the EU, USA, Asia and Africa.

**Instagram:** Life Church started its activity on Instagram in March 2019. Life Church UK Instagram, which focuses on church updates, photos and encouragements are being shared and commented on. This reaches out well to the younger generation which tends to make more use of Instagram than other social networking sites. The current follower count is 445.

## **V. LIFE CHURCH MISSIONS**

Life Church Missions has two arms – Home Missions and Missions Abroad.

**Home Missions** comprises of evangelistic projects and events in our local communities; sharing God's love with those who live around us.

Dover Mission, Babies and Toddlers' group and the Folkestone Winter Shelter are among the projects Life Church has supported in 2024, both financially and with volunteers.

**Dover Mission** has been supported by Life Church Missions by providing leadership over the eleven years that it has been established.

The purpose of the mission is to provide discipleship, encouragement and teaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to predominantly Slovak Roma families who have limited or no understanding of the English language. In 2024, at least two weekly groups were held in Dover and Folkestone throughout the year, with extra prayer or praise meetings some weeks. Many now regularly attend the main service at Life Church on Sundays.

In 2024, the group's travel to Slovakia was again limited to a few trips. However, these trips proved to be very productive and notably different from previous years, as more one-on-one work was carried out. This provided valuable support to the local pastors. Additionally, relationships were further strengthened.

**The Baby & Toddler group** provides an incredible opportunity to reach into our community. It also provides an opportunity to reach out to parents, young mums, single mums who are in need of someone to simply talk to, feel supported and experience the Love of Christ. It has continued to run on both Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. Also, it has been a haven for many young Mums and several parents and carers have also brought children to other Life Church events and activities such as the Christmas parties and services as a result.

**The Folkestone Winter Shelter** provides hot food and comfortable beds for homeless guests in the Shepway area during the cold winter months and is run by the Rainbow Centre and Churches Together Folkestone (CTF). The guests are also given support in their individual short and long-term needs. Life Church supports the Folkestone Winter Shelter every year through a financial donation, while some of the members of the church also participate as volunteers in the running of the shelter. In 2024, Life Church also provided two-course dinners for the Winter Shelter guests on Mondays for one month of the Shelter.

Life Church Missions also supports Pastor Robert in his ministry to other churches and ministers throughout the UK.

**Missions Abroad** seeks to take the message of Jesus Christ out to those who aren't local to Life Church. Some of the avenues and actions in 2024 for this are:

- The Life Church website and social media. People from all around the world are able to access the weekly messages through video recordings of the Sunday sermons and the audio podcasts of all service messages.
- Funding Pastor Robert's travel to different countries and by supporting existing missions' projects and missionaries around the world.
- Life Church Missions' fund: Through this fund Life Church gives financial gifts to foreign missionary and humanitarian projects. In 2024, the financial gifts included:
  - £400 for Indian Missionary gift
  - £500 for the Pakistan Missionaries trip
  - £606 for the Slovakia Missionaries trip
  - £1500 to Nigeria to rebuild a Church
  - £3,653 Ukraine- Purchase of first aid dressings and a Braun acculan charging unit for the Ukraine crisis
  - £2,389 was allocated to the Madagascar Missions Trip, which covered the cost of 30 sanitary packs and travel expenses to a prison.

Thanks to the ongoing generosity of a dedicated donor who gives specifically for Ukraine, Life Church was able to send vital medical dressings and equipment to support the wounded throughout the year.

Missions Sundays are when the work of Life Church Missions is celebrated and reported to the church. On a Missions Sunday, people who support financially or give their time are thanked, plans are shared, volunteers are recruited and finances for the work are given. They are always inspirational times and engage the congregation in the work of God in actively helping others both locally and internationally.

## **FINANCIAL REVIEW**

Income to the Trust from donations saw a slight increase over the year, leading to a surplus within the Life Church portion of the Trust.

Missions' expenditure exceeded general missions' income slightly for the year but again, there were reserves in place to cover the expenditure. Pastor Robert was able to travel extensively during the year accounting for the increase in missions' travel expense.

The war in Ukraine continues, and Life Church was able to allocate all donations received in 2024 towards purchasing an electropad set and a Powerheart battery for a defibrillator.

Capital expenditure was slightly lower in 2024. Baptismal heaters were bought, which turned out to be more cost-effective than continuing to rent them each year. Additionally, a PA desk and projector were purchased, with generous donations contributing towards the overall cost.

After facing a significant overspend in 2023, we concentrated on rebuilding our reserves in 2024. We are pleased to report a surplus of £23k this year, a substantial recovery compared to the £74k deficit in 2023.

## **Reserves Policy**

The Trustees view it as desirable to have sufficient funds to cover any short-term variation in funding. Their aim is to build up reserves in order to cover a minimum of three months fixed costs, with a longer term view to holding one year's fixed costs as a reserve at the earliest opportunity.

While the long term liabilities to assets ratio remains at its current level, it is considered prudent to reduce liabilities as quickly as possible, whilst ensuring that the charity is able to continue operating. Therefore, any surplus funds have so far been used to reduce the long term liabilities.

Pastor Robert Maasbach is key to the life of the Church. Therefore there is in place a life insurance policy on his life to ensure that there would be sufficient funds to redeem the mortgage and continue to run the Church for one year in the event of his demise. This would give the Trustees time to consider the future of the Charity in its current form.

The Trustees regularly review the financial position of the Trust and will continue to do so.

## **Principle funding sources**

The charity's main sources of income continue to be donations, gifts and offerings, with associated gift aid tax reclaims.

The Charity's approach to fundraising is to teach, from time to time, the biblical principles of giving and to invite those present at a worship service to bring their tithes and offerings to the Lord. This invitation is made at services and those present are free to accept or decline the invitation.

There may be occasions where there is a particular need within the ministry and this will be communicated to the congregation for them to donate or not as they choose.

The Charity does not engage with any third party fund raising organisations.

No donor's details are passed to any third party unless, and only if, the donor has voluntarily made a Gift Aid declaration and then only to HMRC for the purposes of claiming Gift Aid.

### **Investment Policy**

The Trustees have the power to invest funds in ways they see fit, provided that proper investment advice is taken. They see it as desirable that any surplus funds would be invested once the desired reserves have been established.

### **Statement of Trustees' Responsibilities**

Charity law requires the Trustees to prepare statements of accounts for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charity and of its incoming resources and application of resources for that period. In preparing those financial statements, the Trustees are required to:

- select suitable accounting policies and apply them consistently;
- make judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- value assets and liabilities in accordance with the Statement of Recommended Accounting Practice by Charities;
- state whether or not the accounts have been prepared in accordance with any applicable accounting standards and statements of recommended practice and to give particulars of any material departures from those standards and practices and the reasons for such departure; and,
- prepare the financial statements on the ongoing concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the charity will continue in business.

The Trustees are responsible for keeping proper accounting records which are sufficient to show and explain the charity's transactions and to disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the Trust. The Trustees are responsible for ensuring that any statements of account comply with the Charities Act 2011 (as amended by the Charities (Protection and Social Investment) Act 2016), the Charity (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008, the requirements of the Statements of Recommended Practice (Charities SORP FRS102) and the provisions of the trust deed.

The Trustees 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 was approved by the C4W Trustees on**

**By Order of the Trustees**

**Robert Maasbach  
Trustee**

**Ben Stringer  
Trustee**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND  
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024  
FOR  
CHRIST FOR THE WORLD**

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**CHRIST FOR THE WORLD**  
**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024**

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 December 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of 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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

**STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT**

**Governing document**

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

**REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS**

**Registered Charity number**

1101305

**Principal address**

Bowles Well Gardens  
Folkestone  
Kent  
CT19 6PQ

**Trustees**

R Maasbach  
B J Stringer  
G Cornell  
P M Westwell

**Independent Examiner**

David Mapley FCCA  
Higson & Co (Deal) Ltd  
45 Queen Street  
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on ..... and signed on its behalf by:

.....  
R Maasbach - Trustee

**INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF  
CHRIST FOR THE WORLD**

**Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Christ For The World**

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Christ For The World (the Trust) for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**Responsibilities and basis of report**

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

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

**Independent examiner's statement**

Since your charity's gross income exceeded £250,000 your examiner must be a member of a listed body. I can confirm that I am qualified to undertake the examination because I am a member of the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants, 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 Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts 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.

David Mapley FCCA  
The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants

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Date: .....

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## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>					
Donations and legacies		466,267	-	466,267	375,605
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Events		5,992	-	5,992	15,000
Other trading activities	2	-	-	-	170
Investment income	3	1,117	-	1,117	518
Other income		-	-	-	40
<b>Total</b>		<u>473,376</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>473,376</u>	<u>391,333</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>					
Raising funds		1,658	-	1,658	3,136
<b>Charitable activities</b>					
Events		21,716	-	21,716	20,361
Direct Charitable Expenditure		369,778	10,338	380,116	372,021
Governance Costs		46,626	-	46,626	70,026
<b>Total</b>		<u>439,778</u>	<u>10,338</u>	<u>450,116</u>	<u>465,544</u>
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>		33,598	(10,338)	23,260	(74,211)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>					
Total funds brought forward		318,269	34,069	352,338	426,549
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>		<u>351,867</u>	<u>23,731</u>	<u>375,598</u>	<u>352,338</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

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**BALANCE SHEET  
31 DECEMBER 2024**

	Notes	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					
Tangible assets	7	648,129	23,731	671,860	699,453
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					
Debtors	8	5,868	-	5,868	5,506
Cash at bank and in hand		60,067	-	60,067	27,413
		<u>65,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>65,935</u>	<u>32,919</u>
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due within one year	9	(25,994)	-	(25,994)	(32,632)
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<u>39,941</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,941</u>	<u>287</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>		688,070	23,731	711,801	699,740
<b>CREDITORS</b>					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	10	(336,203)	-	(336,203)	(347,402)
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<u>351,867</u>	<u>23,731</u>	<u>375,598</u>	<u>352,338</u>
<b>FUNDS</b>	14				
Unrestricted funds				351,867	318,269
Restricted funds				23,731	34,069
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>				<u>375,598</u>	<u>352,338</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on ..... and were signed on its behalf by:

.....  
R Maasbach - Trustee

.....  
B J Stringer - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

## CHRIST FOR THE WORLD

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### **Basis of preparing the financial statements**

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) '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 and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

##### **Income**

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

##### **Expenditure**

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

##### **Tangible fixed assets**

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance
Computer & telephone equipment	- 25% on reducing balance

##### **Taxation**

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

##### **Fund accounting**

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

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

##### **Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits**

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

### 2. OTHER TRADING ACTIVITIES

	2024	2023
	£	£
Income from trading	-	170
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2024	2023
	£	£
Deposit account interest	1,117	518
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

### 4. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

Employee salaries includes amounts paid to Trustees under employment contracts as follows; R Maasbach - £41,000 (2023 £41,160).

#### Trustees' expenses

There were no travel expenses paid to any of the Trustees during the year (2023 - £Nil).

### 5. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2024	2023
	17	19
Employees	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

### 6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM</b>			
Donations and legacies	375,605	-	375,605
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Events	15,000	-	15,000
Other trading activities	170	-	170
Investment income	518	-	518
Other income	40	-	40
<b>Total</b>	<u>391,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>391,333</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE ON</b>			
Raising funds	3,136	-	3,136
<b>Charitable activities</b>			
Events	20,361	-	20,361
Direct Charitable Expenditure	360,184	11,837	372,021
Governance Costs	70,026	-	70,026
<b>Total</b>	<u>453,707</u>	<u>11,837</u>	<u>465,544</u>

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**6. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES - continued**

	Unrestricted fund £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
<b>NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)</b>	(62,374)	(11,837)	(74,211)
<b>RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS</b>			
Total funds brought forward	380,643	45,906	426,549
<b>TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD</b>	<u>318,269</u>	<u>34,069</u>	<u>352,338</u>

**7. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS**

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Computer & telephone equipment £	Totals £
<b>COST</b>				
At 1 January 2024	767,877	285,688	79,153	1,132,718
Additions	-	9,308	-	9,308
At 31 December 2024	<u>767,877</u>	<u>294,996</u>	<u>79,153</u>	<u>1,142,026</u>
<b>DEPRECIATION</b>				
At 1 January 2024	143,417	219,062	70,786	433,265
Charge for year	14,827	19,672	2,402	36,901
At 31 December 2024	<u>158,244</u>	<u>238,734</u>	<u>73,188</u>	<u>470,166</u>
<b>NET BOOK VALUE</b>				
At 31 December 2024	<u>609,633</u>	<u>56,262</u>	<u>5,965</u>	<u>671,860</u>
At 31 December 2023	<u>624,460</u>	<u>66,626</u>	<u>8,367</u>	<u>699,453</u>

**8. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024 £	2023 £
Trade debtors	30	100
Other debtors	3,708	5,107
Prepayments	2,130	299
	<u>5,868</u>	<u>5,506</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued  
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**9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Trade creditors	2,938	6,652
Taxation and social security	3,722	5,448
Other creditors	19,334	20,532
	<u>25,994</u>	<u>32,632</u>

**10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR**

	2024	2023
	£	£
Other creditors	<u>336,203</u>	<u>347,402</u>

**11. LOANS**

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Mortgage	<u>14,001</u>	<u>14,001</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Mortgage	<u>14,000</u>	<u>14,000</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Mortgage	<u>42,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Mortgage	280,203	291,402

**12. LEASING AGREEMENTS**

Minimum lease payments under non-cancellable operating leases fall due as follows:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Within one year	4,861	378
Between one and five years	<u>16,608</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>21,469</u>	<u>378</u>

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13. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Mortgage	<u>350,204</u>	<u>361,403</u>

The mortgage is secured on the Freehold property at Bowles Well Gardens, Folkestone.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1.1.24	Net movement in funds	At
	£	£	31.12.24
			£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	318,269	33,598	351,867
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	3,259	(68)	3,191
Speaker Replacement Fund	<u>30,810</u>	<u>(10,270)</u>	<u>20,540</u>
	<u>34,069</u>	<u>(10,338)</u>	<u>23,731</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>352,338</u>	<u>23,260</u>	<u>375,598</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources	Resources expended	Movement in funds
	£	£	£
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	473,376	(439,778)	33,598
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	-	(68)	(68)
Speaker Replacement Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,270)</u>	<u>(10,270)</u>
	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,338)</u>	<u>(10,338)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>473,376</u>	<u>(450,116)</u>	<u>23,260</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.23 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	380,643	(62,374)	318,269
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	3,327	(68)	3,259
Ukraine Mission Fund	1,452	(1,452)	-
Speaker Replacement Fund	41,080	(10,270)	30,810
Winter Shelter	47	(47)	-
	<u>45,906</u>	<u>(11,837)</u>	<u>34,069</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>426,549</u>	<u>(74,211)</u>	<u>352,338</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	391,333	(453,707)	(62,374)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	-	(68)	(68)
Ukraine Mission Fund	-	(1,452)	(1,452)
Speaker Replacement Fund	-	(10,270)	(10,270)
Winter Shelter	-	(47)	(47)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(11,837)</u>	<u>(11,837)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>391,333</u>	<u>(465,544)</u>	<u>(74,211)</u>

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1.1.23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31.12.24 £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	380,643	(28,776)	351,867
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	3,327	(136)	3,191
Ukraine Mission Fund	1,452	(1,452)	-
Speaker Replacement Fund	41,080	(20,540)	20,540
Winter Shelter	47	(47)	-
	<u>45,906</u>	<u>(22,175)</u>	<u>23,731</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>426,549</u>	<u>(50,951)</u>	<u>375,598</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
<b>Unrestricted funds</b>			
General fund	864,709	(893,485)	(28,776)
<b>Restricted funds</b>			
Watermain Repair Fund			
	-	(136)	(136)
Ukraine Mission Fund	-	(1,452)	(1,452)
Speaker Replacement Fund	-	(20,540)	(20,540)
Winter Shelter	-	(47)	(47)
	<u>-</u>	<u>(22,175)</u>	<u>(22,175)</u>
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	<u>864,709</u>	<u>(915,660)</u>	<u>(50,951)</u>

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**15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES**

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 December 2024.

**16. RESTRICTED FUNDS**

The following restricted funds were held in the year:

**Watermain Repair Fund**

Donations were received in the year with the sole intention of contributing to the repair of the watermain at the church. As a result, these were considered restricted donations.

**Ukraine Mission Fund**

Funds were donated to send aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine.

**Speaker Replacement Fund**

Efforts were taken to fundraise towards the cost of replacing the PA system in the church, as the old one was damaged and not working effectively during services.

**Winter Shelter Fund**

Donations were requested to help those in need of shelter over the winter.

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**DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES  
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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS</b>		
<b>Donations and legacies</b>		
Donations, gifts & offerings	407,370	329,382
Gift aid	58,897	46,223
	<hr/> 466,267	<hr/> 375,605
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Income from trading	-	170
<b>Investment income</b>		
Deposit account interest	1,117	518
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Events	5,992	15,000
<b>Other income</b>		
Gain on sale of tangible fixed assets	-	40
	<hr/> 473,376	<hr/> 391,333
<b>Total incoming resources</b>		
	473,376	391,333
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
<b>Raising donations and legacies</b>		
Advertising	1,314	2,950
<b>Other trading activities</b>		
Purchases	344	186
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Wages	199,849	222,922
Social security	8,352	-
Pensions	3,502	-
Rates and water	1,678	1,335
Insurance	12,033	8,648
Light and heat	11,086	12,239
Telephone, fax & broadband	4,269	4,661
Post, stationery & equipment	6,680	24,404
Sundries	322	2,558
Speaker, Alms & mission gifts	18,944	21,096
Travel & subsistence	7,226	18,034
Property maintenance costs	8,345	9,908
Events	21,716	20,361
Catering	5,455	6,230
Children's Ministry	4,678	3,313
Training & subscriptions	2,132	203
Freehold property	14,827	9,966
Depn of furniture & equipment	19,672	23,387
Carried forward	350,766	389,265

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	2024 £	2023 £
<b>Charitable activities</b>		
Brought forward	350,766	389,265
Depn of computer & tel equip	2,402	3,117
	<u>353,168</u>	<u>392,382</u>
<b>Support costs</b>		
<b>Human resources</b>		
Software licences	9,485	-
<b>Governance costs</b>		
Wages	47,825	39,367
Social security	4,391	-
Pensions	960	-
Sundry finance costs	5,593	3,010
Accountancy	2,704	2,210
Legal & professional fees	660	2,401
Mortgage	23,672	23,038
	<u>85,805</u>	<u>70,026</u>
Total resources expended	<u>450,116</u>	<u>465,544</u>
<b>Net income/(expenditure)</b>	<u><u>23,260</u></u>	<u><u>(74,211)</u></u>

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