

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

England & Wales · Charity number 1129261

Details

Status Registered

Legal form CIO

Registered 2009-04-22

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Activities

Objects: THE OBJECTS OF THE CHARITY ARE:3.1 TO ADVANCE CHRISTIANITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATEMENT OF BELIEFS IN THE COUNTY OF DORSET AND SUCH OTHER PARTS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE WORLD AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DECIDE;3.2 RELIEVE PERSONS WHO ARE IN NEED BY REASON OF SICKNESS OR POOR HEALTH, DISABILITY, AGE, OPPRESSION, FINANCIAL HARDSHIP OR SUCH OTHER ECONOMIC OR SOCIAL DISADVANTAGE IN SUCH WAYS AS THE TRUSTEES THINK FIT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE PROVISION OF ADVICE AND THE PROMOTION OF GOOD PRACTICES AND PROVISION OF RESOURCES TO COMBAT SUCH NEEDS OR CONDITIONS; AND3.3 TO PROMOTE SUCH OTHER CHARITABLE OBJECTS AS THE TRUSTEES MAY FROM TIME TO TIME DETERMINE.

Activities: We are a group of ordinary people living and working in North Dorset believing and trusting in an extraordinary God, who has changed our lives for the better and continues to be involved with each of us as individuals and as a community. The church is a community of people who relate to one another, through their common love of Jesus. It is not a building or an organisation.

Classification

- **How:** Provides Services
- **What:** Education/training, The Advancement Of Health Or Saving Of Lives, The Prevention Or Relief Of Poverty, Religious Activities
- **Who:** The General Public/mankind

Geography

- **Area of benefit:** DORSET
- Dorset
- Somerset
- Wiltshire

Finances

Period end	Income	Expenditure	Assets	Employees
2025-03-31	£192,791	£153,976	-	-
2024-03-31	£152,036	£149,925	-	-
2023-03-31	£178,675	£180,515	-	-
2022-03-31	£214,407	£120,988	-	-
2021-03-31	£203,307	£83,452	-	-

Trustees

Name	Role	Appointed
Angela Mary Siderfin		2019-11-05
Dr Andrew Sparkes		2017-04-01
Hannah Gibbons		2026-02-10
Karen Gibbons		2023-09-19
Tim Ford		2026-04-14

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129261

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025
FOR
GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2025. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Gillingham Community Church is an independent Christian Church that was established in the early part of this century. GCC is a member of the Pioneer network of churches (www.pioneer.org.uk) and the Evangelical Alliance (www.eauk.org), and it was registered as a charity in 2009.

The primary objects of the charity are to promote and advance Christianity and, as an outworking of our faith, to serve our local community (and beyond) by bringing God's kingdom of hope and light in practical ways to people in need, with a specific emphasis on helping the poor, oppressed, disadvantaged and marginalised of all ages in society. Therefore, alongside our church meetings, we primarily focus on providing valuable services to the local community, collaborating with other organisations when appropriate.

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ACHIEVEMENTS AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Sunday meetings

GCC continues to meet on Sunday mornings as a church. We have seen an increase in the number of attendees during the past year, with between 80 and 100 people in total most weeks. Due to this growing number, in the early part of the year, we began using the main hall at Gillingham Primary School for our meetings, alongside Wessex House. On the second and fourth Sundays of each month, children and young people meet in age-related groups in Wessex House, while adults meet in the school hall. On the first and third Sundays, we hold intergenerational meetings with everyone together in the school hall.

We continued to stream most of our Sunday morning meetings, allowing those unable to attend in person to join online. We also held regular monthly worship evenings and family worship afternoons, both at Wessex House on Sundays.

For a substantial part of the year, our Sunday teaching centred on the theme of God's comfort and guidance through times of sorrow, sadness, and loss, and more recently, on lessons from the life of David (in the Old Testament), exploring how he also pointed towards Jesus.

- The young people in the church (11-18 year-olds) have been attending 'Resound' (a Dorset-based Christian youth event) every few months.
- We had a total of eight baptisms during the year.
- Children and youth who regularly attended on Sundays included 19 aged under 10, seven aged 10-14 and five aged 15-18.
- Adults who regularly attended on a Sunday were typically around 60-80
- Our activities, both on Sundays and during the week, rely heavily on the help and support of well over 50 volunteers from within the church, with Leaders, employees and volunteers all working together with a common purpose.

Prayer

Prayer is central to the life of the church. We held a week of prayer and fasting in November, with additional individual days of prayer and fasting at other times. Much of the prayer activity has taken place in Small Groups (see below), but we also had a regular monthly prayer meeting at Wessex House.

Small groups

Most of the church has been involved in Small Groups - groups that meet weekly in homes where people can share life and faith, encourage and strengthen one another, and grow together in our walk with God. These groups also provided the main framework for pastoral care within the church. There were seven different groups available at the end of the reporting year.

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Courses

During the year we ran:

- Two 'Know More' courses for people new to the church and/or wanting to find out more about us
- One Alpha course to explore Christianity, which 10 people attended
- One Youth Alpha course for young people to explore more about Christianity
- Safeguarding training for staff, trustees and volunteers
- Risk Assessment training

Weekend away

The church ran a very successful weekend away in June with Ness Wilson (Leader of the Pioneer network of churches) as the guest speaker and around 70 attendees. One of the highlights of the weekend was that people had time to dream, envision, and pray about what God may be able to do in the future, in and around Gillingham.

Website redesign

With the appointment of our new Media Manager, we were able to launch a new, modernised website and have had a much more proactive social media presence. These aspects have been important for both our Sunday meetings and our weekday community work.

Open Door - Foodbank sessions

The church has remained the focal point for food distribution in partnership with Gillingham Foodbank (a Trussell Trust Foodbank). Food is primarily distributed from the café area in Wessex House on Monday and Thursday mornings, where clients can visit and find support (or if they are unable to get to Wessex House, telephone conversations are held and volunteers deliver food).

People in need of support from the Foodbank usually have had at least two members of the GCC team spend time talking with them, exploring whether any other support is needed. All this is done over tea, coffee and cake, and we have aimed to provide a welcoming, dignified and inclusive atmosphere. We always try to assess whether other issues related to poverty are present, such as the need to address debt, improve financial management, look at benefits needs, or require mental health support. Wherever needed, our team have tried to signpost people to further help, either from within the range of support services GCC offers, or elsewhere.

- The Open Door Foodbank sessions have relied on the help of more than 10 different skilled volunteers from within the church.
- Over 2000 people in the Gillingham area received Foodbank support during the year, including over 750 children.
- Nearly 26,000 kg of food was donated to the Foodbank during the year.
- 70 Christmas Hampers were handed out to those in need.

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Open Door - Debt relief, benefits support, financial management

Alongside the food distribution on Mondays and Thursdays, we have also offered support for debt management, benefits advice and financial budgeting through the help of professionals from Citizens Advice, who (through grant funding) have been dedicated to supporting people we see at those times. This is a critical part of the service we provide, as it has enabled us to help address some of the root causes of poverty, ultimately reducing the need for some people to rely on the Foodbank.

Along with the food and household consumables provided through the Foodbank, additional support for the purchase of significant household items has been made available through the Acts 435 charity with which GCC partners. Through the Foodbank, we have also been able to provide money for gas and/or electricity to those in particular need.

Open Door - Counselling service

During this reporting year, the Mental Health Counselling Service was officially adopted as part of GCC's community work (until then, it had operated independently but in close partnership with GCC). A qualified counsellor from GCC has overseen the service, which included both qualified and supervised student counsellors. Mental health issues commonly go hand-in-hand with poverty, and being able to offer professional counselling for some of those in need has helped address a major unmet need in the community, alongside relieving food and/or fuel poverty.

- During the year, 476 hours of one-to-one counselling were provided (a 60% year-on-year increase).
- An average of more than 15 different clients have received counselling each month.
- The team of counsellors included four qualified individuals and seven students in training.
- Although counselling has been provided at a nominal cost for recipients, a grant enabled us to waive all fees for those experiencing particular financial hardship.

Open Door - Community sessions

We have continued to grow our 'Open Door' drop-in community sessions in the High Street-facing café on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings every week. These have complemented the Foodbank sessions, and there has been valuable overlap between the two, allowing us to provide a safe, welcoming, and supportive community space.

These sessions have primarily provided an environment for social support and help. We have offered light refreshments and a friendly, safe environment, with sessions regularly including socialising, games, cooking, money management, crafts, and other activities, as well as prayer and discussion of spiritual matters. During the year, we also arranged one very successful trip out to Bournemouth seafront for all who wanted to go.

To help with fuel poverty, during the colder months our sessions have been officially registered as a 'Warm Welcome Space', and we have also been able to offer people the use of shower facilities alongside a washing machine and tumble dryer. Open Door has become a real community hub, with an expanding number of regular visitors.

During the year, we have had:

- 66 different individuals who have used our community sessions.
- These 66 people had a total of 1049 individual visits.
- These figures represent a more than 50% year-on-year growth in the use of Open Door drop-in sessions.

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Our Open Door Foodbank and community drop-in sessions mean we have an open presence on the High Street every week, from Monday to Thursday. The church, therefore, continues to provide a vital source of support to the local community, especially those affected by poverty and social isolation.

Children and family support

'Little Shoots' is our successful parent and toddler group, which runs weekly on a Thursday morning during school term times. This has been highly regarded and always fully booked, but we have tried to target toddlers and parents with a particular need for support.

We have also continued to be involved in local school assemblies at Wyke and Gillingham schools, and have developed a particularly strong relationship with Wyke Primary School during the year..

During the reporting year:

- 'Little Shoots' supported an average of 12 babies/toddlers (0-4 years old) and 13 adults each week
- A 'Little Shoots' Christmas Craft Night was attended by 16 adults
- Outside of term times, 'Little Shoots' organised 10 meet-ups that eight families attended.

The Gap - After-school drop-in

'The Gap' is our weekly after-school youth drop-in for 11-16-year-olds, held on Tuesdays during term time. With increased attendance throughout the year, the group transitioned from using the café at the front of Wessex House to utilising several other rooms, including dedicated games and youth rooms. There has been a large group of regular attenders, and it has provided a valuable safe space where children can relax and have fun after school, and receive support as needed.

- An average of 18 young people attended The Gap each week
- The Youth Alpha course was run after The Gap in early 2025. Eleven young people attended all the sessions, and an additional eleven participated in some of them.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club continues to meet monthly and is a group designed specifically for those over 70, meeting at lunchtime for fun, friendship, support, and a warm meal. It is open to everyone in the community and currently has nine regular attendees, three volunteers, and occasionally up to 12 attendees.

External groups using Wessex House

We have continued to make space available within Wessex House to community groups whose activities align with our ethos. We plan to undertake further refurbishment of the building in the coming year, enabling more flexible use of space and providing additional support for other community groups. Regular users of the building in the reporting year included:

- The NHS for various sessions, including toddler and parent evaluations
- The Gillingham Walking Group.
- A Carers Support Group, and
- The local community Rokit Choir.

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Overseas

Many in GCC have personal connections with and support Christian ministries in countries around the world. As a church, we also continue to support Celebrate Hope Ministries in Uganda and Hope Now Ukraine. We have been exploring with Celebrate Hope Ministries how we can provide financial support (and encourage others to support their work) through a partnership with Stewardship. The church also continues to support the work of the charity Compassion, in supporting children and families overseas.

Summary

The church's work and its role in the community have continued to grow over the past year. Our community work remains a vital resource, particularly in the current economic climate, and we have seen an increasing number of people benefiting from our services.

As a church, we seek to be guided by God, through His Holy Spirit, in the direction we take, and strive to put His love, mercy, and justice for all into action in our local community. Ultimately, we aim to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend His kingdom in the place where he has brought each of us.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The budgeting process introduced in our previous reporting year has now been well embedded and is providing a robust framework for financial planning and monitoring. We have also been able to maintain our reserves policy through careful financial management.

We have been able to both maintain and expand the services we offer to the local community while managing finances carefully, but only with the generous support of the church and the receipt of several significant grants from different organisations, including:

- Joseph Rank Trust
- Garfield Weston
- Valentine Trust
- Dorset Council
- Three Rivers Partnership
- Partnership Security.

We express our sincere gratitude to all these donors.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity is a CIO.

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STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Church structure

At the end of the reporting period, the following personnel were in place:

Church Leaders

Jules Bond, Pete Bond, Liz Doré, Han Gibbons, Andy Sparkes, Sharon Williams.

Trustees

Pete Bond, Liz Doré, Karen Gibbons, Angela Siderfin, Andy Sparkes

Part-time Employees

Jules Bond (Church Worker), Robyn Davies (Media Manager), Liz Doré (Office manager), Bruce Harris (Open Door Manager), Toni Shave (Open Door Manager), Sharon Williams (Children & Schools Worker).

During the reporting period, Sharon Williams was added to the Leaders Team, and both Robyn Davies and Toni Shave were added to the part-time employees (with Han Gibbons retiring). The trustees comprise a mix of GCC Leaders and GCC Partners (those in the church who have expressed a desire to commit to and partner with GCC), and they are seeking to add one additional Partner to bring their number back to six.

Although three of the church Leaders are also part-time employees, their employed activity is mainly outside of their roles as Leaders, and no one is paid for being a church Leader. In addition to the personnel listed above, GCC relies on the support and dedication of over 50 volunteers (mostly part of the church) to undertake both its Sunday meetings and weekly activities. Wherever needed, DBS checks are undertaken on both staff and volunteers. Many of the volunteers are also GCC Partners, and at the end of the reporting period, the number of GCC Partners was 67.

However, weekly attendance at Sunday meetings has grown, and we now typically have between 80 and 100 attendees each week.

Church Building - Wessex House

Wessex House is the building owned by GCC and is conveniently located in the middle of the High Street in Gillingham. It is a large building with numerous spaces that can be utilised for community-oriented activities, and it features a dedicated café area located at the front of the building, facing the High Street.

Continued improvements were made within Wessex House during the year, including some cosmetic (such as decorating) and others more substantial. Important remedial work was undertaken (primarily through grant funding) to address damp issues in a number of the rooms. This also enabled us to rearrange the use of rooms, allowing for an ample contiguous office space and an increased number of rooms that can be used for meetings, gatherings, and private activities such as counselling sessions.

While we continue to operate our community services out of Wessex House, we have found that the space in the building is inadequate for our growing Sunday meetings. Therefore, we moved to using the local school hall, in addition to Wessex House, for regular Sunday meetings (see below).

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1129261

Principal address

Wessex House
8 High Street
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Trustees

A Sparkes
A M Siderfin
R J Wright (resigned 31/7/2024)
P Bond
K Gibbons
L Dore
T Shave Counsellor (appointed 31/7/2024) (resigned 31/12/2024)

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 28 July 2025 and signed on its behalf by:

A M Siderfin - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Community Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gillingham Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2025.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Andrew A Clark

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28 July 2025

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		171,740	12,788	184,528	151,821
Charitable activities					
Church		8,263	-	8,263	-
Investment income	2	-	-	-	215
Total		180,003	12,788	192,791	152,036
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		113,681	9,873	123,554	129,414
Other		30,422	-	30,422	20,511
Total		144,103	9,873	153,976	149,925
NET INCOME		35,900	2,915	38,815	2,111
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		260,604	-	260,604	258,493
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		296,504	2,915	299,419	260,604

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2025

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2025 Total funds £	2024 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	458,489	-	458,489	431,488
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	12,418	-	12,418	7,444
Cash at bank and in hand		37,507	10,288	47,795	39,736
		<u>49,925</u>	<u>10,288</u>	<u>60,213</u>	<u>47,180</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(24,070)	(7,373)	(31,443)	(31,006)
		<u>25,855</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>28,770</u>	<u>16,174</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>25,855</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>28,770</u>	<u>16,174</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>484,344</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>487,259</u>	<u>447,662</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(187,840)	-	(187,840)	(187,058)
		<u>296,504</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>299,419</u>	<u>260,604</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>296,504</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>299,419</u>	<u>260,604</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				296,504	260,604
Restricted funds				2,915	-
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>299,419</u>	<u>260,604</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 28 July 2025 and were signed on its behalf by:

A M Siderfin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2025	2024
	£	£
Deposit account interest	-	215
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2025 nor for the year ended 31 March 2024.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2025	2024
	6	5
Church staff	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE

The independent examiner's fee for the year was £1,800 (2024 £2,246).

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6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2024	443,414	29,594	473,008
Additions	34,288	5,495	39,783
At 31 March 2025	477,702	35,089	512,791
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2024	19,345	22,175	41,520
Charge for year	9,554	3,228	12,782
At 31 March 2025	28,899	25,403	54,302
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2025	448,803	9,686	458,489
At 31 March 2024	424,069	7,419	431,488

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Prepayments and accrued income	12,418	7,444

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)	10,643	4,206
Other creditors	20,800	26,800
	31,443	31,006

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2025 £	2024 £
Bank loans (see note 10)	187,840	187,058

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2025 £	2024 £
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank overdrafts	7,373	-
Bank loans	3,270	4,206
	10,643	4,206
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	13,455	4,353
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	13,750	13,997
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans repayable by instalments over 5 years	160,635	168,708

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/24 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	260,604	35,900	296,504
Restricted funds			
Dorset County Council	-	415	415
Dorset Community Foundation	-	2,500	2,500
	-	2,915	2,915
TOTAL FUNDS	260,604	38,815	299,419

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	180,003	(144,103)	35,900
Restricted funds			
Dorset County Council	7,788	(7,373)	415
Dorset Community Foundation	5,000	(2,500)	2,500
	<u>12,788</u>	<u>(9,873)</u>	<u>2,915</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>192,791</u>	<u>(153,976)</u>	<u>38,815</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	203,554	2,111	205,665
Building	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>258,493</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>260,604</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>258,493</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>260,604</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,656	(124,545)	2,111
Restricted funds			
Valentine	6,000	(6,000)	-
Foodbank	19,380	(19,380)	-
	<u>25,380</u>	<u>(25,380)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,036</u>	<u>(149,925)</u>	<u>2,111</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/25 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	203,554	38,011	241,565
Building	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>258,493</u>	<u>38,011</u>	<u>296,504</u>
Restricted funds			
Dorset County Council	-	415	415
Dorset Community Foundation	-	2,500	2,500
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,915</u>	<u>2,915</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>258,493</u>	<u>40,926</u>	<u>299,419</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2025

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	306,659	(268,648)	38,011
Restricted funds			
Valentine	6,000	(6,000)	-
Foodbank	19,380	(19,380)	-
Dorset County Council	7,788	(7,373)	415
Dorset Community Foundation	5,000	(2,500)	2,500
	<u>38,168</u>	<u>(35,253)</u>	<u>2,915</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>344,827</u>	<u>(303,901)</u>	<u>40,926</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2025.

13. FUNDS

The general fund is available for use by the Church in any activity approved by the Trustees.

There are also restricted funds which must be used in accordance with the terms of the restriction placed upon them.

Dorset County Council - The grant must be spent on the salary of a youth worker. Additionally a separate fund for equipment was received in the year and a balance on this fund remains unspent.

Dorset Community Foundation - The grant received is in respect of the provision of counselling services and a balance remains unspent at the year end.

Accounts

REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129261

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024
FOR
GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2024. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Objectives and aims

Background

Gillingham is the most northerly town in Dorset. It has a population of over 12,000 and is one of the fastest growing towns in the South West. The town has been identified by Dorset Council as one of the main centres that will deliver the most growth in the next 8-10 years.

Gillingham Community Church is an independent Christian Church that was established in the early part of this century, and is a member of the Pioneer network of churches (www.pioneer.org.uk) and the Evangelical Alliance (www.eauk.org). It was registered as a charity in 2009, and became a Charitable Incorporated Organisation in 2023 (charity number 1129261).

One of the primary aims of Gillingham Community Church is to work out our faith in practical ways. We believe that as a church, we are called to serve our local community by bringing God's kingdom of hope and light. Our specific emphasis is on reaching out to, and helping the poor, oppressed, disadvantaged and marginalised of all ages. A large focus of our activities is therefore centred on providing valuable services to the local community, working alongside other organisations where appropriate. These services are provided free of charge, are made available to all without discrimination, and are provided with the help of more than 40 volunteers. All staff (paid or volunteers) have safeguarding training and DBS checks are undertaken where possible and whenever required.

Introduction

During the current reporting period, the church has continued to operate out of our premises (Wessex House) in Gillingham High Street. Regular church and community activities have largely returned pre-pandemic routines, or have found new settled routines in the post-pandemic era. We have continued to develop our community work and are encouraged as we are able to help meet the physical and emotional needs of many in the community, and have seen God at work in the lives of many people.

The group of employees and volunteers at Wessex House have worked extremely well together over the past year and there is a continued unity of purpose within the team.

In line with the new constitution and bye-laws for Gillingham Community Church, we now have a team of six trustees. Due to the overlap between responsibilities of Leaders and trustees, three of the five church Leaders are also trustees, but for balance there are an equal number of non-leader trustees drawn from the church Partners. The trustees at the end of this reporting period are Pete Bond, Liz Doré, Karen Gibbons, Angela Siderfin, Andy Sparkes and Rachael Wright.

Importantly, during the year the church also officially joined the Pioneer network of churches at the Pioneer Annual Leaders Conference in March. The church had been exploring joining the network for some time, and this was made official after receiving overwhelming support from the Partners. Being part of the Pioneer network is seen as an important step for the church in establishing ourselves within a larger network of churches, where we can both offer and receive support of various types, will have major benefits.

The church continues to be a member of the Evangelical Alliance, and the Leaders meet regularly with the leaders of other churches in the town.

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Wessex House

As finances and grant income allow, there are still a number of areas of work within the building that will need to be undertaken to complete the renovations. However, during the year (with support from Gillingham Foodbank) we have been able to install a toilet and shower facility for use by clients. Along with this have been able to renovate a large ground-floor space to use for food storage (to support the Foodbank work), and have installed a new set of stairs for first-floor access. Plans have also advanced for the fitting out of the new kitchen.

We have continued to expand the number of outside groups using space at Wessex House, which helps support community activities in the town. Currently this includes the Gillingham Walking Group, a Carers Support Group, NHS (parent and toddler support), and the local community Rokit Choir.

At the end of this reporting period, the number of church Partners stands at 67. Sadly, during this reporting year we had three deaths among the church Partners including Steve Gibbons who served for many years on the Leaders Team of the church, and was instrumental in helping establish many of practices and principles by which the church operates.

During this year, Liz Doré was invited and appointed to the Leaders Team, meaning the church now has a total of five Leaders (Jules Bond, Pete Bond, Liz Doré, Han Gibbons and Andy Sparkes).

The church continues to have 5 part-time employees - two having primary responsibility for the Open Door and Foodbank community work (with one also having responsibility for building maintenance), one having primarily administrative responsibilities, one having responsibilities for both children's work and administration, and one having responsibility for younger children's work and our Little Shoots group. Two of the part-time employees are also on the Leaders Team, but most of their paid work is outside of their roles as a church Leaders.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Charitable activities

Gillingham Foodbank

The church remains heavily involved with the running of Gillingham Foodbank (a Trussell Trust Foodbank), and Wessex House is the primary distribution centre for food to clients. Food distribution occurs mainly on Monday and Thursday mornings where clients can visit Wessex House (or if they are unable to get to Wessex House, telephone conversations are held and food is delivered by volunteers). Many different organisations, companies and individuals provide invaluable support to the Foodbank, and the church relies on a substantial number of volunteers to serve and help clients during each session.

People in need of support from the Foodbank will usually have at least two people from the church team spend time talking with them, while seeing if there is any other support that is needed. Our aim is to assess for the presence of other issues relating to poverty, debt, financial management, benefits or mental health support that our team might be able to help with.

Open Door

The church continues to operate 'Open Door' drop-in sessions in our High Street-facing café on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings every week. These complement the Foodbank sessions, and inevitably at times there is some overlap between the two.

The aim of the Open Door sessions is primarily to provide a safe environment for social support and help. We offer light refreshments and a friendly, supportive environment, with sessions regularly including socialising, prayer, games, cooking/money management sessions, craft, etc., as well as discussions of spiritual matters. All sessions are managed by one of our part-time employees along with a team of volunteers and other professionals.

To help with fuel poverty, during the colder months our Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions are an official and registered 'Warm Welcome Space'. Alongside that, for the first time this year we were able to offer hot meals every Tuesday lunchtime. Open Door has become a real community hub, with an expanding number of regular visitors.

Together, our Foodbank sessions and Open Door drop-in sessions mean we have an open presence on the High Street every week from Monday to Thursday, the church therefore continuing to offer a vital source of help to the local community, especially those experiencing the effects of poverty and social isolation.

109 individuals were supported during the year with an average of 19 visitors per week for the 51 weeks Open Door operated. This means that in total over 3500 hours of people-support was given in the year.

During the 97 days Foodbank was open, 1068 food parcels were provided. 2907 people (1793 adults and 1114 children) were helped.

22% food parcels delivered by volunteers.

70 Christmas Hampers given to those in particular need.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Debt relief, benefits support, financial management

Alongside our food distribution on Mondays and Thursdays we also offer support for debt management, benefits advice and budgeting through the help of professionals from Citizens Advice, who (through grant funding) are dedicated to support people we see at those times. This is a critical part of the service we provide, as it helps enable us to address some of the root causes of poverty, and hopefully end the need for some people to be dependent on the foodbank for support.

Along with food and household consumables that are provided through the Foodbank, additional support for purchase of significant household items is made available through the Acts 435 charity. With the support of the Foodbank, we are also able to provide money for gas and/or electricity to those in particular need.

Counselling service

The counselling service that was established last year has been highly successful and has grown appreciably during this year. It continues to be run by a professional counsellor from within the church (on a voluntary basis), and with the support of four student counsellors who are supervised in their work. Mental health issues commonly go hand-in-hand with poverty and as well as relieving food or fuel poverty, being able to offer professional counselling for some of those in need addresses a major need.

Children and youth support

We continue to run the well-established weekly 'Little Shoots' parent and toddler group that is open during school term-times. This is highly regarded and fully booked. We also continue to be involved in local school assemblies at Wyke and Gillingham schools.

'The Gap' is our weekly after-school youth drop-in centre for 11-16 year olds. This takes place in our café area on Tuesday afternoons during term-time. This has become well-established with a large group of regular attenders, and provides a valuable safe space where the children can relax and have fun after school and receive support as needed.

Little Shoots supported an average of 11 parents and 15 babies/toddlers each week for 39 weeks in the year.

The Gap saw an average of 15 children each week for the 37 weeks it was open .

During 97 days of operation: 95 different people received help and support with financial and benefits issues.

Of these people , nearly 20% no longer need Foodbank support.

One qualified and four trainee counsellors delivered 385 hours of vital counselling to 26 different people through Foodbank/Open Door referrals.

Wednesday Club

The Wednesday Club has been established by two volunteers from the church. It is a group designed specifically for the over 70s that meets once a month on a Wednesday lunchtime for fun, fellowship, support and a warm meal. It is open to everyone in the community and currently enjoys 8 regular attenders.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Overseas

Many in our church have connections with and support Christian ministries in countries overseas.

Our regular support as a church has continued to be with Celebrate Hope Ministries in Uganda, Vision for Bangladesh, and Hope Now Ukraine. During the year, Vision for Bangladesh ceased its current activities and is undergoing restructuring. It also became evident that the church's ongoing support for Celebrate Hope Ministries may have to be provided in a different way as (for security reasons) UK-based banks are reluctant to see transactions being made directly to organisations in Uganda. We have therefore urged Celebrate Hope Ministries to see if they can register with Stewardship in the UK to see if support can be given through them. The church also continues to support the work of Compassion in supporting children and families overseas.

Summary

The work of the church and its role in the community has continued to grow during the past year.

Our vision, especially in terms of reaching the poor and vulnerable in the community and offering them help and support remains vital, particularly bearing in mind the current economic climate, and we have seen more people using our services as a result.

As a church, we look to be guided by God through His Holy Spirit in the direction we are taking, and seek to put His love, mercy and justice for all into action in our locality. Ultimately, our aim is to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend His kingdom in the place where he has brought each of us.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Financial position

The new budgeting process that had been introduced for this reporting year had worked well, and will be used (with some tweaks) moving forward. Having cost-centres where individuals had responsibility for managing budgets was helpful, and with careful oversight of the finances we were able to mostly restore our reserves to intended levels. Importantly, we have been able to both maintain and expand the services we offer to the local community while managing finances carefully.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust and constitutes an unincorporated charity.

The charity is a CIO.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Charity number

1129261

Principal address

Wessex House
8 High Street
Gillingham
Dorset
SP8 4AG

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

Trustees

A Sparkes

A M Siderfin

R J Wright

P Bond (appointed 19/9/2023)

K Gibbons (appointed 19/9/2023)

L Dore (appointed 19/9/2023)

Independent Examiner

Carter & Coley

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 17 July 2024 and signed on its behalf by:



A M Siderfin - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Community Church

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of Gillingham Community Church (the Trust) for the year ended 31 March 2024.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity trustees of the Trust you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011 ('the Act').

I report in respect of my examination of the Trust's accounts carried out under Section 145 of the Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed all applicable Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5)(b) of the Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no material matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe that in any material respect:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Trust as required by Section 130 of the Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the applicable requirements concerning the form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination.

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

Andrew A Clark

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Chartered Accountants
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17 July 2024

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

				Year ended 31/3/24 Total funds £	Period 22/3/23 to 31/3/23 Total funds £
	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £		
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies		126,441	25,380	151,821	178,651
Investment income	2	215	-	215	24
Total		126,656	25,380	152,036	178,675
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		104,034	25,380	129,414	161,407
Other		20,511	-	20,511	19,108
Total		124,545	25,380	149,925	180,515
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		2,111	-	2,111	(1,840)
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		258,493	-	258,493	260,333
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		260,604	-	260,604	258,493

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2024

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2024 Total funds £	2023 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	6	431,488	-	431,488	440,429
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	7	7,444	-	7,444	4,652
Cash at bank and in hand		39,736	-	39,736	36,210
		<u>47,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>47,180</u>	<u>40,862</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	8	(31,006)	-	(31,006)	(30,348)
		<u>16,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,174</u>	<u>10,514</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>16,174</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,174</u>	<u>10,514</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES					
		447,662	-	447,662	450,943
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	9	(187,058)	-	(187,058)	(192,450)
		<u>260,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,604</u>	<u>258,493</u>
NET ASSETS					
		<u>260,604</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,604</u>	<u>258,493</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				260,604	258,493
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>260,604</u>	<u>258,493</u>

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 17 July 2024 and were signed on its behalf by:



A M Siderfin - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charity, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Charities Act 2011. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Conversion of charity

The charity converted from a charitable company to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation on 22nd March 2023. In order to demonstrate the comparable activities of the charity the comparatives for the 2023 include the transactions of the charity as if it had existed in one legal form throughout the year.

2. INVESTMENT INCOME

	Year ended 31/3/24 £	Period 22/3/23 to 31/3/23 £
Deposit account interest	215	24

3. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

Trustees' expenses

There were no trustees' expenses paid for the year ended 31 March 2024 nor for the period ended 31 March 2023.

4. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	Year ended 31/3/24	Period 22/3/23 to 31/3/23
Church staff	5	5

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

5. INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S FEE

The independent examiner's fee for the year was £1,800 (2023 £1,650).

6. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2024	443,414	29,594	473,008
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2023	12,877	19,702	32,579
Charge for year	6,468	2,473	8,941
At 31 March 2024	19,345	22,175	41,520
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2024	424,069	7,419	431,488
At 31 March 2023	430,537	9,892	440,429

7. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024 £	2023 £
Prepayments and accrued income	7,444	4,652

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

8. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 10)	4,206	4,206
Other creditors	26,800	26,142
	<u>31,006</u>	<u>30,348</u>

9. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2024	2023
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 10)	187,058	192,450

10. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2024	2023
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	4,206	4,206
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	4,353	4,353
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	13,997	13,997
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans repayable by instalments over 5 years	168,708	174,100

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/24 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	203,554	2,111	205,665
Building	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>258,493</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>260,604</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>258,493</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>260,604</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	126,656	(124,545)	2,111
Restricted funds			
Valentine	6,000	(6,000)	-
Foodbank	19,380	(19,380)	-
	<u>25,380</u>	<u>(25,380)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>152,036</u>	<u>(149,925)</u>	<u>2,111</u>

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 22/3/23 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,394	(1,840)	203,554
Building	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>260,333</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>	<u>258,493</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,333</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>	<u>258,493</u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	177,520	(179,360)	(1,840)
Acts 435	1,155	(1,155)	-
	<u>178,675</u>	<u>(180,515)</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,675</u>	<u>(180,515)</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>

12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2024.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Year ended 31/3/24 £	Period 22/3/23 to 31/3/23 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Gifts	103,456	99,415
Donations	-	206
Gift aid	20,219	20,528
Grants	25,380	57,177
Church events	2,766	1,325
	151,821	178,651
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	215	24
Total incoming resources	152,036	178,675
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	60,550	59,109
Pensions	3,933	1,860
Rates and water	2,356	1,542
Insurance	2,554	2,457
Light and heat	1,006	6,000
Telephone	1,077	859
Sundries	539	233
Service and ministry costs	14,749	12,843
Donations related to ACTS 435	2,137	1,534
Open Door Giving	4,935	147
Donations	2,236	-
CAP	-	200
Special events	2,696	2,809
	98,768	89,593
Other		
Freehold property	6,468	6,468
Carried forward	6,468	6,468

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

	Year ended 31/3/24 £	Period 22/3/23 to 31/3/23 £
Other		
Brought forward	6,468	6,468
Fixtures and fittings	2,473	3,297
Bank interest	11,570	9,343
	<u>20,511</u>	<u>19,108</u>
Support costs		
Management		
Subscriptions	3,576	3,162
Publicity	458	2,666
Training	926	489
Office expenses	2,913	2,208
Repairs and renewals	20,332	61,197
Travel	189	442
	<u>28,394</u>	<u>70,164</u>
Finance		
Bank charges	6	-
Other		
Accountancy and professional	2,246	1,650
	<u>149,925</u>	<u>180,515</u>
Total resources expended		
	<u>149,925</u>	<u>180,515</u>
Net income/(expenditure)	<u>2,111</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>

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Accounts

**CHARITABLE INCORPORATED ORGANISATION CE031761
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129261**

**REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023
FOR
GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH**

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GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

The trustees present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2023. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Introduction

This has been our first full year in our new premises (Wessex House) in the High Street. We have continued to develop our community work and have seen God at work in the lives of many people in the past year, and we have been blessed by a number of new people joining the church and becoming integrated into the life of the fellowship.

Structure

At the end of this reporting period, the number of church Partners stands at 72. We have continued with a team of four Leaders, one of whom (Pete Bond) stepped out of the Team for a short period to facilitate some retraining associated with a change in paid employment. Additionally, right at the end of this reporting period, Jules Bond has begun a two-month sabbatical period.

GCC continues to have 5 part-time employees although two employees left the church during the year and were replaced. Of the employees, two have primary responsibility for the Open Door community work, one has primarily administrative responsibilities, one has both children's work and administrative responsibilities and one has responsibility for younger children's work and our Little Shoots group. Two of the part-time employees are also on the Leaders Team, but most of their paid work is outside of their role as a Leader. The group of employees and volunteers at Wessex House have worked extremely well together over the past year and there is a unity of purpose within the team.

The Trustees of GCC instructed solicitors to help with the process of converting GCC from a registered charity and limited company, into the single entity of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation. This process was completed on 22nd March 2023. At present there is a team of four Trustees, but now the conversion to a CIO is complete, it is anticipated the team will be expanded in the coming months.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Wessex House

Although some renovation work continues, we now have a building that largely meets the needs of the community work we are engaged in. Space for meeting together on Sunday's remains constrained, and we have no single large meeting space that can accommodate all the fellowship. At present we make use of different rooms (with local live AV streaming), and continue to explore how we can make best use of the space available.

Current building work that is approaching completion includes provision of a dedicated counselling room, a kitchen, a Foodbank storage area, a new staircase, and a shower room for use by our drop-in clients (that will include facilities for washing and drying clothes).

We have begun to allow outside groups to use spaces in the premises to support community activities in the town. Currently this includes the Gillingham Walking Group and a Carers Support Group. Having implemented a number of Health and Safety improvements, including a number of new policies, we are now in a position to expand the number of outside users and have opened this up for applications via our web site.

Affiliations and external relationships

GCC continues to be a member of the Evangelical Alliance, and GCC Leaders meet regularly with the leaders of other churches in the town.

The relationship between GCC and LifeLinks International has been valuable over the years, but there has been very little development of the LifeLinks network in the UK, which remains very small. As a result, the Leaders have explored alternative UK-based affiliations that would provide more meaningful support to the church as a whole. The affiliation with LifeLinks International was formally ended during the year, but with parting on very good terms.

Exploration of options during the year led to ongoing talks with the Pioneer network of churches, which seems a very good 'fit' for GCC and the possibility of formal links with Pioneer is being explored.

Community activities

Open Door

The church continues to operate 'Open Door' drop-in sessions in our High Street-facing café on Monday to Thursday mornings. This combines our food distribution for Gillingham Foodbank and poverty relief work (which take place on Mondays and Thursdays) along with our social support and help that primarily takes place on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. During all these sessions, light refreshments are offered and support is provided as needed. Our Tuesday and Wednesday sessions include socialising, prayer, games, cooking/money management sessions, craft, etc as well as discussions of spiritual matters. All sessions are managed by one of our part-time employees along with a team of volunteers and other professionals. In the reporting year we have seen a greater than 50% increase in the use of both the Foodbank and other Open Door support services. To help with the fuel poverty crisis, we also officially registered our Tuesday and Wednesday morning sessions as a 'Warm Welcome Space' to help people cope over the colder months. Happily, Open Door has become established as a real community hub, with an expanding number of regular visitors.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Gillingham Foodbank

GCC remains heavily involved with the running of Gillingham Foodbank, and Wessex House is the primary distribution centre for food to clients, which occurs mainly on Monday and Thursday mornings. Many different organisations, companies and individuals have been instrumental in making the foodbank such a success, and the church relies on a number of volunteers during each food distribution session. People in need of support from the Foodbank will usually have at least two people from the church team talk with them, to try to see if there is any other support that is needed or if there are other issues relating to poverty, debt, financial management, benefits advice or mental health support that our team might be able to help with. Together with our Open Door drop-in sessions on a Tuesday and Wednesday, the church therefore continues to be an important source of help to people in the local community, especially those experiencing the effects of poverty.

Debt relief, benefits support, financial management

Alongside our food distribution on Mondays and Thursdays we also offer support for debt management, benefits advice and financial planning through the help of professionals from Citizens Advice, who (through grant funding) are dedicated to support people we see at those times. This is a vital part of the service we provide as it helps enable us to address some of the root causes of poverty and the need for people to be dependent on the foodbank for support.

Additional support for purchase of significant household items is made available through Acts435, and through the Foodbank we are also able to provide money for gas and/or electricity to those in particular need.

Counselling service

During this year, we have also been able to establish a counselling service that is being offered 1-2 days per week and is run by a professional counsellor from within the church (on a voluntary basis). Mental health issues commonly go hand-in-hand with poverty and as well as giving practical help to relieve food or fuel poverty, being able to offer appropriate, professional counselling for some of those in need is a major new development for us. This service has been very successful, and has expanded to include a student counsellor who is also able to offer support under supervision.

Children and youth support

Our children's worker runs a well-established weekly parent and toddler group ('Little Shoots') that has proved to be very popular, and we continue to be involved in local school assemblies with Sharon Williams and Jules Bond both being actively involved at Wyke and Gillingham schools.

An after-school youth drop-in ('The Gap') has been established on Tuesday afternoons in our café area during term-time. This too is becoming well-established and is attracting a growing number of children.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Overseas

Many in our fellowship have connections with Christian ministries in countries overseas, some of which we have also supported as a church. Currently our regular support as a church has been to Celebrate Hope Ministries in Uganda, Compassion, Vision for Bangladesh, and Hope Now Ukraine.

Finance

Because of the major renovation and conversion work that continued at Wessex House throughout the year, finances continued to be tight. A substantial amount of work has now been done on the building and we have again been fortunate to receive a number of important grants to support this work, as well as the giving from the fellowship.

A new budgeting process has been established for the coming (2023-2024) year, with revised cost centres and responsibilities. Now that the immediate essential renovation work has largely been completed, this will help improve our financial management and cash flow in the future. However, while maintaining prudent financial management is of course essential, we are conscious that as a church, we ultimately operate under God's guidance and provision.

Reserves Policy

The Trustees seek to retain a minimum of three months average expenditure in reserves to enable the Church activities to continue in the short term without interruption.

Summary

The work of the church and its role in the community has continued to grow during the past year. Our vision, especially in terms of reaching the poor and vulnerable in the community and offering them help and support has never been more important with the recent economic climate, and we have seen more people using our services as a result.

As a church, we look to be guided by God through His Holy Spirit in the direction we are taking and seek to put His love, mercy and justice for all into action in our locality. Ultimately, our aim is to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend His kingdom in the place where he has brought each of us.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a Charitable Incorporated Organisation.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Charitable Incorporated Organisation

CE031761

Registered Charity number

1129261

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

Principal address

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Trustees

S Gibbons Project Manager - retired
Dr A Sparkes Veterinary Surgeon
Ms R J Wright Pastoral & Faculty Administrator
Ms A M Siderfin Gardener

CIO Secretary

Dr A Sparkes

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 30 May 2023 and signed on its behalf by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'A. Sparkes', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr A Sparkes - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Community Church ('the CIO')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the CIO for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the CIO you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Charities Act 2011.

I report in respect of my examination of the CIO's accounts carried out under section 145 of the 2011 Act and in carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under Section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's statement

I am qualified to undertake the examination by being a qualified member of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect section 130 of the Charities Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts did not comply with the applicable requirements concerning form and content of accounts set out in the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2008 other than any requirement that the accounts give a "true and fair" view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or

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

Andrew A Clark FCA

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30 May 2023

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	122,919	55,732	178,651	214,313
Investment income	3	<u>24</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>94</u>
Total		<u>122,943</u>	<u>55,732</u>	<u>178,675</u>	<u>214,407</u>
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		105,675	55,732	161,407	103,158
Other		<u>19,108</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,108</u>	<u>17,830</u>
Total		<u>124,783</u>	<u>55,732</u>	<u>180,515</u>	<u>120,988</u>
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		(1,840)	-	(1,840)	93,419
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		260,333	-	260,333	166,914
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		<u>258,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,493</u>	<u>260,333</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2023

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2023 Total funds £	2022 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	440,429	-	440,429	445,636
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	4,652	-	4,652	6,056
Cash at bank and in hand		<u>36,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>36,210</u>	<u>38,374</u>
		40,862	-	40,862	44,430
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(30,348)	-	(30,348)	(33,077)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>10,514</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,514</u>	<u>11,353</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		450,943	-	450,943	456,989
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(192,450)	-	(192,450)	(196,656)
		<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>258,493</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>258,493</u>	<u>260,333</u>
	14				
FUNDS					
Unrestricted funds				<u>258,493</u>	<u>260,333</u>
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>258,493</u>	<u>260,333</u>

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 MARCH 2023

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 30 May 2023 and were signed on its behalf by:

Dr A Sparkes - Trustee

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland'. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charity operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charity's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2023	2022
	£	£
Donations and gifts	99,415	108,718
Collections	206	220
Gift aid	20,528	22,469
Grants	55,177	79,548
Church events	1,325	-
Government grants	2,000	3,358
	<u>178,651</u>	<u>214,313</u>

The balance of restricted funds at the year end will be spent in supporting the Church's outreach work.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Valentine	6,000	5,000
Garfield Weston Foundation	-	20,000
Dorset Community Fund	-	3,000
Groundwork UK	-	500
Three Rivers Partnership	600	-
Foodbank	-	2,800
Trussell Trust	-	32,500
Asda	-	650
Arnold Clarke	-	1,000
IT Grant	-	14,098
Gillingham Foodbank	48,577	-
	<u>55,177</u>	<u>79,548</u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2023	2022
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>24</u>	<u>94</u>

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2023	2022
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	9,765	10,276
Independent examiners fee	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,500</u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2023 nor for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Trustees' expenses

Two trustees were re-imbursed for properly incurred expenses totalling £217 during the year (2022 - £nil).

Mrs H Gibbons, an employee of the Church and the wife of S Gibbons was re-imbursed properly incurred expenses of £35 (2022 - 183).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2023	2022
Church staff	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	214,313	-	214,313
Investment income	<u>94</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>94</u>
Total	<u>214,407</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>214,407</u>
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church	102,359	799	103,158
Other	<u>17,830</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,830</u>
Total	<u>120,189</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>120,988</u>
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	 94,218	 (799)	 93,419
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	<u>166,115</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>166,914</u>
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	 <u><u>260,333</u></u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>	 <u><u>260,333</u></u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2022	440,441	28,009	468,450
Additions	<u>2,973</u>	<u>1,585</u>	<u>4,558</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>443,414</u>	<u>29,594</u>	<u>473,008</u>
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2022	6,409	16,405	22,814
Charge for year	<u>6,468</u>	<u>3,297</u>	<u>9,765</u>
At 31 March 2023	<u>12,877</u>	<u>19,702</u>	<u>32,579</u>
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2023	<u>430,537</u>	<u>9,892</u>	<u>440,429</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>434,032</u>	<u>11,604</u>	<u>445,636</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023 £	2022 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>4,652</u>	<u>6,056</u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	4,206	4,063
Other creditors	24,493	27,513
Accruals and deferred income	<u>1,649</u>	<u>1,501</u>
	<u>30,348</u>	<u>33,077</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2023	2022
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 12)	<u>192,450</u>	<u>196,656</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2023	2022
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>4,206</u>	<u>4,063</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>4,353</u>	<u>4,206</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>13,997</u>	<u>17,729</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 years by instalments	174,100	174,721

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

13. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2023 £	2022 £
Bank loans	<u>196,656</u>	<u>200,719</u>

Charge on the freehold property.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/22 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/23 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	205,394	(1,840)	203,554
Building fund	<u>54,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,939</u>
	<u>260,333</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>	<u>258,493</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>260,333</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>	<u>258,493</u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	122,943	(124,783)	(1,840)
Restricted funds			
Acts 435	1,155	(1,155)	-
Valentine	6,000	(6,000)	-
Gillingham Foodbank	<u>48,577</u>	<u>(48,577)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>55,732</u>	<u>(55,732)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>178,675</u>	<u>(180,515)</u>	<u>(1,840)</u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,176	94,218	205,394
Building fund	<u>54,939</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>54,939</u>
	166,115	94,218	260,333
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	799	(799)	-
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>166,914</u>	<u>93,419</u>	<u>260,333</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	214,407	(120,189)	94,218
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	-	(799)	(799)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>214,407</u>	<u>(120,988)</u>	<u>93,419</u>

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2023.

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	99,415	108,718
Collections	206	220
Gift aid	20,528	22,469
Grants	57,177	79,548
Church events	1,325	-
Government grants	-	3,358
	<u>178,651</u>	<u>214,313</u>
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	<u>24</u>	<u>94</u>
Total incoming resources	178,675	214,407
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	59,109	48,337
Pensions	1,860	1,803
Rent, rates and water	1,542	131
Insurance	2,457	2,760
Light and heat	6,000	2,735
Telephone	859	1,084
Sundries	233	1,566
Service and ministry costs	12,843	9,663
Donations related to ACTS 435	1,534	1,783
Open door giving	147	5,218
CAP	200	1,400
Special events	<u>2,809</u>	<u>-</u>
	89,593	76,480
Other		
Freehold property	6,468	6,409
Carried forward	6,468	6,409

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

	2023 £	2022 £
Other		
Brought forward	6,468	6,409
Fixtures and fittings	3,297	3,867
Bank interest	<u>9,343</u>	<u>6,054</u>
	19,108	16,330
Support costs		
Management		
Subscriptions	3,162	2,531
Publicity	2,666	331
Training	489	679
Office expenses	2,208	2,115
Repairs and renewals	61,197	20,398
Travel	<u>442</u>	<u>594</u>
	70,164	26,648
Other		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,650</u>	<u>1,530</u>
Total resources expended	<u>180,515</u>	<u>120,988</u>
Net (expenditure)/income	<u>(1,840)</u>	<u>93,419</u>

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Accounts

REGISTERED COMPANY NUMBER: 06866358 (England and Wales)
REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER: 1129261

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022
FOR
GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2022. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Introduction

In June 2021 the church moved to its own premises, Wessex House, a little way down the High Street from the Old Library. The presence directly in the High Street and the nature of the building made it particularly suitable for expanding the community work the church has been involved in. The church has, as a result, continued and expanded its involvement in the life of the town and surrounding area.

Structure

During the reporting year, we reduced to six to four leaders, with two stepping down from the Team. Two of the current Leaders are also part-time paid employees, but much of this paid work is outside of any role on the Leaders' Team. There are a further three part-time paid employees (Open Door Assistant Manager, two days/week; Children's Worker one day/week; and Administrator/Media Manager three days/week).

The number of church Partners increased to 76. Some of the new Partners have left other churches, others have moved to the area. Many have got involved with groups and serving already.

At the end of the reporting year, there were a total of 4 trustees and one additional co-opted trustee. Plans were established (with the support of the church) to change GCC from being both a Charity and an Incorporated Company, into becoming a single Charitable Incorporated Organisation, with appropriate changes to the constitution and bye-laws. A firm of solicitors were appointed to help with this process which was still ongoing at the end of the reporting year. To facilitate a smooth change, the existing trustees and co-opted trustee will remain as such until completion, at which time some changes to the trustee board will be made.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church life

Meeting together

National Covid-19 safety measures, including lockdowns, continued to have a major effect on how we could meet. We continued to hold Sunday meetings online initially, but were able to meet together in person during the summer in Wyke Primary School and then from September were able to hold in-person Sunday meetings in the new building (Wessex House). Live-streaming of Sunday services from Wessex House was put in place to provide for those who needed to remain at home for various reasons, or for those interested but unable to physically attend a meeting. The online streaming was found to be very helpful, especially as some had found it difficult to make the transition back to meeting together in person for various reasons after Covid-19 restrictions.

The teaching content of Sunday talks continued, but since meeting together at Wessex House there was a particular emphasis on intergenerational talks and worship with children and adults sharing the spaces in the building together for most Sunday meetings (usually two out of three Sundays). Series subjects for the talks included being adopted into God's family, growing in Jesus, and our Vision and Mission. Small groups have continued, meeting online (via Zoom) as necessary, and one group deliberately continued to meet online, again to provide an option for those unable to get out and meet physically for various reasons.

Worship

From the summer of 2021, music worship has again been live, but we reduced from three to two worship groups in January 2022, which generally alternate, although the hope is to go back to three groups in the future. From September 2021, Sunday evening worship meetings were held, approximately every six weeks, which complement the intergenerational focus of the morning meetings.

Prayer

Prayer central to the life of the church. It is a feature of all small group meetings (most of which meet weekly), whether for people in the small group, the wider fellowship, outside concerns, or the church. Prayer is also a focus at Partners' meetings ('Family Forums') and during Sunday meetings and additionally, regular online (Zoom) prayer meetings were organised which were very well attended. Again, with the relaxation of Covid-related restrictions, the team of employees were also able to meet in person again for their usual Tuesday morning prayer time. A new monthly Breaking Chains online prayer meeting was established to pray for those caught up in various forms of addiction in the town, and a regular Tuesday evening Zoom prayer group was also made available for anyone in the church.

Small groups

There were eight small groups, one meeting on Tuesday evenings, one Wednesday morning, four Wednesday evenings (one online), one Thursday mornings, and a new youth small group fortnightly on Sunday evenings. Everyone is encouraged to consider joining a small group and they are seen as an integral and vital part of the church. Generally, they are very well attended, and Andy Sparkes continued to take overall responsibility for the groups and their leaders.

Courses

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Two Know More courses (designed to enable people to find out more about GCC) were held for people new to the church and/or prospective partners. During May/June of 2021, we offered a variety of online courses, in part to provide some rest for small group leaders. We held a Kintsugi Hope course (promoting wellbeing and mental health with a Christian emphasis), a Parenting for Faith course for the parents of the church, and a Bible Course (from the Bible Society) for anyone interested in exploring the big story of the Bible further. Additional courses, which are open to non-church members also, are planned both online and in person.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care continues to be carried out, with much of it taking place through the small groups. Everyone regularly associated with GCC is linked to a group regardless of attendance.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Young people

School assemblies largely were unable to take place during this reporting year due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but we were able to provide some pre-recorded assemblies. Additionally, Jules Bond was able to see all students in Year 9 at Gillingham School to deliver a tutor group assembly based on the work of the Foodbank.

Wessex House

A considerable amount of work has been done to improve and make usable the new building. The work was undertaken partly by volunteers from among the Partners, and partly by paid trades people (funded by donations from church Partners, reserves, and grants). The new café area now hosts our Open Door drop-in four mornings a week (2 days primarily for Foodbank and debt relief; and an extra two days for building community). A youth drop-in (The Gap) has been set up in the café one afternoon a week (during term-time), and other rooms in the building are used by a couple of the small groups, two toddler groups during the week, Sunday worship meetings, family forums, and worship evenings.

We are also planning to allow outside groups to use spaces in the premises to support non-GCC community activities in the town. However, with the new building and now having five employees there is a need to have various Health and Safety provisions in place along with formal agreements for outside groups using the building. Progress is being made to sort out these issues.

Affiliations and external relationships

The relationship with LifeLinks International has continued. Steve Chupp (our direct link) has sent occasional encouraging videos to the church to retain contact, and the leaders have maintained regular contact with the other UK church leaders and Ian & Val Byrd, the leaders of Lifelinks.

We continue to be members of the Evangelical Alliance and the leaders meet regularly with the leaders of other churches in the town. GCC currently holds the chair of Churches Together in Gillingham.

Debt Counselling (Christians Against Poverty/Citizens Advice)

We made the decision to close the CAP centre in April 2021. This was partly as the Lottery Funding that had helped support the work had run out, but there had been a number of changes of personnel and processes at CAP which had increased the administrative burden for GCC. Despite relinquishing the position as a CAP debt relief centre, we still saw an important need to continue providing a service to the community to help people in debt. Generous new funding from the Foodbank has enabled us to contract Citizens Advice personnel two days per week (which includes a person being present in Wessex House two mornings a week) to provide debt help and benefits advice. This is still at an early stage, and we are looking at the format of this new service to ensure it enables us to provide the best support to people involved as possible. The service began in December 2021 and to the end of the reporting period we had (multiple) bookings from 27 different people.

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Gillingham Foodbank

GCC is still heavily involved with the Foodbank, providing volunteer helpers, committee members, financial contributions, and the use of Wessex House as the distribution centre. Many different organisations as well as individuals have been instrumental in making the foodbank such a success. The Foodbank, along with Open Door, has continued to maintain the profile of the church as being a source of help to those in need and a contributing organisation to the life of the town and the surrounding area.

Little Shoots

Our new children's worker started a weekly parent and toddler group on Thursday mornings (term-time), which was soon at capacity of 12 parents. As a result, a second group was started on Tuesday mornings which has been well established.

Open Door

Our Open Door drop-in offering specific help continues at Wessex House two mornings a week. This combines our food distribution for Gillingham Foodbank, Acts435, Citizens Advice benefits/debt help alongside tea, coffee, chat, advice, and practical help. In the reporting year we saw 267 people who made 516 visits between them, despite much of the year still being impacted by Covid-19 restrictions.

Through Acts435 we were able to fulfil seven requests for help with needed items up to the value of £150. Demand has been lower than in previous years, due in part because the Foodbank has continued to support a lot of requests for help with utilities and larger items. We also gave out 160 household cleaning/personal hygiene packs, similar to last year.

With the appointment of an assistant manager, redeployed from doing CAP debt counselling previously, we have been able to open an additional two mornings a week for more of a relaxed community feel. This includes socialising, prayer, games, cooking/money management sessions, craft, etc as well as discussions of spiritual matters. We saw 43 different people, who made 233 visits between them, though this wasn't a full year as it didn't start until September 2021 (29 weeks in total). As is clear from the stats, this is the sort of gathering that people come to many more times.

Overseas

Many church partners have connections with ministries in countries overseas, some of which we have supported as a church to a greater or lesser extent. Currently our regular support as a church has been to Jamaica through Fusion Jamaica, with plans to re-ignite the links with and support for Celebrate Hope Ministries in Uganda now that the impact of the pandemic is lessening. We also continued our involvement with Compassion, where the church has sponsored a child in Tanzania and various individuals have been sponsoring other children through this work. Two of our Partners are representatives for Compassion. A new 'missions map' has been put up showing all the mission work the church partners support in the UK and around the world to encourage people to think about mission.

Summary

The work of the church has continued to grow despite the continual impact of the pandemic during much of the year.

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We continue to look for the guidance by the Holy Spirit in the direction we are taking and the things that we do (or cease to do). Ultimately, our aim is to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend his kingdom in the place where he has brought each of us.

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

Finance

The budget that had been prepared for this financial year was inevitably superseded as a result of the purchase of Wessex House. The purchase was made possible through the generous giving of GCC Partners and attenders and through a mortgage from the Kingdom Bank. A considerable amount of work was undertaken to renovate and convert the building to make it suitable for our purposes, much of which was supported by various grants. Work is still ongoing, but the conversion and improvement work undertaken in the building has proved to be extremely valuable with a modern café area being created in the former 'shop front', a large meeting/worship area at the rear of the building, along with other meeting rooms and offices.

Overall income was up around 24% this year compared to last year: a combination of specific giving for the building, grants for improvements to the new building, and new Partners joining the church.

Reserves policy

The Trustees seek to retain a minimum of three months average expenditure in reserves to enable the Church activities to continue in the short term without interruption.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06866358 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1129261

Registered office

3 Durrant Road
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Trustees

S Gibbons Project Manager - retired
Dr M A Short General Practitioner (Retired) (resigned 3/6/2021)
Ms R White Engineer (resigned 3/6/2021)
Dr A Sparkes Veterinary Surgeon
Ms R J Wright Pastoral & Faculty Administrator
Ms A M Siderfin Gardener

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Company Secretary

S Gibbons

Independent Examiner

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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 7 June 2022 and signed on its behalf by:

S Gibbons - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Community Church ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Andrew A Clark FCA
Carter & Coley
Chartered Accountants
3 Durrant Road
Bournemouth
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BH2 6NE

7 June 2022

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	214,313	-	214,313	203,170
Investment income	3	94	-	94	137
Total		214,407	-	214,407	203,307
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		102,359	799	103,158	118,880
Other		17,830	-	17,830	975
Total		120,189	799	120,988	119,855
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		94,218	(799)	93,419	83,452
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		166,115	799	166,914	83,462
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		260,333	-	260,333	166,914

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2022

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2022 Total funds £	2021 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	445,636	-	445,636	2,926
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	6,056	-	6,056	15,676
Cash at bank and in hand		38,374	-	38,374	150,196
		<u>44,430</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>44,430</u>	<u>165,872</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(33,077)	-	(33,077)	(1,884)
		<u>11,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,353</u>	<u>163,988</u>
NET CURRENT ASSETS					
		<u>11,353</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,353</u>	<u>163,988</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		456,989	-	456,989	166,914
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due after more than one year	11	(196,656)	-	(196,656)	-
		<u>260,333</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>260,333</u>	<u>166,914</u>
NET ASSETS		260,333	-	260,333	166,914
FUNDS	14				
Unrestricted funds				260,333	166,115
Restricted funds				-	799
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>260,333</u>	<u>166,914</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2022.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2022 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

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BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 MARCH 2022

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 7 June 2022 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Gibbons - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Freehold property	- 2% on cost
Short leasehold	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2022	2021
	£	£
Donations and gifts	108,718	119,616
Collections	220	-
Gift aid	22,469	25,226
Grants	79,548	55,362
Church events	-	10
Government grants	3,358	2,956
	214,313	203,170

The balance of restricted funds at the year end will be spent in supporting the Church's outreach work.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Valentine	5,000	-
Big Lottery	-	31,712
Garfield Weston Foundation	20,000	-
Dorset Community Fund	3,000	5,000
Groundwork UK	500	-
Foodbank	2,800	-
Martin Lewis Covid-19 grant	-	7,750
Dorset council	-	10,000
Stoate charity	-	900
Trussell Trust	32,500	-
Asda	650	-
Arnold Clarke	1,000	-
IT Grant	14,098	-
	79,548	55,362

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2022	2021
	£	£
Deposit account interest	94	137

4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2022	2021
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	10,276	975
Independent examiners fee	1,500	1,320
	-	240

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2022 nor for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Trustees' expenses

During the year no Trustee incurred any expenses on behalf of the Charity (2021 nil)

Mrs H Gibbons, an employee of the Church and the wife of S Gibbons was re-imbursed properly incurred expenses of £183 (2021 - 461).

6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2022	2021
Church staff	5	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	171,458	31,712	203,170
Investment income	137	-	137
Total	171,595	31,712	203,307
 EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church	77,168	41,712	118,880
Other	975	-	975
Total	78,143	41,712	119,855
 NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)	93,452	(10,000)	83,452
 RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	72,663	10,799	83,462
 TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	166,115	799	166,914

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Freehold property £	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST				
At 1 April 2021	-	10,894	15,464	26,358
Additions	440,441	-	12,545	452,986
Disposals	-	(10,894)	-	(10,894)
	<u>440,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,009</u>	<u>468,450</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>440,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,009</u>	<u>468,450</u>
DEPRECIATION				
At 1 April 2021	-	10,894	12,538	23,432
Charge for year	6,409	-	3,867	10,276
Eliminated on disposal	-	(10,894)	-	(10,894)
	<u>6,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,405</u>	<u>22,814</u>
At 31 March 2022	<u>6,409</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,405</u>	<u>22,814</u>
NET BOOK VALUE				
At 31 March 2022	<u>434,032</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>11,604</u>	<u>445,636</u>
At 31 March 2021	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,926</u>	<u>2,926</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022 £	2021 £
Prepayments and accrued income	<u>6,056</u>	<u>15,676</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans and overdrafts (see note 12)	4,063	-
Social security and other taxes	-	325
Other creditors	27,513	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,501	1,559
	<u>33,077</u>	<u>1,884</u>

11. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE AFTER MORE THAN ONE YEAR

	2022	2021
	£	£
Bank loans (see note 12)	<u>196,656</u>	<u>-</u>

12. LOANS

An analysis of the maturity of loans is given below:

	2022	2021
	£	£
Amounts falling due within one year on demand:		
Bank loans	<u>4,063</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling between one and two years:		
Bank loans - 1-2 years	<u>4,206</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling due between two and five years:		
Bank loans - 2-5 years	<u>17,729</u>	<u>-</u>
Amounts falling due in more than five years:		
Repayable by instalments:		
Bank loans more 5 yr by instal	174,721	-

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

13. SECURED DEBTS

The following secured debts are included within creditors:

	2022 £	2021 £
Bank loans	200,719	-

Charge on the freehold property.

14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/21 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/22 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	111,176	94,218	205,394
Building fund	54,939	-	54,939
	166,115	94,218	260,333
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	799	(799)	-
TOTAL FUNDS	166,914	93,419	260,333

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	214,407	(120,189)	94,218
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	-	(799)	(799)
TOTAL FUNDS	214,407	(120,988)	93,419

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14. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,663	38,513	111,176
Building fund	-	54,939	54,939
	<u>72,663</u>	<u>93,452</u>	<u>166,115</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	799	-	799
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sovereign	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>10,799</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>83,462</u>	<u>83,452</u>	<u>166,914</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,656	(78,143)	38,513
Building fund	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>171,595</u>	<u>(78,143)</u>	<u>93,452</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	31,712	(31,712)	-
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Sovereign	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>31,712</u>	<u>(41,712)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>203,307</u>	<u>(119,855)</u>	<u>83,452</u>

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15. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2022.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	108,718	119,616
Collections	220	-
Gift aid	22,469	25,226
Grants	79,548	55,362
Church events	-	10
Government grants	3,358	2,956
	214,313	203,170
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	94	137
Total incoming resources	214,407	203,307
EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	48,337	10,775
Pensions	1,803	2,315
Rent, rates and water	131	10,620
Insurance	2,760	827
Light and heat	2,735	2,405
Telephone	1,084	-
Sundries	1,566	4,830
Service and ministry costs	9,663	5,845
Donations related to ACTS 435	1,783	1,682
Open door giving	5,218	9,324
CAP	1,400	43,888
	76,480	92,511
Other		
Freehold property	6,409	-
Fixtures and fittings	3,867	975
Bank interest	6,054	-
	16,330	975

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022

	2022 £	2021 £
Support costs		
Management		
Subscriptions	2,531	2,545
Publicity	331	-
Training	679	614
Office expenses	2,115	1,003
Repairs and renewals	20,398	20,647
Travel	594	-
	<u>26,648</u>	<u>24,809</u>
 Other		
Accountancy and legal fees	<u>1,530</u>	<u>1,560</u>
 Total resources expended	<u>120,988</u>	<u>119,855</u>
 Net income	<u><u>93,419</u></u>	<u><u>83,452</u></u>

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES AND
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021
FOR
GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

The trustees who are also directors of the charity for the purposes of the Companies Act 2006, present their report with the financial statements of the charity for the year ended 31 March 2021. The trustees have adopted the provisions of Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019).

Introduction

Having completed eleven years in the Old Library on Gillingham High Street, the church has continued its involvement in the life of the town and surrounding area.

Structure

We continue to have six leaders, two of whom are paid for two days a week each for specific roles, including the CAP Debt Centre Manager. It has been difficult to quantify the numbers attending on-line meetings, but new partners have been added during this time.

There continue to be six trustees: three from the congregation (one of whom is the chairperson) and three leaders' trustees, though some of the actual trustees have changed.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

Church life

Meeting together

Covid-19 lock-downs have had a massive effect on this whole reporting year. The church has continued to find ways to ensure we can communicate, 'meet' virtually, and continue to pastor and to teach.

An on-line Sunday morning meeting has been implemented and continued for the whole year. This has also been available on YouTube and has attracted people who would not normally have been able to access "in person" church.

The teaching content of talks has mainly fallen to the leaders' team whilst meetings were on-line. Series subjects included God's Plan unveiled, The Real Jesus and Let Loose after Lockdown. Small groups have continued, mainly on Zoom although some have struggled with this due to technology issues.

The decision was made to discontinue use of Methodist Church building and the purchase of a new building in the High Street has been agreed, subject to contract. As this report is in progress the church was awaiting completion of the purchase of Wessex House, expected in the first quarter of the new financial year. Donations towards the purchase, amounting to nearly £70,000, have been received from GCC partners and others. A further £100,000 was contributed from the GCC reserves, which are now near the minimum required. It is expected that this will increase during the course of the coming year.

Worship

Music has been pre-recorded and used during each Sunday morning meeting and we continue to have three separate worship bands.

Prayer

Prayer is a feature of all small groups, with most having some prayer every week, whether for members, outside concerns, or the church. Prayer at partners' meetings has continued and has seen some of the best attended meetings of this kind for many years. There are plans to use this medium for ongoing general prayer meetings. The team of employees were unable to meet in person for the usual Tuesday morning prayer time. The prayer meeting for Christians Against Poverty (CAP) was discontinued due to Covid restrictions. The group praying specifically for persecuted Christians twice a month was also discontinued.

Small groups

There are now seven virtual small groups, three meeting on Tuesday (two fortnightly), three every Wednesday, and one every Thursday. Everyone is encouraged to attend a small group and generally, they are very well attended. Andy Sparkes continues to take responsibility for the groups and their leaders.

The young people have been meeting on Zoom weekly on Sunday evenings, which has mainly been for the youth within the GCC aged 11-17.

A weekly group for Open Door regulars Bible Film Group, has continued on Mondays on Zoom but greatly reduced due to inability to cope with Zoom.

Courses

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Two Know More courses were held for people new to the church and/or prospective partners as well as a Kintsugi Hope course, promoting wellbeing and mental health. Further courses which are open to non-church members are planned both online and in person.

Pastoral care

Pastoral care continues to be carried out through the small groups. Everyone regularly associated with GCC is linked to a group regardless of attendance.

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ACHIEVEMENT AND PERFORMANCE

Young people

All young people's groups were discontinued during the Covid 19 pandemic. A children's slot was included each week within on-line church.

A small group of the older young people took part in the Alpha Course.

Assemblies have been unable to take place during this reporting year due to the Covid 19 pandemic but Involvement at the secondary school includes a pre-recorded assembly and Jules Bond has been mentoring students on a weekly basis (when lockdown allowed).

The Old Library

The Old Library has continued to be used mainly for Foodbank distribution and the GCC staff were redeployed to help the Foodbank when demand was very high due to the pandemic. The lease of the Old Library will be terminated once the move to Wessex House has taken place.

Affiliations and external relationships

The relationship with LifeLinks International has continued. Steve Chupp (our direct link) sends occasional encouraging videos to the church to retain contact and the leaders have maintained regular contact with the other UK church leaders and Ian & Val Byrd, leaders of Lifelinks..

We continue to be members of the Evangelical Alliance and the leaders meet regularly with the leaders of other churches in the town. GCC currently holds the chair of Churches Together in Gillingham.

Christians Against Poverty

CAP has continued via telephone meetings with clients. There has been very little engagement from new clients due to the pandemic. Many clients have been successful at becoming debt free during this reporting year.

Gillingham Foodbank

GCC is still heavily involved with the foodbank, providing volunteer helpers, committee members, financial contributions and the use of the Old Library as the distribution centre. Many different organisations as well as individuals have been instrumental in making the foodbank such a success. The Foodbank, along with CAP, has continued to keep up the reputation of the church as being a source of help to those in need and a contributing organisation to the life of the town and the surrounding area.

Bubbles

The toddler and baby group has been discontinued, precipitated by the pandemic. The decision has been made not to reopen when restrictions allow.

Open Door

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Open Door which is normally open at The Old Library two mornings a week combining food distribution for Gillingham Foodbank, Acts435, CAP, a drop-in service, offering tea, coffee, chat, advice and practical help was only able to offer a phone contact only service during this year which restricted the work that was done and the impact on the community. Despite this, Open Door saw an increase from 232 to 256 people coming. The modal average is one visit.

Through Acts435 we were able to fulfil 10 requests for help with needed items up to the value of £120. Demand has been much lower this year than in previous years. This is due in part because the Foodbank has decided to support a lot of the requests for help with utilities. We also gave out 170 household cleaning/personal hygiene packs, a marked increase in demand compared to last year, due to the pandemic. We had some funding from a grant from Martin Lewis Charity which enabled us to issue 164 households with a £30 butchers voucher for the local butcher (£5,000 in total) and to help 30 households with help with utilities (£2,000 in total).

The external organisations, normally present during these sessions, were unable to hold their drop-in service through Open Door. This meant that the help people would receive with any welfare, benefit or rental issues, again due to the pandemic, was not on offer.

With the acquisition of Wessex House, it is hoped that Open Door will be able to operate on four mornings a week, as opposed to the two mornings before the advent of the Covid-19 pandemic. Further expansion in both times of opening and the services on offer are planned as funding allows.

Overseas

Several church partners have connections with ministries in countries overseas, which we have supported as a church to a greater or lesser extent. Currently our regular support as a church is to Jamaica through Fusion Jamaica. We have continued our involvement with Compassion, where the church is sponsoring a child in Tanzania and various individuals are sponsoring other children through this work. Two of our partners are representatives for Compassion. The regular support we were considering for work in Uganda has been delayed due to the pandemic.

Summary

The work of the church has continued to grow despite the pandemic and has had to adjust and be flexible, to match the needs of those around us and the abilities and calling of those who have joined us.

The acquisition of Wessex House will have a major impact on the expansion of the work of GCC in Gillingham. It is anticipated that the additional space, position in the centre of the High Street and off-road parking at Wessex House will enable GCC to expand its work in supporting those in need in our local community. We anticipate major change for the church in the light of easing of Covid-19 restrictions and being able to meet together again for worship and community involvement.

We continue to look for the guidance by the Holy Spirit in the direction we are taking and the things that we do (or cease to do). Ultimately, our aim is to serve our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and to extend his kingdom in the place where he has brought each of us.

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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

FINANCIAL REVIEW

Principal funding sources

The Trustees are grateful for the continued support of The Big Lottery Fund (ended 31st March 2021) , Valentine Trust, Sovereign, Gillingham Town Council and Dorset County Council for grants in the year.

Finance

Grants were received from the Lottery Community Fund (for the work of CAP). Grants towards the expected new building are waiting for completion of the purchase, expected in the first quarter of the new financial year.

Income reduced slightly this year compared to last year, due to some grant funding coming to an end.

Reserves policy

The Trustees seek to retain a minimum of three months average expenditure in reserves to enable the Church activities to continue in the short term without interruption.

STRUCTURE, GOVERNANCE AND MANAGEMENT

Governing document

The charity is controlled by its governing document, a deed of trust, and constitutes a limited company, limited by guarantee, as defined by the Companies Act 2006.

REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Registered Company number

06866358 (England and Wales)

Registered Charity number

1129261

Registered office

3 Durrant Road
Bournemouth
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Trustees

S Gibbons Project Manager - retired
Dr M A Short General Practitioner (Retired)
Ms R White Engineer
Dr A Sparkes Veterinary Surgeon
Ms R J Wright Pastoral & Faculty Administrator
Ms A M Siderfin Gardener

Company Secretary

S Gibbons

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REFERENCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS

Independent Examiner

Carter & Coley
Chartered Accountants
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Approved by order of the board of trustees on 2 June 2021 and signed on its behalf by:

S Gibbons - Trustee

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES OF GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Independent examiner's report to the trustees of Gillingham Community Church ('the Company')

I report to the charity trustees on my examination of the accounts of the Company for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Responsibilities and basis of report

As the charity's trustees of the Company (and also its directors for the purposes of company law) you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts in accordance with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 ('the 2006 Act').

Having satisfied myself that the accounts of the Company are not required to be audited under Part 16 of the 2006 Act and are eligible for independent examination, I report in respect of my examination of your charity's accounts as carried out under section 145 of the Charities Act 2011 ('the 2011 Act'). In carrying out my examination I have followed the Directions given by the Charity Commission under section 145(5) (b) of the 2011 Act.

Independent examiner's statement

I have completed my examination. I confirm that no matters have come to my attention in connection with the examination giving me cause to believe:

1. accounting records were not kept in respect of the Company as required by section 386 of the 2006 Act; or
2. the accounts do not accord with those records; or
3. the accounts do not comply with the accounting requirements of section 396 of the 2006 Act other than any requirement that the accounts give a true and fair view which is not a matter considered as part of an independent examination; or
4. the accounts have not been prepared in accordance with the methods and principles of the Statement of Recommended Practice for accounting and reporting by charities (applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102)).

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

Andrew A Clark FCA
Carter & Coley
Chartered Accountants
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BH2 6NE

2 June 2021

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM					
Donations and legacies	2	171,458	31,712	203,170	120,626
Investment income	3	137	-	137	114
Total		171,595	31,712	203,307	120,740
EXPENDITURE ON					
Charitable activities					
Church		77,168	41,712	118,880	99,660
Other		975	-	975	572
Total		78,143	41,712	119,855	100,232
NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)		93,452	(10,000)	83,452	20,508
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS					
Total funds brought forward		72,663	10,799	83,462	62,954
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD		166,115	799	166,914	83,462

The notes form part of these financial statements

GILLINGHAM COMMUNITY CHURCH

BALANCE SHEET 31 MARCH 2021

	Notes	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	2021 Total funds £	2020 Total funds £
FIXED ASSETS					
Tangible assets	8	2,926	-	2,926	1,717
CURRENT ASSETS					
Debtors	9	15,676	-	15,676	4,563
Cash at bank and in hand		149,397	799	150,196	78,206
		<u>165,073</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>165,872</u>	<u>82,769</u>
CREDITORS					
Amounts falling due within one year	10	(1,884)	-	(1,884)	(1,024)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>163,189</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>163,988</u>	<u>81,745</u>
TOTAL ASSETS LESS CURRENT LIABILITIES		<u>166,115</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>166,914</u>	<u>83,462</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>166,115</u>	<u>799</u>	<u>166,914</u>	<u>83,462</u>
FUNDS	11				
Unrestricted funds				166,115	72,663
Restricted funds				799	10,799
TOTAL FUNDS				<u>166,914</u>	<u>83,462</u>

The charitable company is entitled to exemption from audit under Section 477 of the Companies Act 2006 for the year ended 31 March 2021.

The members have not required the company to obtain an audit of its financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with Section 476 of the Companies Act 2006.

The trustees acknowledge their responsibilities for

- (a) ensuring that the charitable company keeps accounting records that comply with Sections 386 and 387 of the Companies Act 2006 and
- (b) preparing financial statements which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the charitable company as at the end of each financial year and of its surplus or deficit for each financial year in accordance with the requirements of Sections 394 and 395 and which otherwise comply with the requirements of the Companies Act 2006 relating to financial statements, so far as applicable to the charitable company.

The notes form part of these financial statements

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BALANCE SHEET - continued 31 MARCH 2021

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the provisions applicable to charitable companies subject to the small companies regime.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Trustees and authorised for issue on 2 June 2021 and were signed on its behalf by:

S Gibbons - Trustee

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of preparing the financial statements

The financial statements of the charitable company, which is a public benefit entity under FRS 102, have been prepared in accordance with the Charities SORP (FRS 102) 'Accounting and Reporting by Charities: Statement of Recommended Practice applicable to charities preparing their accounts in accordance with the Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland (FRS 102) (effective 1 January 2019)', Financial Reporting Standard 102 'The Financial Reporting Standard applicable in the UK and Republic of Ireland' and the Companies Act 2006. The financial statements have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

Income

All income is recognised in the Statement of Financial Activities once the charity has entitlement to the funds, it is probable that the income will be received and the amount can be measured reliably.

Expenditure

Liabilities are recognised as expenditure as soon as there is a legal or constructive obligation committing the charity to that expenditure, it is probable that a transfer of economic benefits will be required in settlement and the amount of the obligation can be measured reliably. Expenditure is accounted for on an accruals basis and has been classified under headings that aggregate all cost related to the category. Where costs cannot be directly attributed to particular headings they have been allocated to activities on a basis consistent with the use of resources.

Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided at the following annual rates in order to write off each asset over its estimated useful life.

Short leasehold	- 33% on cost
Fixtures and fittings	- 25% on reducing balance

Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Fund accounting

Unrestricted funds can be used in accordance with the charitable objectives at the discretion of the trustees.

Restricted funds can only be used for particular restricted purposes within the objects of the charity. Restrictions arise when specified by the donor or when funds are raised for particular restricted purposes.

Further explanation of the nature and purpose of each fund is included in the notes to the financial statements.

Pension costs and other post-retirement benefits

The charitable company operates a defined contribution pension scheme. Contributions payable to the charitable company's pension scheme are charged to the Statement of Financial Activities in the period to which they relate.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

2. DONATIONS AND LEGACIES

	2021	2020
	£	£
Donations and gifts	119,616	6,734
Collections	-	57,298
Gift aid	25,226	13,553
Grants	55,362	43,041
Church events	10	-
Government grants	2,956	-
	<u>203,170</u>	<u>120,626</u>

The balance of restricted funds at the year end will be spent in supporting the Church's outreach work.

Grants received, included in the above, are as follows:

	2021	2020
	£	£
Valentine	-	5,000
Gillingham Town Council	-	500
Big Lottery	31,712	31,041
Dorset Community Fund	5,000	1,500
Sovereign	-	5,000
Martin Lewis Covid-19 grant	7,750	-
Dorset council	10,000	-
Stoate charity	900	-
	<u>55,362</u>	<u>43,041</u>

3. INVESTMENT INCOME

	2021	2020
	£	£
Deposit account interest	<u>137</u>	<u>114</u>

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4. NET INCOME/(EXPENDITURE)

Net income/(expenditure) is stated after charging/(crediting):

	2021	2020
	£	£
Depreciation - owned assets	975	572
Independent examiners fee	1,320	1,200
Payroll services	240	390
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

5. TRUSTEES' REMUNERATION AND BENEFITS

There were no trustees' remuneration or other benefits for the year ended 31 March 2021 nor for the year ended 31 March 2020.

Trustees' expenses

During the year the following Trustees were re-imbursed for expenses necessarily incurred on Church business. The amounts re-imbursed were:

	2021	2020
	£	£
S Gibbons	-	169
G L Cable (resigned 5th November 2019)	-	118
A Siderfin (appointed 5th November 2019)	-	10
Dr M A Short	-	480
R White	-	-
Dr A Sparkes	-	-
R Wright	-	-

Additionally Mrs H Gibbons, the wife of S Gibbons was re-imbursed properly incurred expenses of £461 (2020 - £503). Mrs H Gibbons was employed by the Church.

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6. STAFF COSTS

The average monthly number of employees during the year was as follows:

	2021	2020
Church staff	4	4

No employees received emoluments in excess of £60,000.

7. COMPARATIVES FOR THE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES

	Unrestricted funds £	Restricted funds £	Total funds £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS FROM			
Donations and legacies	79,585	41,041	120,626
Investment income	114	-	114
Total	79,699	41,041	120,740
EXPENDITURE ON			
Charitable activities			
Church	64,418	35,242	99,660
Other	572	-	572
Total	64,990	35,242	100,232
NET INCOME	14,709	5,799	20,508
RECONCILIATION OF FUNDS			
Total funds brought forward	57,954	5,000	62,954
TOTAL FUNDS CARRIED FORWARD	72,663	10,799	83,462

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

8. TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS

	Short leasehold £	Fixtures and fittings £	Totals £
COST			
At 1 April 2020	10,894	13,280	24,174
Additions	-	2,184	2,184
	<u>10,894</u>	<u>15,464</u>	<u>26,358</u>
At 31 March 2021	10,894	15,464	26,358
DEPRECIATION			
At 1 April 2020	10,894	11,563	22,457
Charge for year	-	975	975
	<u>10,894</u>	<u>12,538</u>	<u>23,432</u>
At 31 March 2021	10,894	12,538	23,432
NET BOOK VALUE			
At 31 March 2021	-	2,926	2,926
	<u>-</u>	<u>2,926</u>	<u>2,926</u>
At 31 March 2020	-	1,717	1,717
	<u>-</u>	<u>1,717</u>	<u>1,717</u>

9. DEBTORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Prepayments and accrued income	15,676	4,563
	<u>15,676</u>	<u>4,563</u>

10. CREDITORS: AMOUNTS FALLING DUE WITHIN ONE YEAR

	2021 £	2020 £
Social security and other taxes	325	-
Accruals and deferred income	1,559	1,024
	<u>1,884</u>	<u>1,024</u>

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - continued FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS

	At 1/4/20 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	72,663	38,513	111,176
Building fund	-	54,939	54,939
	<u>72,663</u>	<u>93,452</u>	<u>166,115</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	799	-	799
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sovereign	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>10,799</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>	<u>799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>83,462</u></u>	<u><u>83,452</u></u>	<u><u>166,914</u></u>

Net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	116,656	(78,143)	38,513
Building fund	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>171,595</u>	<u>(78,143)</u>	<u>93,452</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	31,712	(31,712)	-
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Sovereign	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
	<u>31,712</u>	<u>(41,712)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u><u>203,307</u></u>	<u><u>(119,855)</u></u>	<u><u>83,452</u></u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

Comparatives for movement in funds

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/20 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	57,954	14,709	72,663
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	-	799	799
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	5,000	-	5,000
Sovereign	-	5,000	5,000
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,799</u>	<u>10,799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,954</u>	<u>20,508</u>	<u>83,462</u>

Comparative net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	79,699	(64,990)	14,709
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	31,041	(30,242)	799
Valentine	5,000	(5,000)	-
Sovereign	5,000	-	5,000
	<u>41,041</u>	<u>(35,242)</u>	<u>5,799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>120,740</u>	<u>(100,232)</u>	<u>20,508</u>

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11. MOVEMENT IN FUNDS - continued

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined position is as follows:

	At 1/4/19 £	Net movement in funds £	At 31/3/21 £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	57,954	53,222	111,176
Building fund	-	54,939	54,939
	<u>57,954</u>	<u>108,161</u>	<u>166,115</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	-	799	799
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>(4,201)</u>	<u>799</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>62,954</u>	<u>103,960</u>	<u>166,914</u>

A current year 12 months and prior year 12 months combined net movement in funds, included in the above are as follows:

	Incoming resources £	Resources expended £	Movement in funds £
Unrestricted funds			
General fund	196,355	(143,133)	53,222
Building fund	54,939	-	54,939
	<u>251,294</u>	<u>(143,133)</u>	<u>108,161</u>
Restricted funds			
Big Lottery	62,753	(61,954)	799
Valentine	5,000	(5,000)	-
Alice Ellen Cooper-Dean Foundation	-	(5,000)	(5,000)
Sovereign	5,000	(5,000)	-
	<u>72,753</u>	<u>(76,954)</u>	<u>(4,201)</u>
TOTAL FUNDS	<u>324,047</u>	<u>(220,087)</u>	<u>103,960</u>

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12. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

There were no related party transactions for the year ended 31 March 2021.

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
INCOME AND ENDOWMENTS		
Donations and legacies		
Donations and gifts	119,616	6,734
Collections	-	57,298
Gift aid	25,226	13,553
Grants	55,362	43,041
Church events	10	-
Government grants	2,956	-
	203,170	120,626
Investment income		
Deposit account interest	137	114
Total incoming resources	203,307	120,740
 EXPENDITURE		
Charitable activities		
Wages	10,775	12,249
Pensions	2,315	530
Rent, rates and water	10,620	12,277
Insurance	827	774
Light and heat	2,405	2,692
Telephone	-	477
Sundries	4,830	13
Service and ministry costs	5,845	10,303
Donations related to ACTS 435	1,682	2,124
Open door giving	9,324	3,152
Link	-	369
CAP	43,888	44,672
	92,511	89,632
Other		
Fixtures and fittings	975	572
Support costs		
Management		
Subscriptions	2,545	2,269
Carried forward	2,545	2,269

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DETAILED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021

	2021 £	2020 £
Management		
Brought forward	2,545	2,269
Publicity	-	466
Training	614	-
Office expenses	1,003	2,867
Repairs and renewals	20,647	2,610
Travel	-	226
	24,809	8,438
Other		
Accountancy and legal fees	1,560	1,590
	119,855	100,232
Total resources expended		
Net income	83,452	20,508

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