

Good News Church Whaley Bridge. Registered Charity Number 1124467

Gospel Hall, Old Road, Whaley Bridge, High Peak SK23 7LA

Trustees Annual Report for 2024

Governance

During 2024, there have been no changes to the trustees. There have been five trustee meetings attended by all trustees and trustee training from Synergy and Charity Commission.

Church membership at 31.12.24 was 19, with one new member joining and three leaving in the year.. The numbers of people in the church family is c 30 with another 40 or so who engage with us at regular church activities. Sunday attendance is around 20 and midweek groups around 20, an increase on past years.

Three members' meetings have been held and all been quorate. The members and others in the church family volunteer in the church's ministry and there are 20 regular volunteers.

One of our church leaders, Cheryl Cross, stepped down from her role in April 2024, Rob Cross continues as a bi-vocational office holder on a part-time stipend.

Policies for safeguarding, financial protocol, data protection, equal opportunities, DBS processing, rehabilitation of offenders, discipline, grievance and a code of conduct remain in place and have been reviewed.

Refresher safeguarding training for those working with children and vulnerable adults was carried out in September. We are members of Christian Safeguarding Services who give advice on policies and safeguarding matters. Our safer recruitment procedure has been strengthened.

Ministry

Weekly Sunday morning services and monthly evening services have continued. We have followed series' on the pattern of Sabbath, Book of James, Book of Ruth, the Bible Course We held a baptism service in July.

We have celebrated seasonal events in the church year and welcomed guest speakers from Tearfund, Evangelical Alliance, Synergy and Urban Saints along with preachers from other churches. Mid-week meetings have taken place in church and in homes for Bible study, prayer and fellowship. Weekly prayer meetings have continued on zoom. The weekly youth drop in, TNT, has continued and schools visits have been made. Teams are in place to support pastoral, teaching and prayer ministries.

Our community activities have welcomed in over 100 people throughout the year. Come to coffee took place midweek through the year on eight occasions and the Family nights on five occasions. Prayer vigils were held after the Southport killings and 7 October anniversary of Gaza conflict. 9 Church meals, a passover gathering and men's meal have been hosted.

Overseas: We support the work of church members working with CMS in Thailand.

We continue our commitment to Fairtrade and are registered as a Fairtrade Church. We continue to be an Open Doors partner church and have supported Tearfund financially. Tearfund Quiz night was held in November raising over £500. The church continues to support, financially and prayerfully, the work of Good News Family Care.

We remain affiliated to the Evangelical Alliance and are part of the Synergy group of churches.

The church has continued to take an active part in Whaley Bridge Churches Together with events like week of prayer for Christian Unity, Lent groups, Good Friday worship, joint services, Carnival, Holiday Clubs, harvest Sing, Remembrance and Christmas events.

We have seen growth and new opportunities in the journey of faith together:-

A new book group meeting,

2 walks on the Hope pilgrimage – reflecting in creation, and a Christian Aid walk.

New Prayer team formed and we joined a zoom prayer focus for the persecuted church.

Hosting a 4 week CAP money course for group of up to 11

New 2 quiet mornings with over 20 at each spending longer in God's word with times of reflection and response.

Building

Following building work at the end of 2023, much of 2024 was spent getting things in order in the building including minor improvements and painting.

In February we were joined by supporters and representatives from the community for the dedication of the extension work

Building health and safety requirements have been complied with.

Finance

Monthly reports have been provided to the Trustees. The annual accounts and a four monthly update are circulated to members. Discussions have taken place at members' meetings to review large expenditure and financial controls are in place for authorising of expenditure. Ring-fenced funds are in place and grant applications were submitted for various projects. An independent examination of 2024 accounts will be carried out.

Summary

In line with our basis of faith the church continues as a family with a varied programme of activities and regular Bible based teaching, worship, fellowship, prayer and pastoral support. Our vision statement remains God's People: Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out. Various ministry has taken place for children, families, men's and women's work and the wider community over the year.

Charitable Objectives

Our charitable objectives (see below) have been fulfilled through the different activities, outreach, fundraising/giving and pastoral care which have taken place throughout the year.

Extract from GNC Constitution

The objects of the Church shall be:

- (i) The advancement of Christianity by the proclamation and furtherance of the Good News of God concerning His Son Jesus Christ the Lord and the preaching and teaching of the Word of God by the Church in accordance with the Basis of Faith and Statement of Purpose of Good News Church
- (ii) The advancement of education in a Christian context.
- (iii) The development of children of all ages by providing for the needs of such children through community groups in a Christian context.
- (iv) Such other charitable purposes as shall further the attainment of the above objects of the Church.
- (v) The furtherance of other charitable work of the worldwide Christian Community.
- (vi) The furtherance of Christian Unity locally, nationally and internationally provided that such unity is consistent with the Statement

Trustees

Rev Robert David Cross appointed 2011 (Chair)

Mrs Cheryl Joy Chalmers Cross appointed 2013

Mr Philip Goulding appointed 2020

Mr Jason Day appointed 2020

March 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name
Good News Church Whaley Bridge

No (if any)
1124467

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Receipts and payments accounts

For the period from	Period start date	To	Period end date
	01.01.2024		31.12.2024

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds to the nearest £	Restricted funds to the nearest £	Endowment funds to the nearest £	Total funds to the nearest £	Last year to the nearest £
A1 Receipts					
Offerings	23,713	11,016	-	34,729	38,763
Grants	-	1,482	-	1,482	25,429
Gift Aid	3,010	2,495	-	5,505	9,055
Interest	716	-	-	716	780
Other Income	105	-	-	105	1,048
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	27,544	14,993	-	42,537	75,075
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total receipts	27,544	14,993	-	42,537	75,075
A3 Payments					
Mission	5,949	1,055	-	7,003	4,884
Ministry	11,560	2,825	-	14,384	15,420
Administration/Building	8,256	17,744	-	26,000	87,517
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	25,764	21,624	-	47,388	107,821
A4 Asset and investment purchases. (see table)					
	-	-	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-	-	-
Total payments	25,764	21,624	-	47,388	107,821
Net of receipts/(payments)	1,780	6,631	-	4,851	32,746
A5 Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-	-
A6 Cash funds last year end	16,038	14,983	-	31,021	63,767
Cash funds this year end	17,818	8,352	-	26,170	31,021

Section B Statement of assets and liabilities at the end of the period

Categories	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
B1 Cash funds	The Cooperative Bank	11,557	612	-
	Redwood	5,747	8,253	-
		-	-	-
	Total cash funds	17,304	8,865	-
	(agree balances with receipts and payments account(s))	Agreement Error	Agreement Error	OK
B2 Other monetary assets	Details	Unrestricted funds to nearest £	Restricted funds to nearest £	Endowment funds to nearest £
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
		-	-	-
B3 Investment assets	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B4 Assets retained for the charity's own use	Details	Fund to which asset belongs	Cost (optional)	Current value (optional)
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
			-	-
B5 Liabilities	Details	Fund to which liability relates	Amount due (optional)	When due (optional)
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
			-	
Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees	Signature	Print Name	Date of approval	



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Independent examiner's report on the accounts

Section A

Independent Examiner's Report

Report to the trustees

Charity Name
Good News Church, Whaley Bridge

On accounts for the year ended

31 December 2024

Charity no
(if any)

1124467

Set out on pages

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I report to the trustees on my examination of the accounts of the above charity ("the Trust") for the year ended 31/12/2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees, 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 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 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:

H. Cleave

Date:

26/04/2025

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