

Annual report for the year ending 31st August 2024

Registered Charity No. 1119213

Purpose

- The advancement of the Christian faith in the UK and overseas
- The advancement, for public benefit, of Christian teaching and other learning
- The relief of the poor, sick, disabled and homeless

Organisation

Nationally a member of the Evangelical Alliance.

Locally is a part of Maidstone Churches Together.

CCM has its own team of leaders who meet on regular basis on church and charity matters.

CCM meet in a hired hall at the Maidstone Skills and Community Centre (MSCC), it also has a rented office at MSCC and occasionally uses other rented premises for its various activities.

Board of Trustees

- Jane Shankar, chairperson as of January 2025
- Leon Mileham, Pastor
- Peter Farmer
- James Holland

Staffing

As of 31st August 2024, CCM has one full time employee, and one part time employee.

- Leon Mileham is employed full time as CCM's Pastor/Minister.
- Karen Kamundi is employed part time as CCM's Administrator.
- Esther Barnes is employed part time as CCM's Youth Pastor. Esther resigned during the year, and she left employment on 31st Aug 24.

CCM does fund occupational pension scheme through the government's workplace pension scheme, this started in November 2016.

All other work carried out on behalf of CCM is on a voluntary basis.

Activities during the year

- The various activities of CCM include life groups, youth & children's clubs, bible teaching & training events, etc.
- CCM has financially supported Christian workers in Tanzania & Liberia. Involvement in foreign missions and humanitarian work is a primary objective for CCM.
- 'Little Steps' is a weekly group for parents with pre-school age children to provide a friendly, welcoming environment where parents & children can build real and lasting friendships.

- 'The Hub' is a weekly (term time) Youth club run on a Friday night for the benefit of local young people between the age of 11 and 18 and gets good engagement from the local community.
- CCM Holds a summer Family Fun Day at Maidstone Skills & Community Centre in Senacre annually as an outreach and to build links and friendship with the local community.
- CCM helps to run the Maidstone CAP debt centre, along with The Vine church, and regularly sees and helps people who are in extreme debt.
- Members of the congregation are also involved in other community activities e.g. 'Street Pastors', 'Maidstone Churches Winter Shelter', and 'The Princess Project'.

In planning the activities, the Leaders/Trustees have had regard to the guidance issued by the Charities Commission on public benefit.

Financial Review

Incoming resources	£96,988
Expenditure	£123,328
Deficit	£26,340

Grants

CCM is committed to the aid of overseas Christian workers and supports *Friends of Helper* in Tanzania.

In Maidstone CCM regularly gives to local charities.

CCM also made gifts to CAP clients and to various members of its congregation.

Reserves

It is an agreed principle that at least three months cash reserves in hand should be kept in CCM's current account. This is kept under periodic review. 3 months running costs are approximately £25,000, at the end of the financial year, there was approximately (£19,668) in unrestricted cash reserves, with the Trustees able to reassign designated funds should the need occur, making £98,395 available.

When the COVID-19 pandemic started to impact the UK in March 2020, the Trustees immediately repurposed money from the designated building fund into a Financial Assistance Fund, and members of the church also contributed towards this fund. A number of grants have been paid to various individuals and families to support them financially since the fund started.

Risk Management

The Elders/Trustees of CCM meet on a regular basis and receive regular reports and financial statements detailing the opportunities and risks that CCM faces. This

enables them to plan or curtail activities accordingly making judgements and estimates that are reasonable and prudent. CCM has suitable accounting standards and policies which are applied consistently. Financial statements are prepared on an ongoing basis. At the end of each accounting year records are produced which give a true and fair view of the state of the affairs of the church, disclosing with reasonable accuracy the financial position of CCM, whilst protecting assets and taking reasonable steps to detect fraud or any other irregularities, thereby complying with the Charities Act 2011.

CCM has an operational Safeguarding Policy to ensure that children, young people, vulnerable adults and workers are protected at all times. This is kept under constant review.

Signed by,

Peter Farmer

Elder/Trustee, on behalf of all the Elders/Trustees of CCM.

Report dated: 30/06/2025

Independent Examiner's report to the trustees/members of Connect Church, Maidstone

Accounts for the year ended 31st August 2024

Respective responsibilities of the Trustees and the examiner

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

Examine the accounts under section 145 of the Charities Act to follow the procedures laid down in the general directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Charities Act, and to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of the Independent Examiner's statement

My examination was carried out in accordance with the general directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with these records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required for an audit, and consequently no opinion is given as to whether the accounts present a 'true and fair' view and the report is limited to those matters set out in the statement below.

Independent examiner's statement

In connection with my examination, no material matter has come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect:

Accounting records were not kept in accordance with section 130 of the Charities Act, or the accounts do not accord with the accounting records

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

Date: 1st July 2025

Signed:



Stephen Hendy

Connect Church, Maidstone Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

Statement of Financial Activities

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	80,832	324	-	-	81,156	75,833
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	987	-	-	987	854
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	14,845	-	-	-	14,845	12,732
Total income	95,677	1,311	-	-	96,988	89,419
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	69,052	243	-	-	69,295	65,073
Cost of generating voluntary income	36,389	-	-	-	36,389	32,405
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	14,540	1,591	-	-	16,131	10,340
Governance costs	1,514	-	-	-	1,514	2,286
Other resources used	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	121,495	1,833	-	-	123,328	110,103
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(25,817)	(523)	-	-	(26,340)	(20,685)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	9,364	-	-	-	9,364	-
Gross transfers between funds - out	(5,964)	(3,400)	-	-	(9,364)	-
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	-	-	-	-	-	(690)
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(22,417)	(3,923)	-	-	(26,340)	(21,375)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	2,752	123,737	126,408	-	252,897	274,271
Total funds carried forward	(19,666)	119,814	126,408	-	226,557	252,897
Represented by						
Unrestricted						
Charity Fund	800	-	-	-	800	780
General fund	(19,696)	-	-	-	(19,696)	(2,824)
Hamper/Blessing Fund	565	-	-	-	565	565

Mens Ministry Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outreach Fund	(1,953)	-	-	-	(1,953)	1,276
Personal gifts	(2,735)	-	-	-	(2,735)	-
Weekend Away Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-
Youth Activities Fund	3,353	-	-	-	3,353	2,955
Designated						
Buildings Fund	-	84,656	-	-	84,656	83,670
CAP client gift fund	-	1,977	-	-	1,977	2,290
Financial Assistance Fund	-	35,244	-	-	35,244	36,494
Little Steps	-	1,173	-	-	1,173	1,119
Missions Fund	-	(3,400)	-	-	(3,400)	-
Womens Ministry Fund	-	164	-	-	164	164
Restricted						
Restricted Building Fund	-	-	126,408	-	126,408	126,408

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Connect Church, Maidstone Financial Statements for the year ended 31 August 2024

Statement of Assets and Liabilities - 2024

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
ZZZ101: RBS Connect Current A/c	(19,668)	118,063	-	-	98,395	125,722
Total	(19,668)	118,063	-	-	98,395	125,722
Current Asset - Investments						
ZZZ102: Barclays CCM Premium DASA	-	-	59,562	-	59,562	59,562
ZZZ103: RBS Connect D R Savings A/c	3	1,751	66,846	-	68,599	67,612
Total	3	1,751	126,408	-	128,162	127,175
Net total assets	(19,666)	119,814	126,408	-	226,557	252,897

Statement of Assets and Liabilities – 2023

Class and nominal code	General	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	Total	Last year
Current Asset - Cash At Bank And In Hand						
ZZZ101: RBS Connect Current A/c	6,149	119,573	-	-	125,722	147,950
Total	6,149	119,573	-	-	125,722	147,950
Current Asset - Investments						
ZZZ102: Barclays CCM Premium DASA	-	-	59,562	-	59,562	59,313
ZZZ103: RBS Connect D R Savings A/c	3	764	66,846	-	67,612	67,007
Total	3	764	126,408	-	127,175	126,321
Liability - Creditors: Amounts Falling Due In One Year						
Z04: Accounts Payable	3,400	(3,400)	-	-	-	-
Total	3,400	(3,400)	-	-	-	-
Net total assets	2,752	123,737	126,408	-	252,897	274,271

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Fund movement summary – 2024

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
FAF							
Designated	36,494	-	1,250	-	-	-	35,244
Sub-totals	36,494	-	1,250	-	-	-	35,244
General							
Unrestricted	(2,824)	95,259	121,495	9,364	-	-	(19,696)
Sub-totals	(2,824)	95,259	121,495	9,364	-	-	(19,696)
Building							
Designated	83,670	987	-	-	-	-	84,656
Sub-totals	83,670	987	-	-	-	-	84,656
CAPclient							
Designated	2,290	20	333	-	-	-	1,977
Sub-totals	2,290	20	333	-	-	-	1,977
Charity							
Unrestricted	780	20	-	-	-	-	800
Sub-totals	780	20	-	-	-	-	800
Hampers							
Unrestricted	565	-	-	-	-	-	565
Sub-totals	565	-	-	-	-	-	565
LittleStep							
Designated	1,119	304	251	-	-	-	1,173
Sub-totals	1,119	304	251	-	-	-	1,173
Missions							
Designated	-	-	-	(3,400)	-	-	(3,400)
Sub-totals	-	-	-	(3,400)	-	-	(3,400)
Outreach							
Unrestricted	1,276	-	-	(3,229)	-	-	(1,953)
Sub-totals	1,276	-	-	(3,229)	-	-	(1,953)
Gifts							
Unrestricted	-	-	-	(2,735)	-	-	(2,735)
Sub-totals	-	-	-	(2,735)	-	-	(2,735)
RBF							
Restricted	126,408	-	-	-	-	-	126,408
Sub-totals	126,408	-	-	-	-	-	126,408
Women							
Designated	164	-	-	-	-	-	164
Sub-totals	164	-	-	-	-	-	164
Youth							
Unrestricted	2,955	398	-	-	-	-	3,353

Sub-totals	2,955	398	-	-	-	-	3,353
Totals	252,897	96,988	123,328	-	-	-	226,557

Fund movement summary – 2023

Fund	Opening	Incoming	Outgoing	Transfers	Gains/Losses	Journals	Closing
FAF							
Designated	35,820	1,074	400	-	-	-	36,494
Sub-totals	35,820	1,074	400	-	-	-	36,494
General							
Unrestricted	20,513	87,056	109,703	-	-	(690)	(2,824)
Sub-totals	20,513	87,056	109,703	-	-	(690)	(2,824)
Building							
Designated	83,077	593	-	-	-	-	83,670
Sub-totals	83,077	593	-	-	-	-	83,670
CAPclient							
Designated	2,270	20	-	-	-	-	2,290
Sub-totals	2,270	20	-	-	-	-	2,290
Charity							
Unrestricted	780	-	-	-	-	-	780
Sub-totals	780	-	-	-	-	-	780
Hampers							
Unrestricted	565	-	-	-	-	-	565
Sub-totals	565	-	-	-	-	-	565
LittleStep							
Designated	705	414	-	-	-	-	1,119
Sub-totals	705	414	-	-	-	-	1,119
Outreach							
Unrestricted	1,276	-	-	-	-	-	1,276
Sub-totals	1,276	-	-	-	-	-	1,276
RBF							
Restricted	126,147	261	-	-	-	-	126,408
Sub-totals	126,147	261	-	-	-	-	126,408
Women							
Designated	164	-	-	-	-	-	164
Sub-totals	164	-	-	-	-	-	164
Youth							
Unrestricted	2,955	-	-	-	-	-	2,955
Sub-totals	2,955	-	-	-	-	-	2,955
Totals	274,271	89,419	110,103	-	-	(690)	252,897

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Analysis of income and expenditure

					Total	
	Unrestricted	Designated	Restricted	Endowment	This year	Last year
INCOMING RESOURCES						
Incoming resources from generated funds						
100 - General Offerings	21,694	-	-	-	21,694	28,328
101 - Gift Aid Giving	55,835	-	-	-	55,835	42,455
102 - Other Income	3,304	214	-	-	3,518	4,821
105 - Little Steps	-	110	-	-	110	229
103 - Bank Interest	-	987	-	-	987	854
Incoming resources from generated funds Totals	80,832	1,311	-	-	82,143	76,687
Other incoming resources						
104 - Gift Aid Tax Recovery	14,845	-	-	-	14,845	12,732
Other incoming resources Totals	14,845	-	-	-	14,845	12,732
Incoming resources Grand totals	95,677	1,311	-	-	96,988	89,419
RESOURCES USED						
Cost of generating funds						
202 - Halls Hired / Rent	36,389	-	-	-	36,389	32,405
201 - General	15,439	243	-	-	15,681	14,639
203 - Net Salary	40,637	-	-	-	40,637	38,853
205 - Ministry	1,495	-	-	-	1,495	100
208 - PAYE IT NIC	11,481	-	-	-	11,481	11,481
Cost of generating funds Totals	105,441	243	-	-	105,684	97,478
Charitable activities						
204 - Donations	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	-
209 - CAP Centre	3,000	90	-	-	3,090	1,850
210 - Little's steps expenses	-	251	-	-	251	-
211 - Missions Giving	7,240	-	-	-	7,240	8,090
213 - Hardship/Welfare Gift	2,300	1,250	-	-	3,550	400
Charitable activities Totals	14,540	1,591	-	-	16,131	10,340
Governance costs						
207 - Insurances, subs, etc	1,514	-	-	-	1,514	2,286
Governance costs Totals	1,514	-	-	-	1,514	2,286
Resources used Grand totals	121,495	1,833	-	-	123,328	110,103

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Prior Year Comparative - Statement of Financial Activities - 2023

	Unrestricted funds	Designated funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds	Total funds	Prior year total funds
Incoming resources						
Incoming resources from generated funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Voluntary income	74,324	1,508	-	-	75,833	79,774
Activities for generating funds	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment income	-	593	261	-	854	40
Incoming resources from charitable activities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other incoming resources	12,732	-	-	-	12,732	14,455
Total income	87,056	2,101	261	-	89,419	94,269
Resources used						
Cost of generating funds	65,073	-	-	-	65,073	67,884
Cost of generating voluntary income	32,405	-	-	-	32,405	24,146
Fundraising trading cost of goods sold and other costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investment management costs	-	-	-	-	-	-
Charitable activities	9,940	400	-	-	10,340	10,160
Governance costs	2,286	-	-	-	2,286	3,212
Other resources used	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total expenditure	109,703	400	-	-	110,103	105,402
Net income / (expenditure) resources before transfer	(22,647)	1,701	261	-	(20,685)	(11,134)
Transfers						
Gross transfers between funds - in	-	-	-	-	-	50,000
Gross transfers between funds - out	-	-	-	-	-	(50,000)
Other recognised gains / losses						
Gains/losses on investment assets	(690)	-	-	-	(690)	-
Gains on revaluation, fixed assets, charity's own use	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net movement in funds	(23,337)	1,701	261	-	(21,375)	(11,134)
Reconciliation of funds						
Total funds brought forward	26,088	122,035	126,147	-	274,271	285,405
Total funds carried forward	2,752	123,737	126,408	-	252,897	274,271