



FIVE VALLEYS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL REPORT

1st April 23- 31st March 24

Registered Charity No. 1124934
www.fivevalleys.org



OUR PURPOSE...

Five Valleys Christian Fellowship is a group of people that exist to:

- LOVE AND WORSHIP GOD
- MEET THE NEEDS OF CHURCH AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY
- SEE PEOPLE BECOME MORE LIKE JESUS
- JOURNEY TOGETHER IN FELLOWSHIP AS A FAMILY
- REACH OUT TO THOSE THAT DON'T KNOW JESUS YET AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS HE HAS DONE IN OUR LIVES



OUR PROGRESS...



- This year we have continued to grow and develop as a church together and find new ways of connection as well as growing in our journey with God. We want to be a church that strives to serve the Lord in all aspects, both together as a community and individually in our lives.
- We have held regular Sunday morning services where we have a time of praise and worship and bible teaching for all ages. These include communion services, worship services and joint services with other local churches. We want these times together to be accessible for all people and ages and have dedicated times for the children in the church. We regularly have 'Connect Sundays' which are a time for members of the congregation to meet up on a Sunday morning for a more informal time of fellowship and connection. We encourage people to arrange social events and activities with other members of the church.
- We held weekly mid week events which include prayer meetings, bible studies and dinners in people homes. These are a time to explore the richness of our faith in Christ and grow as disciples through study and prayer.
- As a church we believe eating together creates fellowship and we place a big importance on carving these times out. We host regular breakfasts and dinners, mixing up hosting these for everyone, and having children focused events.
- We host specific men's and woman's events throughout the year including retreat days, weekends away, social events and Bible studies.
- As a church we place a big focus on our children and youth. We want to create a space where they can connect to Christ at their level. We do not want to separate them from the rest of the church family and so often on a Sunday we put on services which they can interact and engage with within the context of the whole church family. We also put on children specific activities such as breakfasts, bible studies and social events like bowling and mini golf.
- As the children in our church are growing up we have created a youth group for the older children where they can look more deeply at the Bible and how this impacts their lives as they grow up. This is called Five Valley Lions.

OUR PROGRESS...



- This year we continued with our annual weekend away. The weekend away is an extended time of fellowship, bible study, worship and connection. We place a high value on this time. We want to help people carve out good quality time with one another in the midst of busy every day lives. A lot of planning and organisation goes into this weekend and almost all members of our congregation are able to attend. This weekend is pay-as-you-can for all our members as we never want cost to be a barrier for anyone to come along.
- Throughout the year we put on a number of social events for our members, these include walks, afternoon teas, games afternoons and sport events.
- We encourage our members to also get involved in their local communities and have had a particular focus with supporting two members of our community to help grow and develop Ruscombe Chapel which is a small village church just outside of Stroud. We have helped these members run coffee mornings, village lunches and Sunday services from this chapel. We want to use our skills and giftings to serve this community.
- We have joined with two other local churches to help run an Alpha Course. The Alpha Course is a series of sessions that explain the basics of the Christian faith.
- Our pastors continued to support members of the fellowship who needed pastoral support. As well as our pastors providing this support, we also encourage all of members to support each other throughout the year.
- Just as important as all this is the unseen relationships that go on between everyone in our fellowship as people love each other and live their lives together as family.



OUR FINANCES...



- We started 23/24 in a good financial position and this continued throughout the year, mainly due to some large donations given at the start of the year and a larger gift aid payment which came in this year. The trustees and leadership team pledged to be generous with the financial gifts that we were given.
- During the financial year to 31st March 2024 total income was £87,587. £44,275 was from church member donations. Gift aid totalled £40,979 and events income totalled £2,069, with bank interest equalling £264.
- Expenditure was £63,083 leaving a positive excess of £24,504. The majority of expenditure falls on staffing and event costs.
- At the end of the year cash funds stood at £141,876 which leaves us in a very positive financial position as we move into 24/25.
- The Trustees are pleased that during this financial year the accounts were positive and we increased cash reserves moving into 23/24. Heather Conboy continued as bookkeeper 22/23. Matt Gorman stepped down as treasurer and Jo Mansell stepped into this role as Chair of Trustees.



OUR STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT...



During this period the church was structured as follows:

- **Senior Pastors** – Steve and Katrina Woodcock are Senior Pastors of the church
- **Leadership** – Steve Geers, Anne Geers and Rachel Woolcomb served on the leadership team.
- **Trustee Board** – the main role of the Trustee board during this period was mainly financial stewardship and charity governance, and not strategic leadership or spiritual oversight. This includes financial administration, and implementation of policies and procedures, including Safeguarding, Data Protection, Health and Safety and Financial policies.
- The Trustees during this period were Jo Mansell (Chair from June 2021), Sharon Mansell, Antony Woolcomb and Pippa Birch (stepped down in June 2023)
- The Trustees continued to meet during this year, to ensure any potential financial, health and safety or safeguarding issues could be resolved.
- Thankfully there were no major negative issues that need to be reported to the Charity Commission.



ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION...



Five Valleys Christian Fellowship (Five Valleys) is a registered charity (**charity number 1124934**) covering the whole of the Five Valleys area.

The administrative address during this period was Five Valleys Christian Fellowship, c/o Sharon Mansell, Garden Cottage, Lower Newmarket Road, Nailsworth, GL6 0RW.

As a church we are members of Churches in Community International. Our Senior Pastor, Steve Woodcock is accredited by this nationally recognised body. CIC provide us with love and support. <http://www.cicinternational.org>.

During this period RiverView Portfolio, Chartered Management Accountants supported us with our financial strategy, policy and accounts. <http://www.riverviewportfolio.co.uk>

During this period Thirtyone:eight helped support us with our Safeguarding Policy <https://www.ccpas.co.uk/>



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Independent Examiner's Report to the trustees / members of Five Valleys Christian Fellowship

I report on the accounts for the year ended 31st March 2024 which are set out on page 2.

Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Act").

The charity trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 of the 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 applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 145(5)(b) of the Act, and
- to state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with 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 those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from you as trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently 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 the course of my examination, no matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in, any material respect, the requirements:

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

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



**Shannon Bennett MAAT
RiverView Portfolio Ltd
Chartered Management Accountants
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24th July 2024

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Receipts and Payments Account

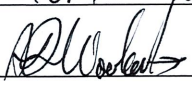
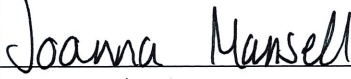
	Unrestricted Funds	Restricted Funds	Total 2024	Total 2023
Incoming Resources				
Donations – Gift Aid	£44,075		£44,075	£130,769
Donations – General	£200		£200	£0
Income tax recovered	£40,979		£40,979	£5,376
Events Income	£2,069		£2,069	£3,146
Bank Interest	£264		£264	£56
	£87,587		£87,587	£139,347
Payments				
Family Camp & Event Expenses	£2,851		£2,851	£5,759
Teaching Resources	£556		£556	£434
Staff costs	£40,846		£40,846	£25,563
Refreshments	£739		£739	£1,727
Conferences and Venue costs	£3,008		£3,008	£2,784
Travel Costs	£2,951		£2,951	£3,608
Printing, Postage & Stationery	£349		£349	£1,369
Professional Services	£1,893		£1,893	£17,698
Training Costs	£534		£534	£75
Subscriptions	£2,389		£2,389	£2,312
Insurance	£362		£362	£298
Gifts & Entertaining	£1,968		£1,968	£5,232
Donations	£4,464		£4,464	£8,986
Bank Charges	£175		£175	£118
Disposal of Assets	£0		£0	£1,060
	£63,083		£63,083	£77,023
Excess of receipts over payments	£24,504		£24,504	£62,324
Bank current and cash accounts 1 st April '23			£118,975	
<i>Plus movement in period</i>			£22,901	
Bank current and cash accounts 31 st Mar '24			£141,876	
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES				
Cash funds				
HSBC Current Account	£126,088			
HSBC Money Manager	£1			
Event Funds	£15,489			
Cash Tin – Ann Geers	£298			
	£141,876			
Fixed assets				
Five Valleys	£20,004			

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Approval of Accounts

These accounts have been presented to the trustees and members of Five Valley Christian Fellowship.

The trustees and members have approved the accounts for the period ending 31st March 2024. In approval the accounts have been signed and dated by two authorised trustees or members

Name (please print)	ANTONY WOOLCOMB
Signature	
Date	04 - 11 - 2024
Name (please print)	JOANNA MANSELL
Signature	
Date	04 / 11 / 2024

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Notes

1. The financial statements of the Five Valleys Christian Fellowship have been prepared in accordance with the Church Accounting Regulations 2006 using the payments and receipts basis.