

# SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

England & Wales - Charity number 1126798

## Details

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**Status** Registered

**Legal form** Other

**Registered** 2008-11-19

**Register** [View on the Charity Commission register](#)

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## Activities

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**Objects:** TO ADVANCE THE CHRISTIAN FAITH FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC, IN PARTICULAR BUT NOT EXCLUSIVELY THROUGH EVANGELISM, MINISTRY, THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND THE PLANTING AND RESTORATION OF CHURCH FELLOWSHIPS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENTS OF BELIEF APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE AS SET OUT IN CLAUSE 31.

**Activities:** The SWGP provides a Ministry Training Course based at St Bart's Church, Bath. This one or two year course aims to equip those who want to be able to teach the Bible and serve in ministry more effectively. The SWGP also co-ordinates a number of other events throughout the year, including the Bristol Men's Convention, Bible teaching and training days and youth-oriented events.

## Classification

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- **How:** Provides Services, Provides Advocacy/advice/information
- **What:** Education/training, Religious Activities
- **Who:** Children/young People, Other Charities Or Voluntary Bodies, The General Public/mankind

## Geography

- **Area of benefit:** UNDEFINED. IN PRACTICE LOCAL
- Bath And North East Somerset
- Bristol City
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire
- Wiltshire

## Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2024-08-31	£45,293	£50,278	-	-
2023-08-31	£54,553	£47,425	-	-
2022-08-31	£38,676	£38,500	-	-
2021-08-31	£25,074	£27,167	-	-
2020-08-31	£27,681	£27,479	-	-

## Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
<b>James Nicholas Walford</b>	Chair	2024-05-22
Brian Whittaker		2024-03-06
Christa Jane Moll		2025-06-11
Jennifer Rosanne Singh		2021-12-09
NEIL TODMAN		2025-03-26
SIMON JOHN DOWLAND		2019-01-10
Simon Dowdy		2025-06-11
TIMOTHY JAMES HOWLETT		2015-02-11

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# **South West Gospel Partnership**

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## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2024**

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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership ("SWGP" or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2024.

### Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name</b>	South West Gospel Partnership
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1126798
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 19 November 2008
<b>Registered office</b>	SWGP c/o St Bartholomew's Church 1 King Edward Road Oldfield Park Bath BA2 3PB

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below:

Ian Lewis (Chairman)  
Mike Cain (resigned 23/06/24)  
Simon Dowland  
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)  
Jim Walford (22/05/24)  
Brian Whittaker (06/03/24)  
Spencer Shaw  
Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary - resigned 22/05/24)  
Jenny Singh (Secretary)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 20 Badminton Road Downend Bristol BS16 6BW
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	D Goode 48 Oolite Road Bath BA2 2UU
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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### ***Governing Document***

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The Charity Commission granted SWGP registered charity status on 19 November 2008.

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SWGP is governed by the Trustees who comprise ministers and members of evangelical churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice (usually 4-5 times) a year to set policy and review the activities of the Trust.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with SWGP.

In July 2024 the Trustees appointed Adrian Taylor-Weekes as Operations Manager for one day per week. As he had been a trustee (resigning in May 2024) the trustees were required to obtain Charity Commission consent which was granted on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which SWGP faces at each of their meetings. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels wherever possible.

#### ***Objectives and Activities***

The objective of SWGP is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through evangelism, ministry, theological education and the planting and restoration of church fellowships in accordance with its statements of belief.

During the year SWGP incurred staff costs for a part-time Ministry Training Course director, a part-time Development Officer, and a part-time administrator. SWGP also gratefully received voluntary assistance from individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of SWGP would be severely limited. The main activities of the Trust during the year are summarised below.

#### ***Partnership Meetings***

SWGP organises quarterly partnership meetings for ministers and Gospel workers from partnering churches, to encourage them through sharing, praying, welcoming visiting speakers and planning activities together.

#### ***Ministry Training Course ("MTC")***

The academic year 2023/2024 was SWGP's 18th year of its Ministry Training Course. As in previous years, during the year ended 31 August 2024, two year groups studied the Bible, learning how to teach it to others. Course student numbers were around 26 for the year. Students attended the MTC from many different churches spread across the South West with some travelling each week during term time. Students included pastors, church workers, apprentices, student workers, home group leaders, as well as church members who were able to take time off from work to come on the course, or who are retired.

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## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

We are privileged to have many able Bible teachers in the area, and the teaching is shared by about 12-15 different speakers, including visiting national speakers from time to time. MTC offers two afternoon workshop tracks – one for preachers and one for helping people to lead Bible studies. There is also a short course in Biblical Hebrew added on at the end of the day for those who wish to stay. Each year there are two tours of the British Museum and British Library to study items relating to the Bible.

The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £225 per term for the 2023/24 academic year. The course made a loss of £4,795 this year, having covered its costs in the previous year. A bursary continues to be in use to further widen access to the course by offsetting fees for those unable to afford them.

### ***South West Men's Convention***

The 2023 Men's Convention was an in-person conference held on Saturday 14th October 2023, with the title, "Finished: Men secure in the victory of the cross" with around 350 delegates attending at the St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford, Bristol. The main speaker was Andrew Sach with a testimonial slot given by Mike Cain, and feedback was very positive. The Convention covered costs as budgeted.

### ***Other Activities***

#### ***Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences***

SWGP has oversight of the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women. The 2024 Conferences were attended by over 550 women over the Bristol and Bath events. The main speaker was Ellidh Cook.

#### ***Ministers' Retreat***

SWGP ran a 24hr ministers' retreat in the Ammerdown Christian Retreat Centre in April. This was the first time we ran this. Around 12 ministers attended and we had talks from John Samuel. Feedback was positive and we will look to

#### ***MTC Lite***

This is a mini version of MTC, taking place in the evenings, for those who cannot attend MTC for a day in the week and ran in November 2023

#### ***SOLID***

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. The SOLID Day event took place on Saturday 6th July and was attended by around 90 young people with their youth leaders. The price (£5) is intentionally set to be affordable to all.

#### ***Public Benefit***

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. As set out in our objectives, the Trust exists for the benefit of individuals primarily in the South West region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion. Working closely with its partner churches, SWGP seeks to make its courses and events affordable to ensure that they are accessible to all.

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2024

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### Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2024 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. The training course failed to cover its costs during this year.

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2024 were £45,293 (2023: £54,554), and its total payments were £50,728 (2023: £47,793), resulting in net receipts of -£4,985 (2023: £6,761).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year were £7,821 (2023: £19,885). This decrease is, in part, due to our not sending out reminders to churches for their donations. SWMC income was slightly down on 2022, probably due to when the funds reach our account as the number of ticket sales was similar.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £17,709, equivalent to around 26 students per term @ £225 per term. Bursary funds of £200 were used to offset costs for one attendee. Payments of £5,333 and staff costs of £17,371, totalling £22,704 resulted in net payments of -£4,795 (2023: £104) for the year. In addition, costs of £1,515.10 were incurred in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings, and £1,383.52 for IT services and subscriptions including £302.97 for a Fluro replacement project. The Development Officer cost this year was £11,187 (2023: £14,710). This decrease is due to the fact that Tom Underhill ended his employment and the replacement AD Taylor-Weekes only works 1 day and not 2.

South West Men's Convention ticket sales of £5,840 and direct costs of £2,429 resulted in a net surplus of £3,411. This was used to contribute to SWGP general funds. Women's Conference ticket sales of £10,908 and costs of £6,669 resulted in a surplus of £4,239. £1,000 was kept in general funds (£500 cross charge per conference) and the balance moved into restricted funds for the women's conferences (now at £8,195)


As at 31 August 2024 SWGP's cash funds were £10,316, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £913 (2023: £9,137), restricted funds for MTC Bursaries of £1207.97 (2023: £1,408) and restricted funds relating to the Women's Conference of £8,195 (2023: £4,956).

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs (*about £5,200 at current rates*), subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. **As at 31 August 2024 SWGP now holds sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy.**

### Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and		on	<u>11th June 2025</u>
Ian Lewis Chairman		Jenny Singh Secretary		Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2024

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total	2023 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	7,821	-	7,821	19,885
Grants	0	-	-	-
Ministry Training Course fees	17,709	-	17,709	17,605
South West Men's Convention income	5,840	-	5,840	7,707
MTC Bursary gifts	-	-	-	-
Women's Conference reserve transfer	-	-	-	-
Women's Conference income	7,669	3,239	10,908	6,819
Other Events income	3,015	-	3,015	2,538
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>42,054</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>45,293</b>	<b>54,554</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>				-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>42,054</b>	<b>3,239</b>	<b>45,293</b>	<b>54,554</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	2,100	-		3,325
Speakers	1,172	-		741
Printing, stationary, adverts, sundries	1,471	-		1,241
Refreshments	347	-		334
Book costs	242	-		
	<b>5,333</b>			<b>5,641</b>
SWGP staff costs (J Clark/C Ward)	17,371	-		12,233
SWGP staff costs (T Underhill & A T-W)	11,187	-		14,710
PAYE overpayment				368
SWGP Donations	300	-		600
SWGP partnership meetings	1,834	-		1,453
Women's Conference costs	6,669	-		5,043
South West Men's Convention costs	2,429	-		3,317
Other Events and overheads	5,155	-		4,428
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>50,278</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>47,793</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>				-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>50,278</b>	<b>-</b>		<b>47,793</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(8,224)</b>	<b>3,239</b>		<b>6,761</b>
Transfers between funds		(200)		-
Cash funds last year end	9,137	6,364	15,501	8,740
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>913</b>	<b>9,403</b>	<b>10,316</b>	<b>15,501</b>

# South West Gospel Partnership

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2024

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 31 August			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2024 Total	2023 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Lloyds Bank plc	<i>Total cash funds</i>	<b>913</b>	<b>9,403</b>	<b>10,316</b>	<b>15,501</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
PAYE overpayment		-	-	-	-
<b>Investment assets</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>					
Lenovo Ideapad (written off as obsolete)		-	-	-	-
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Supplier accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

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Ian Lewis  
Chairman

Date

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

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I report on the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership for the year ended 31 August 2024 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

Dominic Goode  
Independent Examiner  
48 Oolite Road  
Bath BA2 2UU

Signed: *Dominic Goode*  
Date: 11th June 2025

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# **South West Gospel Partnership**

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**for the year ended 31 August 2023**

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Mike Cain  
Simon Dowland  
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)  
Paul Mallard (resigned 30-11-22)  
John Martin (resigned 30-11-22)  
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Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary)  
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None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	D Goode 48 Oolite Road Bath BA2 2UU
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The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £215 per term for the 2022/23 academic year. With an increase in student enrollment over the previous few years (which had been impacted by Covid 19), the Course returned to covering costs. A bursary has also been established to further widen access to the course by offsetting fees for those unable to afford them.

#### ***South West Men's Convention***

The 2022 Men's Convention was an in-person conference held on Saturday 15th October 2022, with around 350 delegates attending at the St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford, Bristol. The main speakers were Adrian Reynolds and Jonathan Thomas, and feedback was very positive. The Convention covered costs as budgeted.

#### ***Other Activities***

##### ***Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences***

SWGP organises the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women. The 2023 Conferences were attended by over 550 women over the Bristol and Bath events. The main speaker was Anna Putt.

##### ***Study Days and Short Courses***

SWGP organises a number of Study Days and Short Courses at which content from the Ministry Training Course is delivered in alternative formats for those not able to attend the Thursday course. A short course was held in Bridgwater in November 2022, with teaching on Philemon, Ecclesiastes and Church Planting. An intensive morning of training for church leaders was held in January and a morning open to all on Enjoying the Psalms in May. The intensive morning format was well-received and we intent to repeat in 2024.

#### ***SOLID***

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. The SOLID Day event took place on Saturday 1st July and was attended by around 50 young people with their youth leaders. The price (£5) is intentionally set to be affordable to all.

#### **Public Benefit**

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### Financial Review

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Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. In October 2022, SWGP received a one-off donation from a closing charity disbursing proceeds from a building sale (£10,000). This allowed us to replenish our reserves to match the amount stipulated in our policy, and to make a one-off purchase of a new laptop for our administrator, to replace a failing one. The Training Course, owing to increased uptake, returned to covering costs (when adjustment is made for an overdue premises hire invoice covering 2021-2 fees).

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2023 were £54,553 (2022: £38,676), and its total payments were £47,425 (2022: £38,500), resulting in net receipts of £7,129 (2022: £176).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year were £9,885 (2022: £12,378). Event income was significantly increased on 2022, owing to the successful Saturday morning events and greater attendance at the Men's and Women's Conferences.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £17,605, equivalent to around 28 students per term @ £210 per term - some students were not able to complete the whole year (2022: £9,828). Bursary funds of £165 were used to offset costs for attendees on low-incomes. Payments of £17,873 resulted in net payments of £104 (2022: £5,935) for the year. However, this includes an overdue premises hire invoice covering previous years' costs, and omits an overdue overtime invoice. In addition, costs of £1,453 were incurred in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings, and £2,053 for IT services including Payroll services and a contact management database. The Development Officer employment contract was adjusted to 2 days per week; the total cost of this over the year was £14,710 (2022: £12,051).

South West Men's Convention ticket sales of £7,706 and direct costs of £3,316 resulted in a net surplus of £4,390. This was used to contribute to SWGP general funds. Women's Conference ticket sales of £6,819 and costs of £5,043 resulted in a surplus of £1,776, some of which contributed to general SWGP funds, and some of which was retained in restricted funds for the Women's Conference (current balance: £4,956).

As at 31 August 2023 SWGP's cash funds were £15,501, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £9,137 (2022: £2,986), restricted funds for MTC Bursaries of £1,408 (2022: £1,573) and restricted funds relating to the Women's Conference of £4,956 (2022: £4,180). £368 PAYE overpayment repayment was owed from HMRC.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs (about £7,000 at current rates), subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. As at 31 August 2023 SWGP now holds sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy.

### Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and	<u>A M Taylor-Weekes</u>	on	<u>18th April 2024</u>
Ian Lewis Chairman		Adrian Taylor-Weekes Secretary		Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2023

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total £	2022 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	19,885	-	19,885	12,378
Grants	0	-	-	5,000
Ministry Training Course fees	17,605	-	17,605	9,828
South West Men's Convention income	7,707	-	7,707	4,533
MTC Bursary gifts	-	-	-	1,573
Women's Conference reserve transfer	-	-	-	3,773
Women's Conference income	6,043	776	6,819	6,300
Other Events income	2,538	-	2,538	1,044
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>53,778</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>54,554</b>	<b>44,429</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>53,778</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>54,554</b>	<b>44,429</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	3,325	-	3,325	106
Speakers	741	-	741	1,045
Printing, stationary, adverts, sundries	1,241	-	1,241	629
Refreshments	334	-	334	369
	5,641	-	5,641	2,149
SWGP staff costs (J Clark/C Ward)	12,233	-	12,233	13,614
SWGP staff costs (T Underhill)	14,710	-	14,710	11,833
PAYE overpayment	368	-	368	-
SWGP Donations	600	-	600	500
SWGP partnership meetings	1,453	-	1,453	814
Women's Conference costs	5,043	-	5,043	4,093
South West Men's Convention costs	3,317	-	3,317	3,581
Other Events and overheads	4,428	-	4,428	1,916
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>47,793</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>47,793</b>	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>47,793</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>47,793</b>	<b>38,500</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>5,985</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>6,761</b>	<b>5,929</b>
Transfers between funds	0	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,152	5,588	8,740	2,811
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>9,137</b>	<b>6,364</b>	<b>15,501</b>	<b>8,740</b>

# South West Gospel Partnership

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2023

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

		As at 31 August			
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2023 Total	2022 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Lloyds Bank plc	<i>Total cash funds</i>	9,137	6,364	15,501	8,740
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
PAYE overpayment		-	-	368	-
<b>Investment assets</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>					
Lenovo Ideapad (written off as obsolete)		-	-	-	290
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Supplier accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

on

18th April 2024

Ian Lewis  
Chairman

Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

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I report on the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership for the year ended 31 August 2023 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

Dominic Goode  
Independent Examiner  
48 Oolite Road  
Bath BA2 2UU

Signed: **Dominic Goode**  
Date: **18th April 2024**

**SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1126798

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# **South West Gospel Partnership**

Charity number: 1126798

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2022**

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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2022

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership ("SWGP" or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2022.

### Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name</b>	South West Gospel Partnership
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1126798
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 19 November 2008
<b>Registered office</b>	SWGP c/o St Bartholomew's Church 1 King Edward Road Oldfield Park Bath BA2 3PB

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below:

Ian Lewis (Chairman)  
Mike Cain  
Simon Dowland  
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)  
Paul Mallard  
John Martin  
Spencer Shaw  
Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 20 Badminton Road Downend Bristol BS16 6BW
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	D Goode 48 Oolite Road Bath BA2 2UU
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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2022

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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### ***Governing Document***

SWGP is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 7 November 2008.

The Charity Commission granted SWGP registered charity status on 19 November 2008.

#### ***Organisational structure***

SWGP is governed by the Trustees who comprise ministers and members of evangelical churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 16 March 2022.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with SWGP.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which SWGP faces at each of their meetings. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels wherever possible.

### Objectives and Activities

The objective of SWGP is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through evangelism, ministry, theological education and the planting and restoration of church fellowships in accordance with its statements of belief.

During the year SWGP incurred staff costs for a part-time Ministry Training Course director, a part-time Development Officer, and a part-time administrator. SWGP also gratefully received voluntary assistance from individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of SWGP would be severely limited. The main activities of the Trust during the year are summarised below.

#### ***Partnership Meetings***

SWGP organises quarterly partnership meetings for ministers and Gospel workers from partnering churches, to encourage them through sharing, praying, welcoming visiting speakers and planning activities together.

#### ***Ministry Training Course ("MTC")***

The academic year 2021/2022 was SWGP's 16th year of its Ministry Training Course. As in previous years, during the year ended 31 August 2022, two year groups studied the Bible, learning how to teach it to others. Course student numbers were around twenty for the year. Students attended the MTC from many different churches spread across the South West with some travelling each week during term time. Students included pastors, church workers, apprentices, student workers, home group leaders, as well as church members who were able to take time off from work to come on the course, or who are retired.

## **South West Gospel Partnership**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2022**

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#### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

We are privileged to have many able Bible teachers in the area, and the teaching is shared by about 12-15 different speakers, including visiting national speakers from time to time. MTC offers three afternoon workshop tracks – one for experienced preachers, one for those who are less experienced at giving Bible talks, and one helping people to lead Bible studies. There is also a short course in Biblical Hebrew added on at the end of the day for those who wish to stay. Each year there are two tours of the British Museum and British Library to study items relating to the Bible.

The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £210 per term for the 2021/22 academic year. Owing to the reduced number of students compared to previous years, the course made a loss, which was covered by SWGP general funds and a small number of grants from charitable trusts, individuals and churches. The MTC uptake was impacted by ongoing effects of the Covid 19 pandemic, but trends for future enrollment are positive.

#### ***South West Men's Convention***

The 2021 Men's Convention was an in-person conference, having not been able to take place in person the previous year owing to Covid 19 restrictions. It was held on 9th October 2021, with around 300 delegates attending at the St Michael's Centre in Stoke Gifford, Bristol. The main speakers Julian Hardyman and Santhosh Thomas, and feedback was very positive. The Convention covered costs as budgeted.

#### ***Other Activities***

##### ***Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences***

SWGP organises the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women. The 2022 Conferences also returned in-person and were attended by over 500 women over the Bristol and Bath events. The main speaker was Charlotte Cornes.

##### ***Study Days and Short Courses***

SWGP organises a number of Study Days and Short Courses at which content from the Ministry Training Course is delivered in alternative formats for those not able to attend the Thursday course. An online course on Biblical principles for a Technological age was held online in January 22, and an in-person Study Day in April 22 entitled "12 Things God Can't Do" with author Nick Tucker. A new series of short online sessions entitled "ThinkFor50" was organised during 2021-22, with the Youtube videos having been viewed around 1000 times.

##### ***SOLID***

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. The SOLID Day event took place on Saturday 2nd July and was attended by around 50 young people with their youth leaders. The price (£5) is intentionally set to be affordable to all.

#### **Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. As set out in our objectives, the Trust exists for the benefit of individuals primarily in the South West region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion. Working closely with its partner churches, SWGP seeks to make its courses and events affordable to ensure that they are accessible to all.

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ended 31 August 2022

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### Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2022 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. SWGP's financial position was acceptable, in that a deficit from its Ministry Training Course was offset by increased receipts from church partner donations and a small number of one-off grants sought to cover this loss. The MTC intake for 22-3 registered during the year indicated that the Training course would return to a surplus next year.

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2022 were £38,676 (2021: £25,074), and its total payments were £38,500 (2021: £27,167), resulting in net receipts of £176 (2021: £2,093 payments).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year increased to £12,378 compared with £10,313 in the previous year. SWGP made a one off donation to the Sussex Gospel Partnership, a similar charity operating in Sussex. A one-off gift was received to set up a bursary to enable access to the Training Course for those unable to afford the fees, which is held in restricted funds.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £9,828 (equivalent to around 16 students per term @ £210 per term - some students were not able to complete the whole year). Payments of £15,763 resulted in net payments of £5,935 (2020: £2,740) for the year. However, this was offset by one-off grant funding of £5,000 to cover the shortfall caused by the impact of Covid 19 on MTC enrollment. In addition, costs of £814 were incurred in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings, and £1,291 for IT services including Zoom software, Payroll services and a contact management database. The Development Officer completed a whole year on part-time employment (previously contract basis), and the total cost of this over the year was £12,051.

South West Men's Convention ticket sales of £4,533 and direct costs of £2,453 resulted in a net surplus of £2,080. This was used to contribute to SWGP general funds. Women's Conference ticket sales of £6,299 and costs of £4,093 resulted in a surplus of £2,206, some of which contributed to general SWGP funds, and some of which was retained in restricted funds for the Women's Conference.

As at 31 August 2022 SWGP's cash funds were £8,740, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £2,986 (2021: £2,647), restricted funds for MTC Bursaries of £1,573 (2021: £0) and restricted funds relating to the Women's Conference of £4,180 (2021: £0). Additional restricted funds of £3,773 for the Women's Conferences were transferred in from a separate bank account which has been closed.

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. As at 31 August 2022 SWGP still did not hold sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy, but the situation had improved slightly since last year. The Trustees intend that further action should be taken over the 2022-3 year to increase the reserves, primarily retention of surplus intended to be generated by 2022-3 events and the Training Course, enrollment for which suggests will be cash-positive in 22-23.

### Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and	<u>A M Taylor-Weekes</u>	on	<u>18/09/2023</u>
Ian Lewis		Adrian Taylor-Weekes		Date
Chairman		Secretary		

## South West Gospel Partnership

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2022

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total £	2021 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	12,378	-	12,378	10,313
Grants	5,000	-	5,000	-
Ministry Training Course fees	9,828	-	9,828	13,380
South West Men's Convention income	4,533	-	4,533	431
MTC Bursary gifts	-	1,573	1,573	-
Women's Conference reserve transfer	-	3,773	3,773	-
Women's Conference income	5,893	407	6,300	-
Other Events income	1,044	-	1,044	950
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38,676</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>44,429</b>	<b>25,074</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>38,676</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>44,429</b>	<b>25,074</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	106	-	106	767
Speakers	1,045	-	1,045	600
Printing, stationary, adverts, sundries	629	-	629	974
Refreshments	369	-	369	27
	2,149	-	2,149	2,368
SWGP staff costs (J Clark/C Ward)	13,614	-	13,614	13,752
SWGP staff costs (T Underhill)	11,833	-	11,833	8,897
SWGP Donations	500	-	500	1,000
SWGP partnership meetings	814	-	814	319
Women's Conference costs	4,093	-	4,093	-
South West Men's Convention costs	3,581	-	3,581	486
Other Events and overheads	1,916	-	1,916	345
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,167</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,167</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>176</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>5,929</b>	<b>(2,093)</b>
Transfers between funds	0	0	-	-
Cash funds last year end	2,811		2,811	4,958
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,987</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>8,740</b>	<b>2,811</b>

# South West Gospel Partnership

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2022

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

			As at 31 August		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
		£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Lloyds Bank plc	<i>Total cash funds</i>	<u>2,987</u>	<u>5,753</u>	<u>8,740</u>	<u>2,811</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
PAYE overpayment		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Investment assets</b>		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>					
Lenovo Ideapad		<u>290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>290</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Supplier accounts not yet paid		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

on

18/09/2023

Ian Lewis  
Chairman

Date

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

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I report on the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership for the year ended 31 August 2022 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

Dominic Goode  
Independent Examiner  
48 Oolite Road  
Bath BA2 2UU

Signed: **Dominic Goode**

Date: **18/09/2023**

**SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1126798

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# **South West Gospel Partnership**

Charity number: 1126798

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2021**

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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2021

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership ("SWGP" or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2021.

### Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name</b>	South West Gospel Partnership
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1126798
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 19 November 2008
<b>Registered office</b>	SWGP c/o St Bartholomew's Church 1 King Edward Road Oldfield Park Bath BA2 3PB

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below:

Ian Lewis (Chairman)  
Mike Cain  
Simon Dowland  
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)  
Paul Mallard  
John Martin  
Spencer Shaw  
Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary)

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 20 Badminton Road Downend Bristol BS16 6BW
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	H C C Elsom 1 Oxford Row Bath BA1 2QN
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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2021

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### Structure, Governance and Management

#### ***Governing Document***

SWGPA is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 7 November 2008.

The Charity Commission granted SWGPA registered charity status on 19 November 2008.

#### ***Organisational structure***

SWGPA is governed by the Trustees who comprise ministers and members of evangelical churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 21 January 2021.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with SWGPA.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which SWGPA faces at each of their meetings. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels wherever possible.

### Objectives and Activities

The objective of SWGPA is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through evangelism, ministry, theological education and the planting and restoration of church fellowships in accordance with its statements of belief.

During the year SWGPA incurred staff costs for a part-time Ministry Training Course director and a part-time administrator. SWGPA also paid for professional management services and also gratefully received voluntary assistance from individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of SWGPA would be severely limited. The main activities of the Trust during the year are summarised below.

#### ***Partnership Meetings***

SWGPA organises quarterly partnership meetings for ministers and Gospel workers from partnering churches, to encourage them through sharing, praying, welcoming visiting speakers and planning activities together.

#### ***Ministry Training Course ("MTC")***

The academic year 2020/2021 was SWGPA's 15th year of its Ministry Training Course. As in previous years, during the year ended 31 August 2021, two year groups studied the Bible, learning how to teach it to others. Course student numbers were in the low twenties for the year. Students attended the MTC from many different churches spread across the South West with some travelling each week during term time. Students included pastors, church workers, apprentices, student workers, home group leaders, as well as church members who were able to take time off from work to come on the course, or who are retired.

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2021

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### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

We are privileged to have many able Bible teachers in the area, and the teaching is shared by about 12-15 different speakers, including visiting national speakers from time to time. MTC offers three afternoon workshop tracks – one for experienced preachers, one for those who are less experienced at giving Bible talks, and one helping people to lead Bible studies. There is also a short course in Biblical Hebrew added on at the end of the day for those who wish to stay. Each year there are two tours of the British Museum and British Library to study items relating to the Bible.

The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £210 per term for the 2020/21 academic year. Owing to the reduced number of students compared to previous years, the course made a loss, which was covered by SWGP general funds. Donations from partnering churches also assisted with MTC's operating costs. MTC and many SWGP events were adversely affected by the Covid 19 pandemic.

### ***South West Men's Convention***

The 2020 Men's Convention was not able to take place in person owing to Covid 19 restrictions. An online event was held instead on 17th October 2020 via Zoom, with Graham Daniels and Dave Gobbett speaking. A small charge was made for attendees; Men's Convention reserve funds were used to offset the organising costs.

### ***Other Activities***

#### ***Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences***

SWGP organises the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women. The 2021 Conferences were online owing to Covid 19, and the videos have been watched over 1000 times.

#### ***Study Days and Short Courses***

SWGP organises a number of Study Days and Short Courses at which content from the Ministry Training Course is delivered in alternative formats for those not able to attend the Thursday course. A study day on the Trinity was held on 9th July 2021 via Zoom, and an online evening course over three evenings in March 2021 on Ephesians and Christology was attended virtually by up to 150 people.

### ***SOLID***

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. Owing to Covid 19 restrictions, no in-person events took place in 2020-21, but Simon Dowland organised a number of online events for youth groups particularly in the Bristol area.

### **Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. As set out in our objectives, the Trust exists for the benefit of individuals primarily in the South West region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion. Working closely with its partner churches, SWGP seeks to make its courses and events affordable to ensure that they are accessible to all.

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

for the year ended 31 August 2021

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### Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2021 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. SWGP's financial position was acceptable, in that a deficit from its Ministry Training Course was offset by increased receipts from church partner donations. Events and income was also significantly effected by the Covid-19 pandemic. Investment has been made over the year towards increasing the MTC intake for 22-3 in order to return the Training course to covering costs.

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2021 were £25,074 (2020: £27,681), and its total payments were £27,167 (2020: £26,479), resulting in net payments of £2,093 (2020: £202 receipts).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year increased to £10,313 compared with £3,984 in the previous year. SWGP made one off donations to the nationwide initiative A Passion for Life, and to the Sussex Gospel Partnership, a similar charity operating in Sussex.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £13,380. This comprised receipts of £1,060 from MTC Expositions and MTC Lite and £12,320 from the MTC course (equivalent to around 20 students per term @ £210 per term - some students were not able to complete the whole year). Payments of £16,120, including £13,752 relating to SWGP staff costs resulted in net payments of £2,740 (2020: £1,473 net receipts) for the year. In addition, costs of £319 were incurred in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings, and £203 for IT services including Zoom software, Payroll services and a contact management database. In April 2021, the Operations Manager moved from working a contract basis to a part-time permanent employment contract, the total cost of this employment over the year was £6,930.

South West Men's Convention (online) ticket sales of £431 and costs of £2,453 resulted in a net cost of £2,022. This was offset by using the Men's Convention restricted funds of £1,919.

As at 31 August 2021 SWGP's cash funds were £2647, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £2647 (2020: £3,039), PAYE overpayment credit of £218, and restricted funds relating to the Men's Convention of £0 (2020: £1,919).

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. Given the addition of a further part-time employee, and the reduction in General Funds due to deficit in the year, as at 31 August 2021 SWGP did not hold sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy. The Trustees therefore intend that action should be taken over the 2021-2 year to increase the reserves, including applications to grant funding bodies, appeal to church and individual partners for increased giving, and retention of surplus intended to be generated by 2021-2 events.

### Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and	<u>A M Taylor-Weekes</u>	on	<u>27th June 2022</u>
Ian Lewis Chairman		Adrian Taylor-Weekes Secretary		Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2021

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total £	2020 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	10,313	-	10,313	3,984
Ministry Training Course fees	13,380	-	13,380	19,405
South West Men's Convention income	-	431	431	3,631
Other Events income	950	-	950	661
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,643</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>25,074</b>	<b>27,681</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24,643</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>25,074</b>	<b>27,681</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	767	-	767	2,100
Speakers	600	-	600	955
Printing	416	-	416	297
Stationery	24	-	24	159
Advertising	290	-	290	330
Refreshments	27	-	27	436
Books and sundry items	244	-	244	250
	2,368	-	2,368	4,527
SWGP staff costs (J Clark/C Ward)	13,752	-	13,752	13,405
SWGP staff costs (T Underhill)	6,930	1,967	8,897	4,752
SWGP Donations	1,000	-	1,000	-
SWGP partnership meetings	319	-	319	629
South West Men's Convention costs	-	486	486	3,798
Other Events and overheads	345	-	345	368
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,714</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>27,167</b>	<b>27,479</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>24,714</b>	<b>2,453</b>	<b>27,167</b>	<b>27,479</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>(71)</b>	<b>(2,022)</b>	<b>(2,093)</b>	<b>202</b>
Transfers between funds	(103)	103	-	-
Cash funds last year end	3,039	1,919	4,958	4,765
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,865</b>	<b>4,958</b>

# South West Gospel Partnership

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2021

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

			As at 31 August	
	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2021 Total	2020 Total
	£	£	£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>				
Lloyds Bank plc				
	<i>Total cash funds</i>			
	<u>2,647</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,647</u>	<u>4,958</u>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>				
PAYE overpayment	-	-	218	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>218</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Investment assets</b>	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>				
Lenovo Ideapad	290	-	290	290
	<u>290</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>290</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Supplier accounts not yet paid	-	-	-	-
	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

on

27th June 2022

Ian Lewis  
Chairman

Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

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I report on the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership for the year ended 31 August 2020 which are set out on pages 5 and 6.

#### Respective responsibilities of trustees and examiner

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year under section 144 of the Charities Act 2011 ("the Charities Act") and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention 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 financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

H C C Elsom  
Independent Examiner  
1 Oxford Row  
Bath BA1 2QN

Signed: H C C Elsom

Date: 21 June 2022

**SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP**

England & Wales - Charity number 1126798

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# Accounts

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# **South West Gospel Partnership**

Charity number: 1126798

## **Trustees' Report and Financial Statements**

**for the year ended 31 August 2020**

# South West Gospel Partnership

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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020

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The Trustees are pleased to present their report and the financial statements of South West Gospel Partnership ("SWGP" or "the Trust") for the year ended 31 August 2020.

### Reference and Administrative Information

<b>Charity name</b>	South West Gospel Partnership
<b>Charity registered number</b>	1126798
<b>Status</b>	Trust Registered as a charity with effect from 19 November 2008
<b>Registered office</b>	SWGP c/o St Bartholomew's Church 1 King Edward Road Oldfield Park Bath BA2 3PB

### Trustees

The names of the Trustees who served during the year and up to the date of this report are set out below:

Ian Lewis (Chairman)	
Mike Cain	
Simon Dowland	
Paul Everingham	Resigned 21 January 2021
Tim Howlett (Treasurer)	
Douglas Johnson	
Paul Mallard	
John Martin	
Spencer Shaw	
Adrian Taylor-Weekes (Secretary)	

None of the Trustees has any beneficial interest in the Trust and all served without remuneration in their capacity as Trustees.

<b>Bankers</b>	Lloyds Bank 20 Badminton Road Downend Bristol BS16 6BW
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<b>Independent Examiner</b>	P E Hodges CPFA 74 Cottrell Road Bristol BS5 6TN
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# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020

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### **Structure, Governance and Management**

#### ***Governing Document***

SWGPP is a registered charity governed in accordance with its Declaration of Trust made on 7 November 2008.

The Charity Commission granted SWGPP registered charity status on 19 November 2008.

#### ***Organisational structure***

SWGPP is governed by the Trustees who comprise ministers and members of evangelical churches from across the South West region of England. The Trustees meet at least twice a year to set policy and review the activities of the Trust. The annual general meeting of the Trustees was held on 21 January 2021.

#### ***Recruitment and appointment of Trustees***

Trustees are nominated and appointed by a vote of the existing Trustees and may serve for a period of up to five years after which time they are eligible for re-appointment. None of the Trustees receive remuneration or any other benefit from their work with SWGPP.

#### ***Risk Management***

The Trustees examine the major strategic and operational risks which SWGPP faces at each of their meetings. They seek to manage and mitigate these risks within acceptable levels wherever possible.

### **Objectives and Activities**

The objective of SWGPP is to advance the Christian faith for the benefit of the public, in particular but not exclusively through evangelism, ministry, theological education and the planting and restoration of church fellowships in accordance with its statements of belief.

During the year SWGPP incurred staff costs for a part-time Ministry Training Course director and a part-time administrator. SWGPP also paid for professional management services and also gratefully received voluntary assistance from individuals and partnership churches, without which the effectiveness of SWGPP would be severely limited. The main activities of the Trust during the year are summarised below.

#### ***Partnership Meetings***

SWGPP organises quarterly partnership meetings for ministers and Gospel workers from partnering churches, to encourage them through sharing, praying, welcoming visiting speakers and planning activities together.

#### ***Ministry Training Course ("MTC")***

The academic year 2019/2020 was SWGPP's 14th year of its Ministry Training Course. As in previous years, during the year ended 31 August 2020, two year groups studied the Bible, learning how to teach it to others. Course student numbers were in the high twenties for the year. Students attended the MTC from many different churches spread across the South West with some travelling each week during term time. Students included pastors, church workers, apprentices, student workers, home group leaders, as well as church members who were able to take time off from work to come on the course, or who are retired.

## **South West Gospel Partnership**

### **REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020**

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#### **Objectives and Activities (continued)**

We are privileged to have many able Bible teachers in the area, and the teaching is shared by about 12-15 different speakers, including visiting national speakers from time to time. MTC offers three afternoon workshop tracks – one for experienced preachers, one for those who are less experienced at giving Bible talks, and one helping people to lead Bible studies. There is also a short course in Biblical Hebrew added on at the end of the day for those who wish to stay. Each year there are two tours of the British Museum and British Library to study items relating to the Bible.

The MTC course was largely funded from student fees received during the year, which were set at £200 per term for the 2019/20 academic year. A reduced rate was charged for the third MTC term which was delivered online due to Covid-19 restrictions. Donations from partnering churches also assisted with MTC's operating costs.

#### ***South West Men's Convention***

The 2019 Men's Convention entitled "Behold the Man" took place at St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, Bristol, on 12 October 2019 with invited speakers Jonty Allcock and Daf Meirion-Jones.

#### ***Other Activities***

##### ***Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences***

SWGP organises the Bristol and Bath Women's Conferences, an annual conference day for women held in the South West region of England. The 2020 Bristol conference entitled "Victorious Jesus: Christ our Hope in the Battles of Life" with guest speaker Andrea Trevenna went ahead as planned on 7 March 2020 however the Bath conference had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

##### ***Biblical Counselling***

SWGP continues to partner with Biblical Counselling UK to provide training in Bath for the certificate programme in biblical counselling.

##### ***Cornhill Teaching Day***

SWGP organises an annual one-day conference held in association with the Proclamation Trust. On 15 January 2020 delegates attended the course in Bath designed to develop their Bible-handling skills.

##### ***SOLID***

SWGP organises fun and interactive teaching days for children and young adults aged 11-18 and their youth leaders. A Solid Night planned for 20 March 2020 unfortunately had to be cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions.

#### **Public Benefit**

In setting objectives and planning activities, the Trustees have given due consideration to general guidance published by the Charity Commission relating to public benefit. As set out in our objectives, the Trust exists for the benefit of individuals primarily in the South West region of England through the promotion and advancement of the evangelical protestant Christian religion. Working closely with its partner churches, SWGP seeks to make its courses and events affordable to ensure that they are accessible to all.

# South West Gospel Partnership

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES for the year ended 31 August 2020

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### Financial Review

The financial statements of the Trust for the year ended 31 August 2020 have been prepared on a receipts and payments basis and should be reviewed in conjunction with this Trustee Report.

Income is derived primarily from charges for events and training courses, and also through donations from partner churches and individuals. Expenditure includes staff costs and costs associated with running events and training courses. SWGP's financial position remained acceptable, despite it recording a deficit from its Ministry Training Course and as a result of increased SWGP management and partnership-related costs.

SWGP's total receipts in the year ended 31 August 2020 were £27,681 (2019: £20,659), and its total payments were £27,479 (2019: £30,267), resulting in net receipts of £202 (2019: £9,608 net payments).

Gifts and donations received from churches and individuals during the year increased to £3,984 compared with £3,072 in the previous year.

Ministry Training Course receipts were £19,405. This comprised receipts of £1,145 from MTC Expositions and MTC Lite and £18,260 from the MTC course (equivalent to 30 students per term @ £200 per term). Payments of £17,932, including £13,405 relating to SWGP staff costs resulted in net receipts of £1,473 (2019: £5,399 net payments) for the year. In addition, costs of £4,752 were incurred in relation to SWGP's Operations Manager and £629 in relation to SWGP's partnership meetings.

South West Men's Convention ticket sales of £3,631 and costs of £4,498 resulted in a net cost of £867. Other Events income comprised SWGP's SOLID events and the Cornhill Teaching Day income, which overall recorded net receipts of £293 (2019: £186 net receipt).

As at 31 August 2020 SWGP's cash funds were £4,958, comprising unrestricted General Funds of £3,039 (2019: £1,970) and restricted funds relating to the SWGP Men's Convention of £1,919 (2019: £2,786).

### Reserves Policy

The Trustees are committed to maintaining a level of reserves for General Funds that will cover at least three months' staff costs, subject to sufficient funding being available to achieve this, while not hampering the ongoing development of the SWGP's activities. As at 31 August 2020 the Trustees agreed that SWGP held sufficient General Funds in respect of its stated Reserves Policy.

### Declaration

The Trustees' Report was approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

<u>I R Lewis</u>	and	<u>A M Taylor-Weekes</u>	on	<u>21 January 2021</u>
Ian Lewis Chairman		Adrian Taylor-Weekes Secretary		Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2020

#### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2020 Total £	2019 Total £
<b>Receipts</b>				
Gifts and donations	3,984	-	3,984	3,072
Ministry Training Course fees	19,405	-	19,405	13,700
South West Men's Convention income	-	3,631	3,631	3,255
Other Events income	661	-	661	632
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>24,050</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>27,681</b>	<b>20,659</b>
<b>Asset and investment sales, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total receipts</b>	<b>24,050</b>	<b>3,631</b>	<b>27,681</b>	<b>20,659</b>
<b>Payments</b>				
Ministry Training Course costs				
Room hire	2,100	-	2,100	2,100
Speakers	955	-	955	1,523
Printing	297	-	297	569
Stationery	159	-	159	82
Advertising	330	-	330	639
Refreshments	436	-	436	866
Books and sundry items	250	-	250	325
	4,527	-	4,527	6,104
SWGP staff costs	13,405	-	13,405	12,995
SWGP management costs	4,052	700	4,752	7,276
SWGP partnership meetings	629	-	629	567
South West Men's Convention costs	-	3,798	3,798	2,879
Other Events costs	368	-	368	446
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>22,981</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>27,479</b>	<b>30,267</b>
<b>Asset and investment purchases, etc.</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Total payments</b>	<b>22,981</b>	<b>4,498</b>	<b>27,479</b>	<b>30,267</b>
<b>Net receipts / (payments)</b>	<b>1,069</b>	<b>(867)</b>	<b>202</b>	<b>(9,608)</b>
Transfers between funds	-	-	-	-
Cash funds last year end	1,970	2,786	4,756	14,364
<b>Cash funds this year end</b>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>4,958</b>	<b>4,756</b>

# South West Gospel Partnership

## RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS for the year ended 31 August 2020

### STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

			As at 31 August		
		Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	2020	2019
		£	£	Total	Total
				£	£
<b>Cash funds</b>					
Lloyds Bank plc	<i>Total cash funds</i>	<b>3,039</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>4,958</b>	<b>4,756</b>
<b>Other monetary assets</b>					
Ministry Training Course fees recoverable		-	-	-	50
<b>Investment assets</b>					
		-	-	-	-
<b>Assets retained for the charity's own use</b>					
Lenovo Ideapad		290	-	290	290
<b>Liabilities</b>					
Supplier accounts not yet paid		-	-	-	-
		-	-	-	-

The financial statements were approved by the Trustees and signed on their behalf by:

I R Lewis

on

21 January 2021

Ian Lewis  
Chairman

Date

## South West Gospel Partnership

### REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT EXAMINER TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE SOUTH WEST GOSPEL PARTNERSHIP

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It is my responsibility to:

- examine the financial statements 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 financial statements presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements, and seeking explanations from the 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 financial statements 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 matters have come to my attention which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect:

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- the financial statements did not accord with the accounting records; or
- the financial statements did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of financial statements set out in the Charities (financial statements and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the financial statements give a 'true and fair' view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

I 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 financial statements to be reached.

P E Hodges CPFA  
Independent Examiner  
74 Cottrell Road  
Bristol BS5 6TN

Signed: *P E Hodges*  
Date: *21 January 2021*