

ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING – 2025

REPORTS 2024

Revitalisation

The possibility of an exercise to "revitalise" DREC was first suggested several years ago. The exercise was being led by Partnership, now merged with Counties, both organisations being closely associated with the Church Growth Trust, our building Trustees.

Progress has been slow, due principally to resource issues within Partnership/Counties — the "Project Coordinator" in the North West of England is on his own, and only works 3 days each week for Counties.

Church Health Check

The Church Health Check was completed early last year, with input from members of the Fellowship, and the Project Coordinator's report received and circulated to members of the Fellowship. The report was comprehensive, with analysis of our strengths and weaknesses, and was discussed at a specially convened meeting of the Fellowship. A number of recommendations were made, some of which are being followed through.

Vision and Mission Statement

The Vision and Mission Statements have been prepared and been communicated to the Fellowship. A plaque has been prepared and is displayed in the foyer, they are also displayed on the notice board outside, on the front of the Church building.

Dunelm Café Group

A group of 3 to 5 of us have been meeting weekly on Monday mornings from 10.30 to 11.30 for fellowship (including coffee/cakes) and Bible Study. It is now apparent that we have been "noticed" although we have not, as yet, been approached by any other patrons of the café.

On Monday 11th we gave out invitations to our Quiz Night, although there was no response. On Monday 25th we gave out copies of booklet, 'Why Easter?', which were mostly well received.

Leadership and Culture

Among the Coordinator's observations were issues relating to Leadership and Culture. He offered to help us in this regard, and is coming to talk about these matters on a Sunday in June.

Assistance from other local Evangelical Churches

The Associate Pastor at Emmanuel, Northwich, and the Senior Pastor at City Church, Manchester, have both been approached for advice and assistance.

Samaritan's Purse

Clean Water Project (Turn on the tap)

Samaritans Purse Clean Water Project. We are so thankful, once again, for all those who donated their small change to our water bottle. Over the past year we collected, and sent £49.17. Samaritans Purse are always very grateful for all the donations, so they can provide safe water for so many people, who would otherwise have to drink dirty water. Thousands of people die each year from diseases caused by dirty water. As well as providing wells, rainwater tanks, and BIOS and water filters, Samaritans Purse also provide health and hygiene education. "As our teams work in crisis areas of the world, people often ask, "Why did you come?" The answer is always the same: "We have come to help you in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ." Our ministry is all about Jesus—first, last, and always. As the Apostle Paul said, "For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake." 2 Corinthians 4:5 (ESV).

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child. A big thank you to all who filled a shoebox with gifts for the children. We delivered 22 boxes to the local collection point. From the cash donations we also received, we were able to make up 3 boxes online, with a donation for the Greatest Journey. After receiving a shoebox gift, children have the opportunity to enrol in The Greatest Journey - 12 fun and interactive Bible lessons, where they get the chance to discover who Jesus is and how to begin their own journey of faith. So, once again, thank you so much for your support.

Take-A-Break report

It continued to be a pleasure to meet with our TAB ladies on Wednesday mornings during the three school terms

in 2024. Numbers, only significantly dropping due to wintry weather, resulted in an average attendance of 14 ladies each week plus team members. No change of team members from 2023 which is encouraging. Two others come when free and are a blessing to the group.

We were grateful for speakers connected to the church. A church member helped us take part in Samaritan's Purse shoebox project. Outside speakers came from The Sweet Pea Society, Age UK and we tasted foods from Australia.

The Autumn Fayre raised £175 including an uplift from sale of greetings cards. The Summer Fayre raised £147. All funds went into our Mission Action account. From this and our takings and gifts we supported a child through World Vision each month and donated

£200 to Leprosy Mission

£200 to Trafford Youth For Christ

£200 to Renewal North West

£200 to Christians Against Poverty.

We provided a lunch at the end of each term. Thank you to all who helped by both generous giving and effort. We met for 'coffee in the lounge' during July and August, always a good time for sharing together with the ladies.

We were encouraged by the good support from the ladies for Easter and Christmas services, Harvest Supper, Quiz nights and a special favourite the good Friday meal and a member's loving and delicious hospitality. It continues to be difficult to get more ladies to attend our regular Sunday services

Thank you to church members for faithful continued prayer that God will bless our witness of his love in word and deed, and bring many to trust Jesus as their Saviour.

MISSION AID

The Mission Aid Fund is funded by the sale of goods and preserves during the year. This enables us to meet the cost of sponsorship of a child in Ethiopia, Africa. It also helps towards the cost of sending the boxes of baby packs and hygiene packs to Christian Mission International Aid (CMIAID) in Moldova. All the items are donated, and our sincere thanks to all who have contributed.

DEACONS

Over the past year we have continued to address some of the requirements of the trustees' survey, most recently the new ramp and replacement fire exit door.

We've had a few events during the year. The quiz nights have been well received, and special thanks for the hard work in organising these. It was particularly encouraging to see a few new faces at the most recent one. We also had a musical evening, and hope to organise another musical evening this autumn. We would like to thank you all for your prayers and support over the past year. Particular thanks go to those involved for letting people into the church and locking up throughout the year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The year 2024 accounts have again been audited by a former member of the church to whom we are very grateful for his assistance and we did this year send a gift to his church for completing this task. Receipts for the year 2024 were back to the more normal annual amount after the great increase in 2023 due to a member's very substantial gift of £50,000. General Fund expenditure for the year was very similar to 2023, due to more capital expenditure as specified in the Deacon's report.

Again, owing to very generous gifts to the Missionary Fund and the gift to the Special Missionary Fund, payments to missionaries and missionary organizations amounted to £5590. In additions there were donations and gifts made from the General Fund amounting to £3293. The Mission Aid Account shows a healthy balance with the help of a transfer of funds from 'Take A Break'.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

I again wish to start by thanking all those who give so much of their time and energy in serving the Lord in the church, in spiritual service and also in practical matters which have to be attended to in order for the church to be maintained and services to be conducted safely and successfully. We are truly very grateful and thank you all for your ministries.

We are always pleased to welcome new people as members of the church, so it was great to welcome a new couple. Others came for a week or so, but did not continue in coming. Another couple have now moved to the North East to be near family and we appreciated all the help they gave to the fellowship while they were with us. The number of those attending on a Sunday morning has increased slightly, although there are some Sundays when numbers fluctuate with new people visiting the church and members away or unwell.

We had great time of fellowship on Good Friday and Easter Day services, when we commemorated the

Saviour's death and rejoiced in a living Lord Jesus on Easter Sunday.

Christmas was celebrated with a Carols by Candlelight service which took place on Sunday morning 22nd December. There were about 30 people present, church members and a number of women from the Wednesday 'Take-A-Break', and other visitors. There were carols, readings, a DVD drama, with the meaning of Christmas explained at the conclusion. Coffee, tea and mince pies were then served.

May we all experience the Lord's continual blessing on all that we seek to do for His glory in the coming year. We particularly pray that the Lord will provide all the resources we need especially families with children and mature Christians to assist with the leadership of the church.

Devonshire Road Evangelical Church
Accounts for the year ended 31st December 2024

GRAND TOTAL

	General Fund	Missionary Fund	Mission Aid Fund	Special Fund Deacons	Special Missionary Fund	Total 2024	Total 2023
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Receipts	26,289.10	3,190.00	576.20	0.00	0.00	30,055.30	77,584.40
Payments	(22,347.99)	(5,590.00)	(423.60)	(370.79)	(1,500.00)	(30,232.38)	(38,463.20)
Net receipts	3,941.11	(2,400.00)	152.60	(370.79)	(1,500.00)	(177.08)	39,121.20
Transfers	0.00	2,400.00	0.00	0.00	(2,400.00)	0.00	0.00
Opening balance	17,647.54	0.00	220.94	29,088.64	8,000.00	54,957.12	15,835.92
Closing balance	21,588.65	0.00	373.54	28,717.85	4,100.00	54,780.04	54,957.12

RECONCILIATION

Bank Account	Lloyds Banking Group Current Account	1,000.00	1,000.00
	Lloyds Banking Group Treasurers Account	3,914.15	3,174.25
	Lloyds Savings Account	18,618.83	20,372.87
	Lloyds Fixe Term Deposit	30,523.56	30,000.00
	Santander Current Account	115.00	210.00
Cash in hand		608.50	200.00
Total bank & cash		54,780.04	54,957.12

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

I report to the trustees on the accounts of Devonshire Road Evangelical Church for the year ended 31 December 2024, which are set out on pages 1 to 6.

Basis of Independent Examiner's report

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the church and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the financial statements and seeking explanations concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the financial statements.

Independent Examiner's statement

In connection with my examination of the church funds, nothing came to my attention which gave me cause to believe otherwise than that the financial statements accord with the accounting records of the church. I am not aware of any matter to which attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the financial statements to be reached.

Signed by the Independent Examiner:



Name and address of the Independent Examiner:

Colin Watts FCMA, 48 St Andrews Close, Fearnhead, Warrington, Cheshire, WA2 0EJ.

12 April 2025

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GENERAL FUND		2024	2023
		£	£
RECEIPTS			
1	Gift Aid	10,562.52	12,592.52
2	Non Gift Aid	2,760.00	2,760.00
3	Offering Box	2,829.00	2,444.00
4	Tax from Gift Aid	2,354.06	1,032.99
5	Other Gifts		
	Amazon Smile	0.00	26.17
	Auditing Accounts - Ford's Lane	1,000.00	500.00
	Maureen Davies' Funeral	0.00	100.00
6	Other Income		
	Bank interest	769.52	372.87
	Building Rental	5,321.00	3,850.00
	Music Evening	283.00	0.00
	Polling Station	320.00	150.00
	Quiz night	90.00	0.00
	Total Income	26,289.10	23,828.55
PAYMENTS			
1	Bank Charges	0.00	68.24
2	Capital Items	6,889.91	6,845.78
3	Church Activities	2,707.20	1,589.34
4	Donations & Gifts	3,293.00	3,055.00
5	Fire Training Course	0.00	274.80
6	General Running Expenses	6,332.01	5,700.97
7	Repairs & Maintenance	2,377.15	3,088.81
8	Subscriptions & Licenses	748.72	723.30
	Total Payments	22,347.99	21,346.24
	Transfer to missionary fund	0.00	(400.00)
	Net Receipts	3,941.11	2,082.31
	Opening Balance	17,647.54	15,565.23
	Closing Balance	21,588.65	17,647.54

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GENERAL FUND PAYMENT DETAILS		2024	2023
		£	£
BANK CHARGES			
1	Transfer Fees	0.00	68.24
		0.00	68.24
CAPITAL ITEMS			
1	Architectural Services	480.00	0.00
2	Basement Sump & Pump	457.81	0.00
3	Building Improvements	0.00	5,915.00
4	Cupboards for Lounge	409.00	0.00
5	Gas Boiler	3,486.00	0.00
6	Fire Equipment	2,057.10	0.00
7	Fire Risk Assessment	0.00	540.00
8	Poster	0.00	70.20
9	Electrical Testing & Repairs	0.00	320.58
		6,889.91	6,845.78
CHURCH ACTIVITIES			
1	Annual Church Meeting Meal	0.00	19.99
2	Bibles/ Books/ Study Materials	64.20	236.00
3	Literature	228.00	0.00
4	Musical Evening	500.00	0.00
5	Outreach Literature	125.00	125.00
6	Revitalisation Expenses	400.00	0.00
7	Speakers Expenses	1,290.00	1,185.00
8	Sunday Club	0.00	23.35
9	Travelling Expenses	100.00	0.00
		2,707.20	1,589.34
DONATIONS AND GIFTS			
1	Adopt-A-Child	0.00	100.00
2	British Youth For Christ	180.00	180.00
3	Donation for Bibles	120.00	0.00
4	Echoes International	20.00	0.00
5	Manchester City Mission	283.00	0.00
6	Maritime Christian Ministries	100.00	100.00
7	Medical Missionary News	0.00	200.00
8	Outreach UK	0.00	100.00
9	Slavic Gospel Association	100.00	100.00
10	SportsReach	0.00	100.00
11	Trafford Youth For Christ	2,400.00	2,175.00
12	Trafford Youth For Christ quiz night	90.00	0.00
		3,293.00	3,055.00
EDUCATION			
1	Fire Training Course	0.00	274.80
		0.00	274.80
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GENERAL FUND PAYMENT DETAILS -continued		2024	2023
		£	£
GENERAL RUNNING EXPENSES			
1	Administration CGT	160.00	160.00
2	Advertisement	250.00	0.00
3	Chief Rent	8.00	8.00
4	Cleaning	157.50	185.92
5	Communion Cups	0.00	27.41
6	Communion Wine	70.75	0.00
7	Electricity	1,006.93	741.61
8	Gas	1,794.18	1,765.17
9	Hand towels	105.55	0.00
10	Insurance	1,246.16	1,169.86
11	Kitchen Towels	11.75	0.00
12	Poster & Leaflets	176.34	74.28
13	Telephone	672.59	864.60
14	Toilet Rolls	41.01	19.00
15	Water	465.78	579.41
16	Web Hosting & Domain Name	105.53	45.77
17	Web SSL Certificate	59.94	59.94
		6,332.01	5,700.97
REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE			
1	Basement Sump & Pump Maintenance	560.80	516.00
2	Electrical PAT Tests	84.15	86.70
3	Emergency Light Testing	175.00	0.00
4	Fire Alarm Repairs	0.00	652.42
5	Fire Alarm Service	242.22	0.00
6	Fire Equipment Service	120.00	154.20
7	Fire Risk Assessment	540.00	0.00
8	Gas Boiler Repairs	139.50	197.09
9	Gas Boiler Service	0.00	92.40
10	Light Bulbs	15.48	0.00
11	Lock & Keys	360.00	0.00
12	Piano Tuning	140.00	150.00
13	Roof Repairs	0.00	1,240.00
		2,377.15	3,088.81
SUBSCRIPTIONS & LICENSES			
1	Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service	150.00	145.00
2	Christian Copyright Licensing	436.72	416.30
3	Evangelical Alliance	80.00	80.00
4	Find A Church	22.00	22.00
5	Network	60.00	60.00
		748.72	723.30
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENSES		22,347.99	21,346.24

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MISSIONARY GIVING		2024	2023
		£	£
RECEIPTS			
1	General donations	2,400.00	2,400.00
2	Gifts received for:		
	Andre Furmanov	100.00	100.00
	John & Beryl Van den Hogen	0.00	100.00
	Sierra Leone	0.00	256.00
	TEAR Fund	40.00	90.00
3	Offering Box	190.00	366.00
4	Tax from Gift Aid	25.00	175.00
5	Harvest celebration	300.00	0.00
6	Quiz night	135.00	0.00
		3,190.00	3,487.00
MONTHLY PAYMENTS			
1	January John & Beryl van den Hogen	440.00	411.00
2	February Far Eastern Broadcasting Association	410.00	345.00
3	March TEAR Fund	875.00	385.00
4	April Andre Furmanov	545.00	635.00
5	May Rob & Janet Dann	410.00	430.00
6	June Trafford Good news for everyone	400.00	460.00
7	July Hannah Coombes	430.00	400.00
8	August Echoes of Service	400.00	460.00
9	September Lifewords	420.00	400.00
10	October SAT-7	430.00	465.00
11	November The Bible Society	420.00	410.00
12	December Seamen's Christian Friend Society	410.00	400.00
		5,590.00	5,201.00
OTHER PAYMENTS			
1	Sierra Leone	0.00	256.00
2	TEAR Fund	0.00	30.00
		0.00	286.00
TOTAL PAYMENTS		5,590.00	5,487.00
Total Income		3,190.00	3,487.00
Total Payments		(5,590.00)	(5,487.00)
Transfer from General Fund		0.00	400.00
Transfer from Special Missionary Fund		2,400.00	1,600.00
Net Receipts		0.00	0.00
Opening Balance		0.00	0.00
Closing Balance		0.00	0.00

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MISSION AID FUND	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
1 Sale of Preserves	101.20	145.35
Other income		
1 Autumn Fayre	175.00	0.00
2 Take A Break Gift	300.00	123.50
Total Receipts	576.20	268.85
Payments		
1 Sponsorship of Oumarou & Nana	0.00	205.20
2 Sponsorship of Dubai	273.60	68.40
3 Food Parcels	120.00	0.00
4 Donation - Children's Education	30.00	45.00
Total Payments	423.60	318.60
Net Receipts	152.60	(49.75)
Opening Balance	220.94	270.69
Closing Balance	373.54	220.94

SPECIAL FUND - DEACONS	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
1 Stewardship	0.00	39,000.00
2 Individual	0.00	1,000.00
Total Receipts	0.00	40,000.00
Payments		
1 Buffalo Pie Cabinet	370.79	0.00
2 Car Park Resurfacing	0.00	10,386.00
3 A4 Literature Rack	0.00	179.88
4 Noticeboard	0.00	345.48
Total Payments	370.79	10,911.36
Net Receipts	(370.79)	29,088.64
Opening Balance	29,088.64	0.00
Closing Balance	28,717.85	29,088.64

SPECIAL MISSIONARY FUND	2024	2023
	£	£
Receipts		
1 Stewardship	0.00	9,500.00
2 Individual	0.00	500.00
Total Receipts	0.00	10,000.00
Payments		
1 Greg Hanley Bible purchases	300.00	0.00
2 Renewal NW	200.00	0.00
3 Revival Movement Assoc.	200.00	0.00
4 Share Africa	400.00	200.00
5 Shared Hope	400.00	200.00
Total Payments	1,500.00	400.00
Net Receipts	(1,500.00)	9,600.00
Opening Balance	8,000.00	0.00
Transfer to Missionary Aid Fund	(2,400.00)	(1,600.00)
Closing Balance	4,100.00	8,000.00

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